



# Fighting Hunger & Feeding Hope

Annual Report | Fiscal Year 2015-2016



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We know that one in three children is at risk of hunger in our communities. If we tried to solve the problem all by ourselves, the reality would feel overwhelming. But with the support of the community, we believe hunger is a solvable problem.

Through the generosity of our supporters this past year, we upgraded our distribution, storage and acquisition capacity so that we can increase access to healthy foods in the exact communities where it's needed most; and that strategy is working. We hear stories of families getting back on their feet because — despite job loss or illness — they could count on food from the Food Bank.

Beyond working to end hunger each day, the Food Bank is dedicated to solving food insecurity by integrating, facilitating and advocating for programs and services that address hunger's underlying and related issues.

Currently, we're expanding our Senior Brown Bag Program and adding a CalFresh outreach position.

Early next year, we will be initiating our "Rethinking Hunger 2019" campaign that will focus on making MCFB healthier, stronger and broader.

As we move forward, we are grounded in the fact that food, however humble, has the power to transform lives. Having groceries in the refrigerator can provide a small measure of certainty when there is none. Knowing where your next meal is coming from empowers families to think beyond today and work toward goals for tomorrow.

In our agriculturally prosperous counties, there's no reason anyone should go hungry. Together, we can make sure all of our neighbors have enough to eat.

With sincere gratitude,

Bill Gibbs, Executive Director & Mark Seivert, Chairperson





## 2015-2016 By the Numbers

195,000

individual distributions  
were provided by the Food  
Bank.

10,000

meals' worth of food were  
distributed every day.

4.4 million

pounds of food  
were delivered throughout  
Merced & Mariposa Counties

387,000

pounds of fresh fruits and  
vegetables were distributed.

52,268

families received drought  
relief boxes

28,800

Senior Brown Bags were delivered  
to seniors

13,997

hours of work done by  
volunteers

100

non-profit partners relied on us  
to supply food for their food  
programs.

75,000

children received healthy  
nutritious food

7,000

seniors received  
supplemental food bags

\$1

provides 5 meals

3,272

number of volunteers who  
contributed their time to fight  
hunger

Together, we changed many lives.



## About the Merced County Food Bank

### ***Our mission is:***

To improve the health and well-being of Merced & Mariposa County residents affected by hunger; through the acquisition, storage, and distribution of nutritious food.

To provide and advocate for, increased access to, and consumption of, nutritious fruits, vegetables, nuts and other foods.

To integrate, facilitate and advocate for programs and services that address hunger's underlying and related issues.

We focus our efforts on the immediate distribution of food while simultaneously working on long-term strategies to address the root causes of food insecurity. Together with our partner agencies, volunteers, and supporters, we work to end hunger by providing food

directly, improving access to food, and promoting nutrition.

MCFB serves as a lifeline for our communities. As the agency that acquires, stores, and distributes food, we play a critical role in maintaining and improving the health of our community's low income, and food insecure populations.

Food makes it possible for kids to learn more in school, for adults to perform better at work, and for seniors to stay healthy and active.

Food allows people to lead fuller, more productive lives.

With the community behind us, we can ensure that everyone in Merced and Mariposa Counties can receive the nutritious food they need to thrive.







# Our Programs





## We Reached More People

In fiscal year 2015-2016, the Food Bank provided food assistance to more residents than ever before. Through the help of our supporters, we were able to bring the transformative power of food to over 14,000 people each month.

