



Extended Hands Pantry

# 2023

# ANNUAL REPORT



EXTENDED HANDS PANTRY



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## Mission:

**To serve our area families and individuals with compassionate acts of love. Encourage, educate, and nourish our children as a servant-hearted expression of Jesus Christ.**

The way we do this is threefold: by providing food assistance to those in need, by encouraging and tutoring children facing the impact of poverty, and nourishing them so that they can achieve at grade level.

# Extended Hands Pantry opened an indoor market-style pantry.

After three+ years of hosting a pantry 100% outdoors, in all weather, providing boxes of groceries in the Lighthouse Church and School parking lot, the ribbon was cut on the new indoor pantry space.



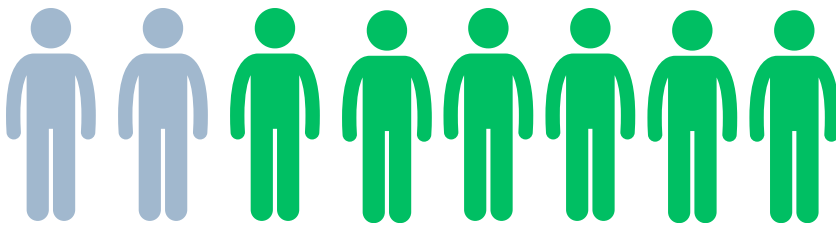
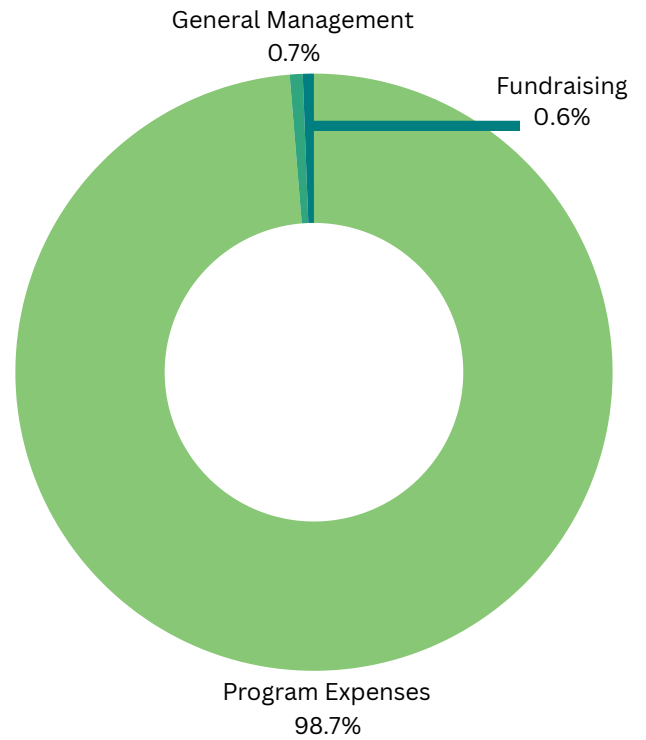
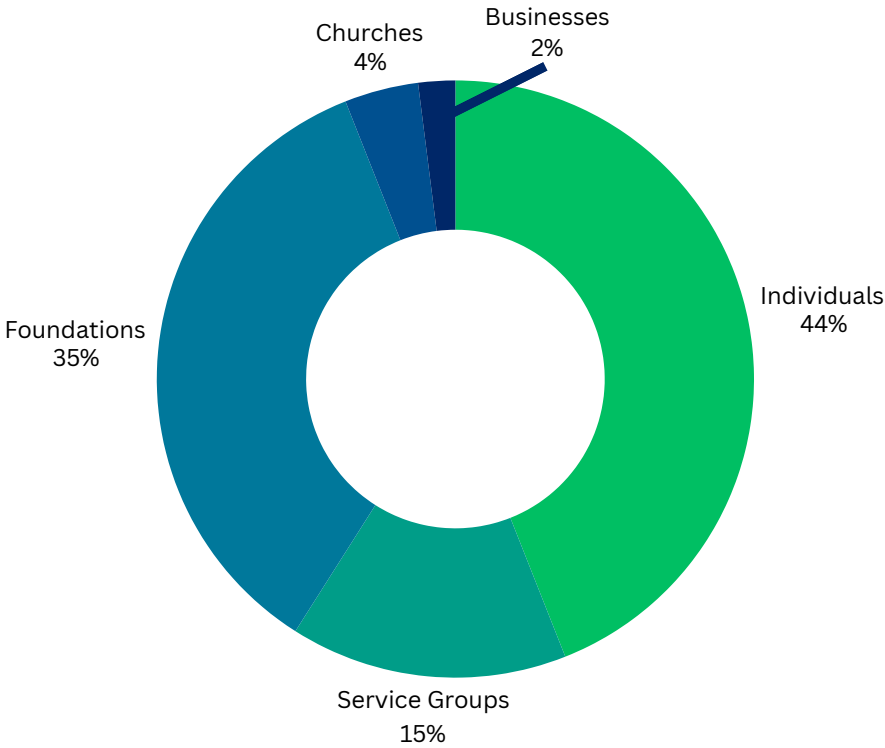
The construction of this extension, "free choice" food pantry in metropolitan Madison, housing a genuinely housing a genuinely Madison, was made possible by the unwavering support of foundations, churches, and individual donors. As the demand for a safe and dignified shopping experience for pantry guests has increased, so has the compassion and generosity of our neighbors and local community towards those at high risk for hunger. Thanks to their selfless contributions, Extended Hands has reached its goal and is now open to serve those in need with dedication and respect.

