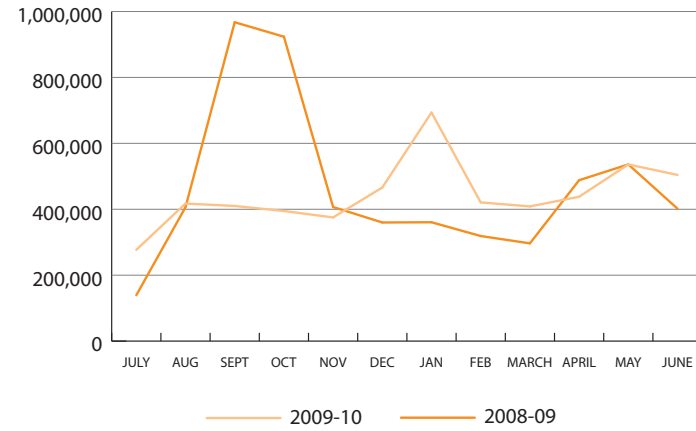
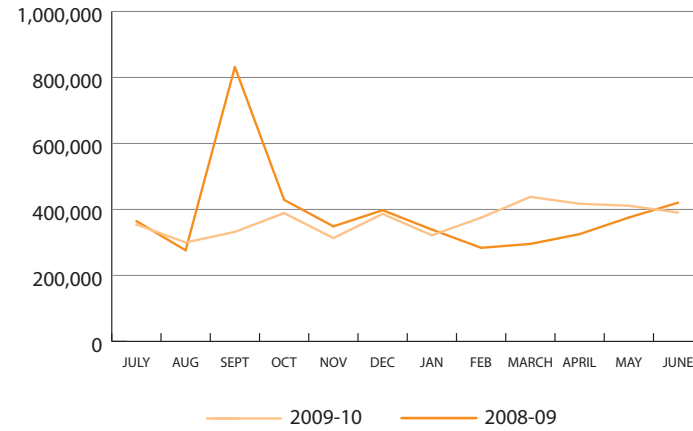


Food Received in Pounds



Food Distributed in Pounds



## MISSION

The mission of the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana is to serve as the primary resource for fighting hunger in Northwest Louisiana.

## VISION

The Food Bank's vision is to ultimately end hunger in Northwest Louisiana by ensuring a consolidated network of effective food collection and distribution which will provide universal access to food for the needy in our communities.

## STAFF

Martha Marak, *Executive Director*  
 Steve Paeth, *Operations Manager*  
 Amie Roberts, *Development Director*  
 Jane McCook, *Accounting Manager*  
 Libby Patterson-Smith, *Programs Manager*  
 Jerry Johnson, *Distribution and Logistics Manager*  
 Kenneth Poole, *Warehouse Manager*  
 Jackie Lindsey, *Agency Relations Coordinator*  
 Gene Haynes, *Food Sourcing and Community Resource Coordinator*  
 Debbie Kennedy, *Data Specialist*  
 Dremeco Alexander, *Driver*  
 Chris Johnson, *Warehouse Helper*  
 Jacqueline Clement, *Receptionist*  
 Robert Hart, *Volunteer Driver*  
 John Zielinski, *Volunteer Driver*