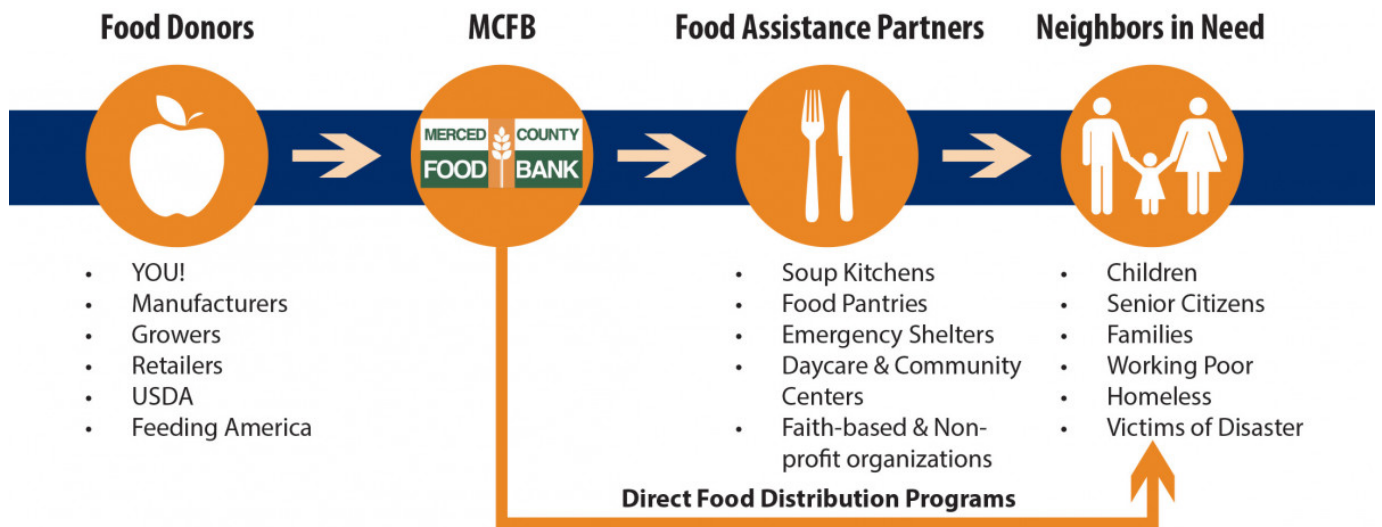
The Merced County Food Bank is proud to provide successful models for ending hunger, and we continued to innovate and improve on our programs this past year to reach more people in need of food assistance in Merced and Mariposa Counties.







## How the Food Bank Works



The process of acquiring, storing and distributing food to our hungry neighbors requires a dynamic infrastructure and sophisticated management.

The Merced County Food Bank (a member of the Feeding America Network), secures donations from food and grocery manufacturers, retailers, shippers, packers, growers, and from government agencies, individuals and other organizations.

Donated food is stored at MCFB's 30,000 square foot warehouse that has over 7,000 square feet of refrigerated and frozen storage.

Food is inventoried, inspected, and categorized.

MCFB then distributes donated food and grocery products to over 100 food bank partner agencies.

The partner agencies, in turn, distribute food and grocery items through their food pantries and meal programs that serve families, children, seniors and others at risk of hunger. Last year, MCFB distributed over 4,400,000 pounds of food.

In addition to distributing food to partner agencies, MCFB also directly serves the public through our Senior Brown Bag Program, USDA distribution sites and through the Drought Food Assistance Program.

MCFB also supports programs that improve food safety and security among the people we serve; educates the public about the problem of hunger; and advocates for legislation that addresses hunger and its underlying issues.

