

THE HARVEST IS
ABUNDANT BUT NOT
EQUALLY SHARED



"I wish more people cared, like EastWest Food Rescue. Free food pantries are full of processed food that isn't any good for anyone. Quality produce needs to be available for everyone, regardless of socioeconomic status to improve health and community outcomes."
Steve, Kittitas County



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Impact Report

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER, GEORGE AHEARN

Dear Neighbor,

As we look back on the past year, I am incredibly proud to share the impact that EastWest Food Rescue has made in 2023. Despite the many challenges we faced, our dedicated team, generous supporters, and the agricultural community have come together to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those affected by food insecurity. From innovative sustainable farming initiatives to emergency food distribution, our collective efforts have brought hope and nourishment to countless individuals and families in need. This report reflects our commitment to transparency, accountability, and the pursuit of a world where an abundant harvest is equally shared.

For the Community,

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

31

Agricultural producers
across the West Coast

24

Counties served within
Washington State

58

Partner organizations
helping deliver mission

POUNDS MOVED IN 2023

5,002,682

In 2023, EWFR proudly procured and distributed an astounding 5,002,682 pounds of food to food-insecure communities across Washington state, largely through the purchase of produce from local/regional farmers and producers. This accomplishment translates into more than 4.1 million nutritious meals for individuals and families facing hunger, providing critical support during these challenging times. The sheer volume of food distributed underscores our commitment to ensuring that no one in our community goes hungry, and the profound impact of our work on the lives of those we serve.

This achievement was made possible through the collective efforts of our dedicated staff, volunteers, and partners, who worked tirelessly to meet the growing demand for food assistance. More than 1 in 5 Washington residents in 2023 sought help to manage their concerns about food insecurity. Our efforts to deliver healthy, fresh, and culturally relevant food to those in need have never been more crucial. Each pound of food distributed represents not just a meal, but hope, dignity, and the reassurance that our community stands together in support of its most vulnerable members.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY

We extend our deepest gratitude to our funders and partners who make our work possible. Your unwavering support in 2023 has been the cornerstone of our ability to support agriculture, reduce food waste, and share nutrient-dense, culturally relevant foods with individuals experiencing food insecurity.



ACT - A Common Thread
Bay Baby
Bellingham Food Bank
Blinsky
Bolthouse
Cal Farms
Caruso
Cascadia Produce
Carton Services
Charlie's Produce
Country Sweet
Covingham Storage
Cowlitz Container
Coyote Ridge

Creag Foundation
Darigold
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Farmer Frog
Feeding Feasible Feasts
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Harvest Against Hunger
Harvest Moon
Hickenbottom
Hilltop
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Jones Produce
King of Kings
Knutzen
Lend a Hand
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LULAC
Make a Difference Foundation
Miracle Food Network
Mosby
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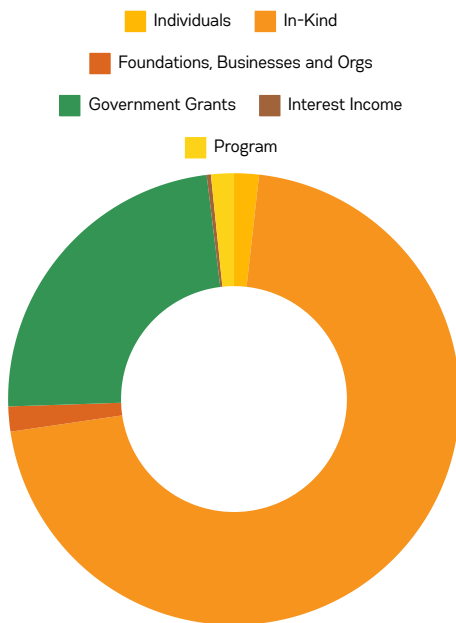
Sageland
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Silent Task Force
Skagit Gleaners
Target AG
Treehouse Farm
TQL
We Do Better Relief
WSDA Resiliency
WSDA We Feed WA
Willamette Egg
Wilco
Yakama Nation Farm

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE INDIVIDUAL DONORS WHO INVEST IN OUR VITAL MISSION

Financials

Our financial summary reflects the diligent stewardship of resources that has enabled us to effectively serve food-insecure communities across Washington state. Through careful budgeting, strategic partnerships, and the generous support of our funders, we've maximized every dollar to procure and distribute over 5 million pounds of food, translating into millions of meals for those experiencing hunger. The summary below provides a transparent overview of how your contributions have been allocated, demonstrating our ongoing commitment to fiscal responsibility and impactful outcomes in the fight for an equitable food system.

revenue



Donations:

Foundations, Orgs & Businesses	\$60,347
Gifts in Kind	\$2,393,744
Government Grants	\$796,125
Individuals	\$60,190

Interest:

\$10,161

Service Revenue:

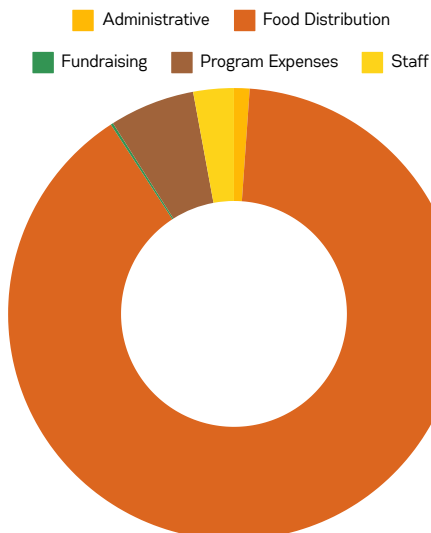
\$55,092

Produce Sale Revenue	\$50,217
Transportation Service Revenue	\$4,875

Total Income:

\$3,375,659

expenses



Food Distribution:

\$3,014,266

Administrative:

\$37,411

Fundraising:

\$6,024

Staffing:

\$102,837

Program Expenses:

\$205,283

Transportation and Storage:	\$103,131
General Program:	\$102,153

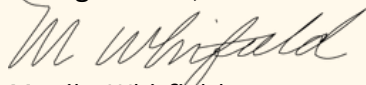
Total Expenses:

\$3,365,823

We couldn't have done it without your generous *support.*

As we conclude this year's report, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all who have supported EastWest Food Rescue in our mission to combat food insecurity. This year, we've made incredible strides not only in feeding those in need but also in supporting our regional farmers and reducing food waste. By prioritizing the procurement of surplus produce from local farms, we've helped sustain our agricultural community while ensuring that nutritious food reaches the tables of those who need it most. Moving forward, we are committed to deepening these efforts, fostering stronger connections between our regional agriculture and the communities we serve. Together, we can continue to create a more resilient, sustainable, and equitable food system for all.

With gratitude,




Monika Whitfield
Executive Director, EastWest Food Rescue

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