# Financials

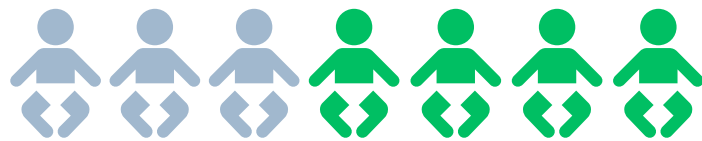


Total Revenue = \$1,176,799

Total Expenses = \$1,362,993



**Adults Served**  
 2020 - 7,009  
 2023 - 30,417 **334.02%** Growth



**Children Served**  
 2020 - 6,446  
 2023 - 19,458 **261.88%**



**Households Served**  
 2020 - 2,821  
 2023 - 11,743 **316%**

# 2023 EVENTS



## Back to School

Extended Hands Pantry gave away 300 backpacks filled with all necessary school supplies for very low-income youth.



## Holiday Baskets

Extended Hands Pantry gave away Turkey baskets in November and Christmas dinner baskets in December.



## Grand Opening

The Grand Opening was an event for the media, donors, and interested parties to tour the new pantry, enjoy a taco truck, and hear the space be blessed by local pastors.



## Christmas Parties and Gift Distribution

Nearly 600 gifts were delivered to families living in Section 8 housing. At the attached community centers, warm meals and crafts were provided.



## Reverse Advent

We introduced our first Reverse Advent box program.

# AFTERSCHOOL AT NORTHPORT AND PACKER

For over 20 years, Andy and Jenny have dedicated themselves to forging meaningful relationships with residents in Madison's Northport Apartments and Packer Townhouses, two Section 8 housing units. As they worked to provide much-needed support, they uncovered a heartbreaking reality: many children in the after-school programs were struggling to focus on their education due to a fundamental, yet often overlooked, need - food. Hunger pangs and growling bellies made it impossible for these young minds to absorb the tutors' guidance, rendering reading and math lessons difficult.

Moved by the plight of these children, our organization took action. Extended Hands Pantry recognized that a full stomach is a prerequisite for a curious and receptive mind. And so, our after-school snack program was born. Today, we proudly provide nutritious, protein-rich foods like eggs, fresh fruit, cheese and cereal bars to fuel the minds and bodies of these deserving young individuals. By meeting this basic need, we empower them to engage with their tutors, unlock their potential, and build a brighter future. Join us in our mission to nourish bodies and minds, and help us write a new chapter in the lives of these remarkable children.



10,000+

snacks served

2.5 YEARS BEHIND

immigrant children vs. their English-speaking counterparts in reading

# Leadership



Andy and Jenny Czerkas, seasoned experts in food assistance programming, have dedicated over two decades to combating hunger and improving the lives of marginalized communities. Their extensive experience in the Madison Metropolitan area has yielded a profound understanding of the needs and preferences of individuals at risk of deep poverty and hunger, particularly within immigrant communities.

In 2019, they co-founded Extended Hands Pantry, and have never received compensation for their roles as Operations Director and Executive Director. Instead, demonstrating their unwavering commitment to the cause, they have since opted to volunteer their time, providing full-time leadership to the organization.

Todd has been an integral part of the team since the early 2000s, when he and his wife became founding donors of The River Food Pantry. In addition to his philanthropic efforts, Todd also excelled in his professional career as a National Sales Executive at Valley Expo Displays before his partial retirement. He has a strong educational background, having studied at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Business. Todd's diverse experience and expertise make him a valuable asset to the organization in his role as Pantry Manager.



Mandy Nachampassack-Maloney brings a decade of experience in human services and non-profit operations to her role as Communications Manager at Extended Hands Pantry. Mandy began her career as a Volunteer Manager at Boone County CASA, where she served for six years. She then transitioned to the Board of Directors, contributing her expertise for an additional two years. Following her relocation to Madison, Mandy worked as a Religious Education Coordinator before joining Extended Hands Pantry. Throughout her career, Mandy has demonstrated a commitment to serving others and driving positive change in her community.

## Board of Directors

Andy Czerkas, Anna Campbell,  
David Gibson, Fred Campbell,  
Jenny Czerkas, Jim Bolt,  
Megan Davis, Milsa Tejeda,  
Pat Wongkit, Ric Hoertz,  
Rick Miles

Extended Hands Pantry's Board of Directors is committed to reflecting the vibrant diversity of Madison's community. We're proud to say that half of our Board members are women and nearly half identify as members of minorities themselves. This diverse group of individuals brings a wide range of experiences and perspectives to the table, ensuring that our leadership is truly representative of the area we serve.