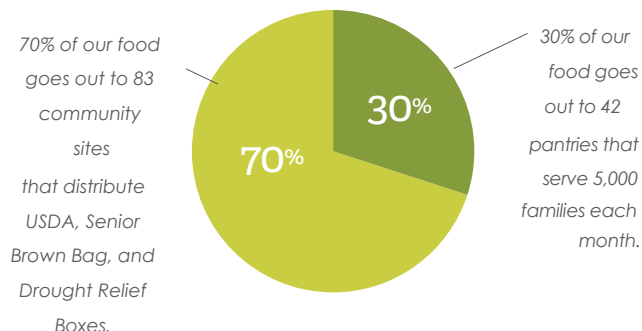


## Providing Food Directly

### Our Pantry Network

Our pantry network is the cornerstone of the Food Bank's programs. It brings food directly into neighborhoods that need it most and provides weekly distributions of free food to low-income families and individuals. Our goal is to make food easily accessible, culturally appropriate, and available in a dignified manner. That's why our pantries are located in easily accessible locations like schools, churches, and community-based organizations. Each week participants access fresh produce, protein, and other staples. A typical pantry might offer carrots, potatoes, strawberries, oranges, and lettuce, along with chicken, pasta, and bread. As a result, we're addressing the problem of hunger on a grassroots level, involving the greater community in the effort to ensure that no one has to worry about their next meal.

### Providing Food Through Over 100 Partners



### 2015-2016 Highlights

- » Last year, we added **four pantries** to our network.
- » **5,000 families** received fresh groceries each month at our pantries.
- » We distribute food through **42 pantries**, throughout Merced and Mariposa Counties.



***Without the Senior Brown Bag Program, many seniors in Merced and Mariposa counties would be extremely isolated and at increased risk for malnourishment and illness.***





## Highlighted Programs



**Senior Brown Bag Program** provides supplemental nutritious groceries twice a month to over 2,400 seniors at 16 distribution sites in Merced and Mariposa Counties.

There is no cost to the individuals served and eligibility is determined by using the federal income guidelines for poverty. The Senior Brown Bag program is designed to help those whose main source of income is Social Security, and who normally have to choose between nutritious foods and crucial medications.

Next to children, seniors are the most vulnerable group at risk of hunger. Senior food insecurity has risen as a result of the recession. The number of seniors at risk of hunger in 2015 was 70% higher than in 2007. Pre-seniors between the ages of 55 and 64, are particularly vulnerable as they are not yet of retirement age and thus ineligible for safety net programs like Medicare and Social Security.

Currently, in Merced and Mariposa Counties there are over 21,000 seniors whose income is at or below 130% of the federal poverty guidelines – which is equal to \$1,286 a month or less.

Without the Senior Brown Bag Program, many seniors in Merced and Mariposa counties would be extremely isolated and at increased risk for malnourishment and illness.

Senior Brown Bag Program participants are also provided with opportunities to volunteer at their food pickup site, which offers them social connections and a sense of belonging and purpose as they contribute to the Food Bank. Every month, more than 200 volunteers gather at the various Senior Brown Bag sites to sort, bag, and distribute food to their peers. Many participants have built new friendships and a sense of community by volunteering.

Unfortunately, countless seniors are forced to make difficult but unavoidable choices such as whether to purchase their medications, pay for their housing, and/or pay their utilities. Buying food, especially nutritious food, is often last on their list.

**The Emergency Food Assistance Program** (also known as USDA Commodities) is a federal program that provides monthly food packages to individuals and families who meet income guidelines set by the federal government.

The Food Bank administers the program and distributes USDA-provided food to nearly 8,000 individuals at more than 24 distribution sites every month throughout Merced and Mariposa Counties.



## Improving Access to Food

### CalFresh Outreach

In Merced and Mariposa Counties, an estimated 183,000 people may be eligible for CalFresh (food stamps), but only about a third of those who are eligible are enrolled. Since CalFresh represents one of the best tools we have to end hunger, the Food Bank is working to increase enrollment by integrating outreach events for families and individuals into our programs.



### Advocacy

The Food Bank advocates at the local, and state levels for policy reform and program improvements to assist people at risk of hunger. Relying on research and data analysis, we identify opportunities for improving food security for low-income residents in Merced and Mariposa Counties; part of a comprehensive effort to ensure that no one in our community goes hungry.

### 2015-2016 Highlights

» The biggest impact we had on improving access to food was our Drought Food Assistance Program. During 15-16, we distributed 52,268 boxes. This year, we expect to distribute over 120,000.

