



TABITHA'S WAY
**LOCAL FOOD
PANTRY**
North Utah County
Annual Report 2021

Overview

In the cities of North Utah Country, about 30,000 people live at or below the federal poverty line. Our clients are, on the whole, working-class neighbors who are living paycheck to paycheck, until a disaster strikes—like chemotherapy, surgery, car accident, job loss, loss of family member, increasingly high medical costs, and recently the pandemic. Among this group are schoolteachers, service workers, seasonal workers, and other working-class neighbors. Over half of the individuals we serve are children. During this last year, one that was impacted again by COVID, we are pleased to report that we stayed open and worked on our mission without closing one day. Our thanks to the donors, grocery-rescue stores, staff, and volunteers for being careful, and diligent and charitable for the entire year.

The Key Metrics for last 12 months

- Client shoppers: Approximately 800 per month. This number is lower than last year and clients have reported that this is because of financial assistance that came from the government during the pandemic.
- Family members provided with food assistance: About 3000 individuals per month. Interestingly, we had 1104 new families come for assistance—tough times do not take a vacation.
- We provided food and hygiene supplies to a dozen local agencies who also fight food insecurity.
- Total pounds of food distributed: 1.52 million lbs.

Noteworthy News

- We serve clients in the 10 northern cities of Utah County: Clients in Pleasant Grove, American Fork, and Lehi continue to receive the most assistance.
- We continue to serve many clients who are veterans and seniors.
- We helped fight hunger by distributing: 381 Thanksgiving and 418 Christmas dinners to be cooked, and 891 backpacks with school supplies to children in the Alpine School District.
- All of our clients going through tough times, in addition to food assistance, received a warm welcome, encouragement, and some hope.
- In 2021 we were honored to be the Pleasant Grove/Lindon Chamber of Commerce Business of the year.

Generous Donations

- **Local Volunteers.** Our thanks to our wonderful volunteers. This year during a pandemic, we had over 7800 volunteer hours and many of our volunteers have been serving for years.
- **Local Food Donations:** Our gratitude also for many large and small businesses, clubs, churches, and service groups. To our grocery-rescue partners, also, a huge thanks—to Harmons, Trader Joes, Wal-Mart, Smiths, Sprouts, Good Earth, Winco, and Costco. Ninety-three percent of our food comes from local sources.
- **Local Financial Support:** There are many costs involved in operating a food pantry and making food accessible to needy, food-insecure neighbors. These costs include rent, utilities, payroll, insurance, a box truck, equipment, and other standard operating costs. Nearly 100% of our funds come from local donors.

Thank you, again, to our neighbors—to the neighbors who can, who help neighbors in need.

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