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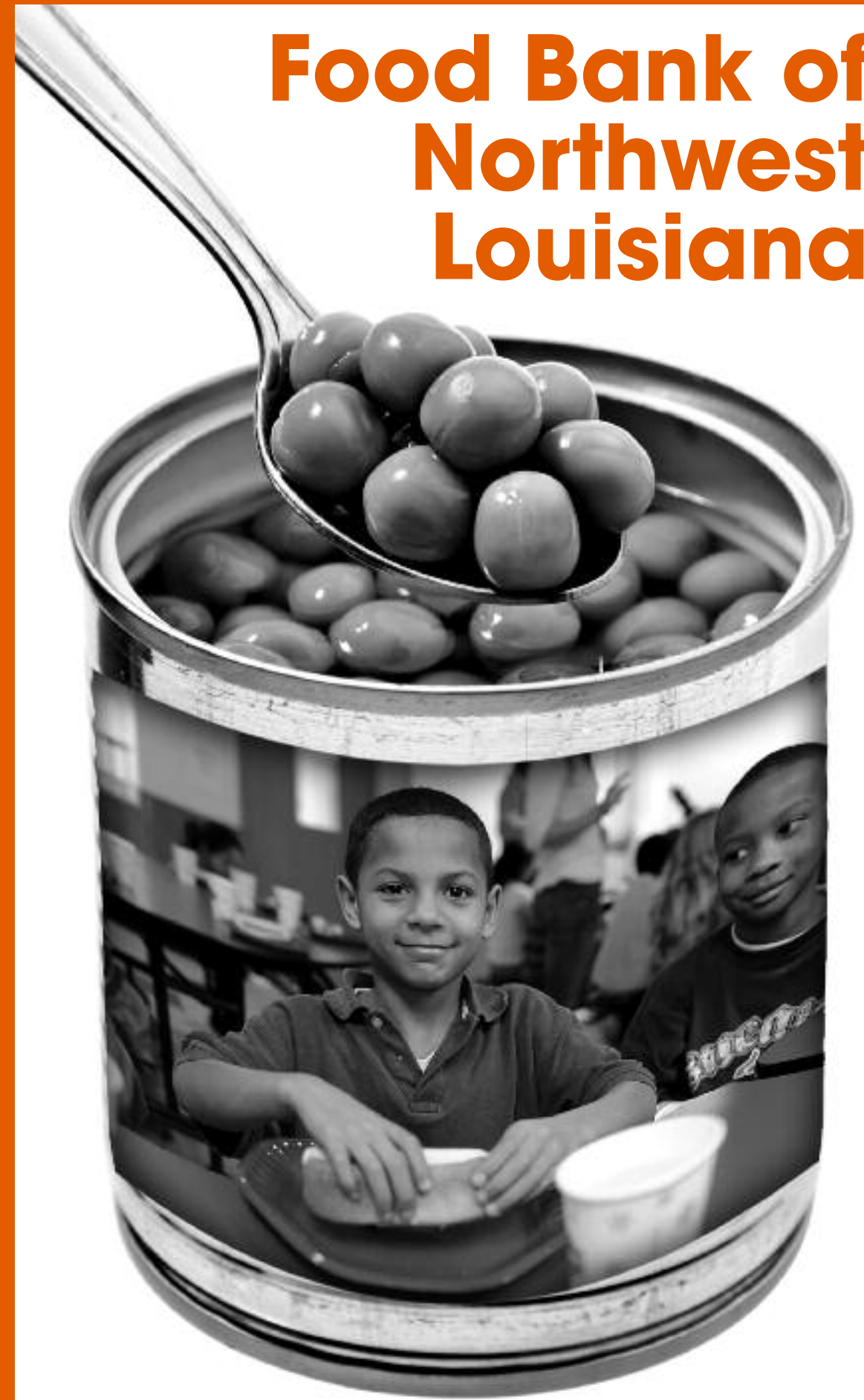
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## A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of the Food Bank,

I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for your support of the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana this past year. Because of you, we were able to distribute 4.5 million pounds of food - enough to feed more than 30,000 hungry children, women, seniors and men each month.

Whether it's a hot meal at a homeless shelter, groceries from a food pantry or a backpack of weekend food through the Back Pack Program, your gifts are restoring hope to the lives of those in need.

I am especially grateful for your generosity during what was a difficult year for many of us. The number of people seeking food assistance is greater now than any other time in the history of the Food Bank. Despite these tough economic times, friends like you remain ever committed to our mission of fighting hunger in northwest Louisiana. It's your compassion for those in need that makes our work possible.