» California's Drought Food Assistance Program (DFAP) is a temporary food assistance program developed in response to the Governor's Drought Emergency Declaration in January 2014.

» Food boxes are prepackaged, weigh approximately 30 pounds and contain nutritionally balanced, non-perishable food, designed to provide food for a household of four people for about five days. Contents of the food box commonly include: canned applesauce, carrots, green beans, corn, tomatoes, tomato sauce, vegetable and chicken noodle soup, peanut butter, pinto beans, rice, spaghetti and oatmeal.







## Promoting Nutrition

### Fresh Produce Supports Health

Good nutrition is at the heart of our programs. Our Farm Fresh initiative is based on an understanding of the crucial role fruits and vegetables play in promoting health and reducing diet-related illnesses in our community.

Last year, we offered our pantry participants 49 unique types of fruits and vegetables. We distributed 387,000 pounds of fresh produce.

During 2016-2017, our goal is to increase that to 1,000,000 pounds of fresh produce distributed through the Senior Brown Bag, USDA commodities, Green Bag and pantry programs.

### 2015-2016 Highlights

- » We distributed over **387,000 pounds** of fresh fruits and vegetables — more produce than ever before.
- » We provided our participants between **6-10 types of fruit and vegetables each week.**

*"I'm trying to move to a healthier diet, but I can't afford to purchase fresh vegetables or fruits. The produce I get through the Food Bank helps me and my family live a healthier life."*

— Maria, pantry participant, Atwater

## 49 Produce Items Distributed FY15-16

Potato | Orange | Watermelon | Onion | Apple | Sweet Potato | Carrot | Pear | Celery  
Stone Fruit | Honeydew Melon | Cabbage | Corn | Tomato | Sweet Bell Pepper | Cantaloupe  
Summer Squash/Zucchini | Bok Choy | Cauliflower | Broccoli | Cucumber | Grapefruit  
Spaghetti Squash | Strawberries | Raspberries | Blueberries | Butternut Squash | Eggplant  
Mushroom | Brussels Sprout | Green Onion | Acorn Squash | Banana | Beet | Lettuce |  
Mango Kiwi | Radish | Kale | Pineapple | Lemon | Lime | Collard Greens | Dandelion Greens  
Pomegranate | Lettuce | Spinach | Cilantro | Persimmon



## Nutrition Education

We know that delivering sustenance is just the beginning — it's critical that we also address hunger with nutritious food and education. Through our program partners, we help program participants achieve a lifetime of good health by providing various nutrition education opportunities such as classes, recipes, and cooking demonstrations.

In June 2016, we launched The PEACH (People Eating and Cooking Healthy) Program; a collaboration between the Merced County Food Bank, Merced County Public Health, Human Services Agency, UC Merced Food Pantry, Merced College and Mercy Medical Center Merced staff.

Through a community-based approach to nutrition education and healthy food environments, the PEACH Program will work to improve food access and teach lifelong nutrition skills in lower income communities and empower SNAP-eligible individuals, families, children and communities to live a healthy life.

## 2015-2016 Highlights

### **The PEACH Program outcomes will include:**

- \* Educating program participants on making healthy food choices
- \* Provide free fresh nutritious produce, nuts and food
- \* Introducing participants to a variety of healthy foods
- \* Showing parents how to buy and prepare healthy, affordable foods
- \* Introducing nutritious ingredients through taste tests and cooking demonstrations
- \* Providing tips on how to stretch a tight food budget
- \* Teaching nutrition and cooking workshops to adults and families
- \* Encouraging exercise and healthy decision-making
- \* Disseminating CalFresh and other information to low-income populations which inform them of programs and services that will increase their access to nutritious perishable and non-perishable food throughout Merced County.





It takes a community





## Our Supporters

2015-2016 was a record year for community support of the Food Bank. Students held bake sales, volunteers packed food, companies sponsored generous matching grants, and individuals graciously donated. It's through the support of the community, at

every type and level of giving, that we're able to provide nutritious food and expand our programs to meet the need. Our supporters are the reason our participants have food on the table. Thanks to you, ending hunger is an achievable goal.



## Food and Fund Drives

It's hard to miss our food drive barrels, often full of cereal, tuna, and other high quality items thanks to our generous community. Food and fund drives are one of the most direct ways the community can partner with the Food Bank. We are so thankful for all the families, colleagues, schools, and faith-based groups that have rallied around the cause of collecting food and raising funds.



## 2015-2016 Highlights

- » **27 teams** hosted food and fund drives during FY 2015-2016.
- » **36,182 pounds** were raised through community food drives, providing enough food for 32,728 meals.

*During our 2015 Sharing the Harvest with Grateful Hearts Party, Dr. Erik Ekizian and his team lead the most successful fund drive in our history, gathering over 2,000 pounds of food and raising \$39,385 to support the Senior Brown Bag Program.*





## Volunteers

From school children to retired seniors and everyone in between, the community came together this past year to volunteer at our warehouses in record numbers. The Food Bank relies heavily on our volunteer supporters help to sort, glean, and pack food for those at risk of hunger. Every volunteer is critical to the Food Bank's ability to distribute such a high volume of perishable and non-perishable foods. Last year volunteers provided 13,997 hours of service - the equivalent of 6.7 full-time staff, increasing our staff capacity by 65%.



## 2015-2016 Highlights

- » **3,272 volunteers** came to the Food Bank to donate their time.
- » Volunteers contributed **13,997 hours** of service.

*"Once you get involved and understand the impact of your small contribution, it's a 'pebble in the pond' ripple effect."*

*By providing food for families, we nurture more than the body. We nurture the soul."*

— Tom Kivley, Food Bank volunteer





## Community Food & Fundraisers

Every year, key supporters and campaigns generate significant support for the Food Bank. Here are some of our partners from 2015-2016:

Sharing the Harvest with Grateful Hearts Party

Central California Alliance for Health

Pick-n-Pull

Merced Co. Assoc. Of Realtors

US Postal Service Food Drive

County Fair Food Drive

Dollar Tree Food Drive

Curves Merced Food Drive

PG&E Food Drive

Merced Facility Associates Food Drive

Family Dollar Food Drive

Save Mart Food Drive

Dollar General Food Drive

Springfield Financial Food Drive

Holt of California Food Drive

Foster Farms Food Drive

Image Masters Food Drive

American Automobile Association Food Drive

Village Landing Food Drive

Village Terrace Food Drive

Northwood Village Food Drive

Supreme Lending Food Drive

Merced County Office of Education Food Drive

UC Merced Food Drive

Gracey Elementary Food Drive

Travis Credit Union Food Drive

Harmony Elementary Food Drive

Divine Model Food Drive

Merced Fuel & Food Drive

*I wholeheartedly believe in the Food Bank's mission and am proud to be able to champion their work. My passion is to help make our community a better place.*

*Working with the Food Bank's Senior Brown Bag Program firsthand, only deepened my commitment to ending hunger.*

*Good, healthy food should be available to all of us, and the Food Bank works to make that a reality.*

— Erik Ekizian, Rotarian & Sharing the Harvest with Grateful Hearts Party Chairman





## Food Donors

Through the generosity of many local producers, Feeding America partners and individuals, we distributed more food than ever before.

Next year, we will begin working with the California Association of Food Banks' Farm to Family program, and spend only pennies on the pound for tons of fresh fruits and vegetables from California farmers, allowing us to keep costs down and provide more variety for our participants.

Through our Feeding America partnerships we pick up fresh, perishable foods that are close to their sell-by date and deliver those directly to our pantries for families to take home. We rescue food at grocery stores, wholesale produce markets, large retailers and distribution centers each week.