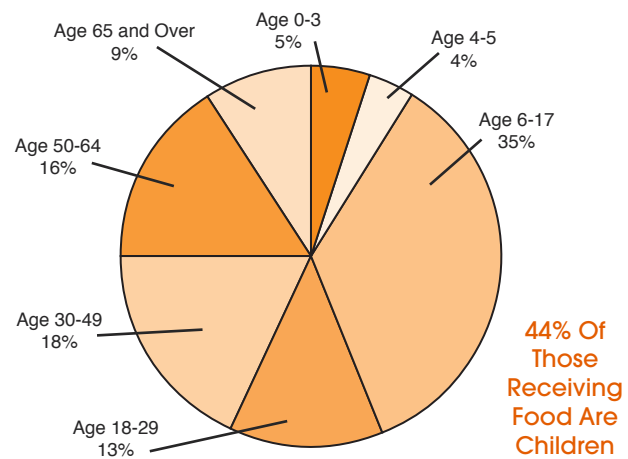
We will not rest until no child has to go to school on Monday morning hungry; until no senior has to choose between filling a prescription or buying food; and until all families struggling to make ends meet have food on their table. Although you may never know the names or hear the voices of the families, seniors or children you have helped, you are making a difference in thousands of lives every day. Thank you.

With gratitude,

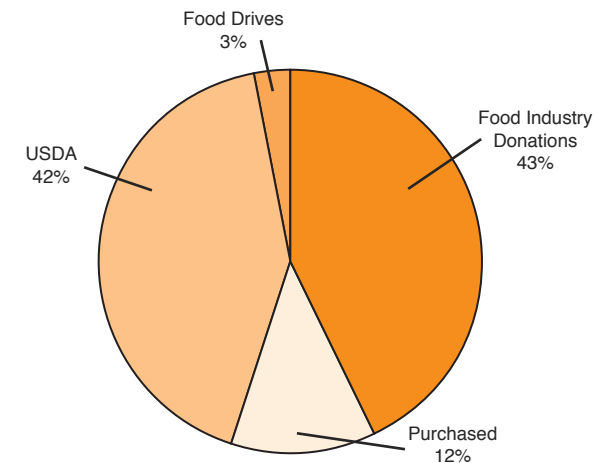
*Martha Mink*



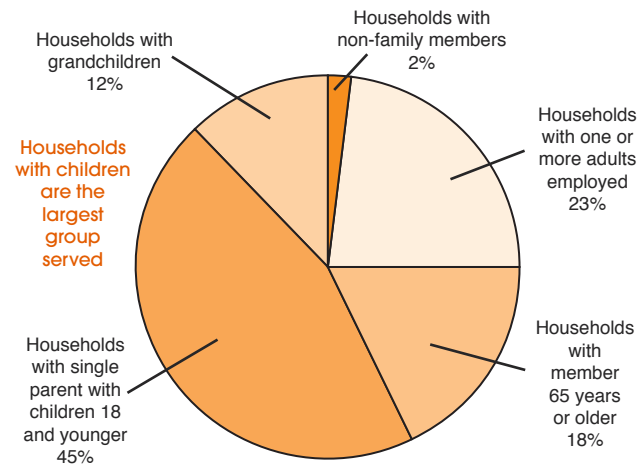
### Age of Recipients



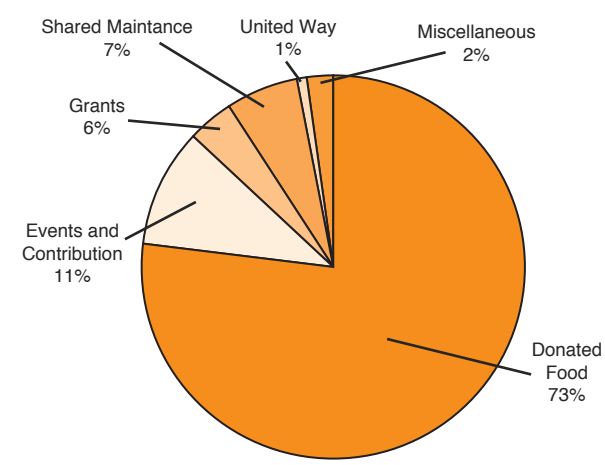
### Sources of Our Food



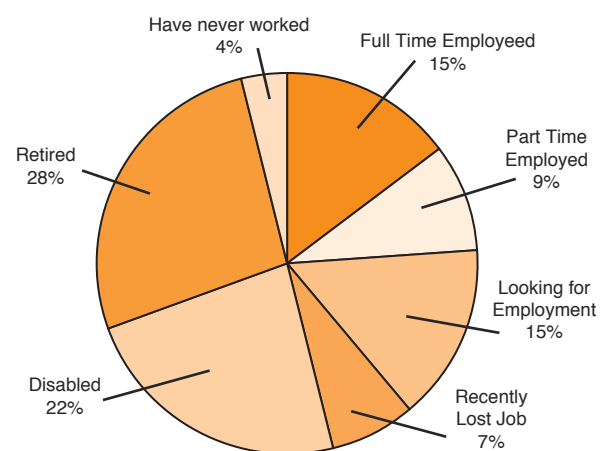
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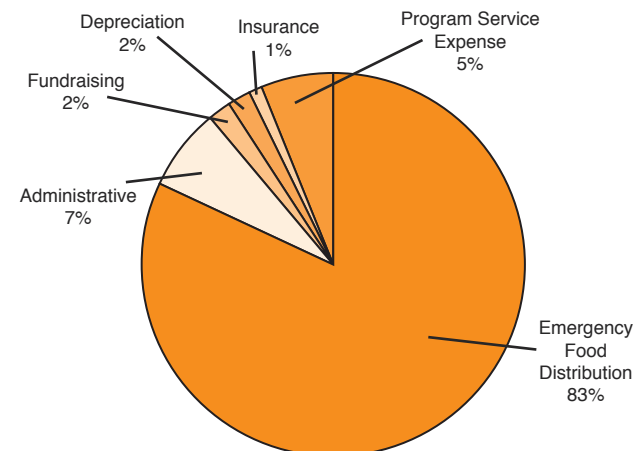
### 2009-2010 Income



### Employment of Recipients



### 2009-2010 Expenses



## PROGRAMS

**Food Distribution:** The Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana distributed over 4.5 million pounds of food to over 65,000 below and low poverty level households in the seven parishes in Northwest Louisiana for the 2010 fiscal year.



**Emergency Food Boxes:** The Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana provided approximately 1,250 pounds of food each week for emergency assistance to individuals. The annual estimate of the food distributed is 62,500 pounds with a value of \$105,625. The food is distributed through a partnership agreement with Centerpoint211.

**Disaster Relief:** As a disaster responder we provided immediate assistance to our member agencies, pop-up and faith-based shelters and other individuals. During the 2008 hurricane season we distributed over 800,000 pounds of food, water and supplies.

**Summer Food Service Program:** Provided 8,859 nutritional breakfast meals and 8,216 lunch meals for hungry children that have no access to free food when school is not in session during the summer months in 2010.



**Kids Cafe®:** Provided 29,616 hot after school snacks to hungry children enrolled in Volunteers of America's Lighthouse after-school programs during the 2009-2010 school year.

**BackPack™ Program:** 955 chronically hungry children were provided with a weekly backpack of food to take home for the weekend and holidays. The 7-10 pound bag included items such as granola bars, fruit juice, and pop top canned food.

**Senior Program:** Provided 980 boxes of pantry staple foods each month to low income seniors throughout our 7 parishes.

**Mobile Pantry:** Provided thousands of pounds of food to rural pantry clients on a monthly basis.



**K.I.D.S. (Kids in Distressed Situations):** A national program which distributed new clothing and toys to children in need.