## 2015-2016 Highlights

- » We sourced **nearly 400,000 pounds** of affordable, **healthy produce** from California farms.
- » **49 different types** of fruits and vegetables were distributed to our pantry participants.
- » From grocery stores, we **saved 2.7 million pounds** of food from going to landfills.

*We live in an area where so many people live below the poverty level, and it's important to Miner Farms to help them however we can. We could sell this produce for a profit, but we choose to donate it.*

*We feel fortunate to be in a position to give, and that's an ethos we want to pass along to our community.*

— Nathan Miner, Owner



## Donors

From corporations giving back to their community, to individuals giving to causes that move them, our donors came together to ensure that the Food Bank could provide enough food for 10,000 meals a day last year. A total of 65% of the Food Bank's financial support comes from private donors.

By investing in the Food Bank, your dollar goes further. For every \$1 donated, we're able to provide \$5 worth of food — thanks to our ability to source produce at pennies on the pound, purchase staples in bulk, and leverage the generous in-kind support of volunteers.



## 2015-2016 Highlights

- » Donors contributed enough resources to provide food for **4.1 million meals**.
- » More than **200 donors** supported the Food Bank.

Many families in Merced and Mariposa Counties do not have reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food.

In such a agriculturally rich and prosperous area like ours, no one should be without access to healthy food on a daily basis. The Merced County Food Bank not only provides food to those in need, but it also works very hard to raise awareness for an issue many people think does not exist in today's world.







## Food Bank Supporters





## Corporate and Business Partners

Our corporate and business partners sustain and grow our food distribution programs through generous donations of funds, food, and volunteer time that serve thousands of families, seniors, and individuals each week.

A.V. Thomas Packing	Dickinson Frozen Foods	J.P Zopolos & Associates	Razzari Auto Center
510 Bistro	Dignity Health Medical Group - Merced	Jack's Bean Company, LLC	Realty Executives
A.A.H. Massage	Dimare Fresh	Jasper Wyman & Sons	Rotary International
AARP	Dole Packing	Jenmax Foods	Salon DiCapelli
Advanced Physical Therapy	Dollar General	Joe on the Go Café	Salvadori Realty
Americold	Dollar Tree Atwater Bellevue	Kashiwase	San Filippo & Sons inc
Ameriprise Financial	Dollar Tree Atwater Commerce	King's Asian Cuisine	Save Mart
Anabell	Dollar Tree Los Banos	La Hacienda 2	Save Mart - Los Banos
Applebees Atwater	Dollar Tree Merced	Label Technology	Save Mart Atwater
Applebees Merced	Doreva Produce Company, Inc.	Leap/Carpenter/Kemp	Save Mart Merced
AT&T	Driscoll's	Lettieri Brisbane CA	Second Harvest Food Bank
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Bali Learning Center	El Portal Imaging	Mariana's Mexican grill	Seivert & Associates
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Bear Creek Properties	Family Dollar	Merced Co. Assoc. of Realtors	Sierra Pacific
Bell Carter Packing	Feed America	Merced College Foundation	St. Nicholas Episcopal Church
Bella Luna	Fitness Addiction	Merced County Community Action Agency	Sunlight Giving
Ben Silva Farms	Five Ten Bistro	Merced County Fair	SWAG
Benevity Community Impact Fund	Florencio's Mexican Restaurant	Merced County Farm Bureau	Target Atwater
Bible Christian Nineveh Outreach	Food 4 Less - Atwater	Merced Floral	Target Los Banos
Big Lots	Food 4 Less - Merced	Merced Rescue Mission	Target Merced
Big Tree Organics	Foodlink	Merced Rotary Club Foundation	Thai Star
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Branding Iron	Fresno Community Food Bank	Merced Yosemite Realty	United Methodist Church of Atwater
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Central Valley Concrete & Trucking	Hilmar Cheese	Perceptor Epsilon Zets	Wells Fargo Foundation
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## Hunger in our Community

Children and seniors are particularly vulnerable to the economic challenges facing families today.

Each year, Feeding America does an annual report on hunger in America. They use "food insecurity" as their benchmark for the report.

Food insecurity means "without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food".

### **THIS YEAR'S REPORT (2016) HAD SOBERING NEWS FOR MERCED COUNTY'S CHILDREN.**

Overall, Merced County's food insecurity rate was 15.5% - significantly higher than the state average of 13.9%.

However, the food insecurity rate for those 18 and under was a staggering 28.9%. Which means, of our 80,126 children 18 and under, 23,190 of them have no reliable access to sufficient food.

Those grim statistics are a result of the fact that our communities experience some of the highest rates of poverty and unemployment in the state.

Merced County is often referred to as the epicenter of poverty and poverty related issues, not only in California, but the nation. The most recent census data reports that 25.1% of County residents and 35% of Merced city residents live in poverty. Merced County's unemployment rate was 11.3% in August 2016, more than double California's rate of 5.5% and significantly higher than the national average of 4.9%.

The statistics get worse when you look at children ages 18 and under; with over 35% of them living in poverty. In the school year 2014-2015, 79.6% of enrolled students in school qualified for free or reduced lunch prices.

The per capita income for Merced County is 56th of 58 California counties and 22.1% of the county's residents rely on food stamps to make ends meet.

In Merced County, more than 95,000 children and adults live in communities where a healthy diet is simply out of reach.

Despite producing some of the healthiest foods on the planet, many of our county's residents either can't afford them or live in food deserts and can't access them. Lack of access to nutritious, affordable foods, is a major contributor to obesity, diabetes and other diet-related diseases in our community.

This epidemic threatens to make today's children the first generation in history with a shorter lifespan than their parents.



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## Financial Statement

Revenue	2016	Expenses	
Government Food Commodities	\$81,237	Program Services	\$419,281
Government Grants	\$70,381	Management and General	\$72,756
Private Contributions Including Events	\$538,709	Fundraising	\$1,445
Shared Maintenance	\$130,836	<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$493,482
Other Revenue	\$12,247	<b>Operating Reserves</b>	<b>\$339,928</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$833,410</b>		

Revenue	2015	Expenses	
Government Food Commodities	\$68,634	Program Services	\$306,872
Government Grants	\$68,254	Management and General	\$128,359
Private Contributions Including Events	\$176,867	Fundraising	\$1,200
Shared Maintenance	\$134,553	<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$436,353
Other Revenue	\$17,415	<b>Operating Reserves</b>	<b>\$29,370</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$465,723</b>		

Revenue	2014	Expenses	
Government Food Commodities	\$76,421	Program Services	\$313,417
Government Grants	\$87,305	Management and General	\$132,064
Private Contributions Including Events	\$198,324	Fundraising	\$5,364
Shared Maintenance	\$156,051	<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$450,845
Other Revenue	\$1,805	<b>Operating Reserves</b>	<b>\$69,061</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$519,906</b>		



## Our Organizational Values

### **Transforming Lives with Food**

We believe that food has the power to transform people's lives; everyone should be able to live without hunger and obtain the food they need in a respectful, dignified manner.



### **Improving Nutrition**

We recognize that good nutrition is essential for health, and we strive to increase the healthy food choices available to people with low incomes.



### **Providing Excellent Service**

We are dedicated to providing the best service possible to everyone we interact with — our participants, volunteers, agencies, vendors, donors, the public, and each other.



### **Managing Resources Efficiently**

We are committed to being responsible stewards of the public and private resources entrusted to us; we work to leverage these resources in order to have the greatest impact on ending hunger.



### **Mobilizing the Community to End Hunger**

We recognize that we can't end hunger in Merced and Mariposa Counties alone; we act as a leader in eliminating obstacles to food assistance and mobilizing our neighbors to work toward a hunger-free community.







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