The Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana distributes food to reach 75,000 clients each year. Each client receives food approximately eight times per year from the Food Bank free of charge. The Food Bank provides these services and products to all eligible individuals, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, age, physical and or mental ability. We ensure that our partners comply with all applicable State, Federal and local legal requirements through inspection and a contractual agreement. Each distributing collaborating partner organization uses client tracking software to prevent duplication of service and is monitored to avoid program misuse.

**REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT**

- 1% Miscellaneous .................. $79,903
- 0% Interest ........................... $77,133
- 3% Individuals ....................... $548,481
- 3% Program Support ................. $664,214
- 6% Grants ............................. $1,141,272
- 11% Business, Church, Corporation, Organization .................. $2,243,197
- 76% Donated food supplies ...... $15,049,376
- 100% Total .......................... $19,803,576

**EXPENSES**

- 1% Fundraising ....................... $159,774
- 6% Supporting Services .......... $1,057,607
- 93% Program Services .......... $16,454,673
- 100% Total .......................... $17,672,054

Nonoperating activities ............. -$1,841,596
Change in Assets ..................... $289,926
Net Assets, beginning of year ...... $25,680,095
Net Assets, end of year ............. $25,970,021

**Our Programs:**

**FOOD AND EMERGENCY DISTRIBUTION:**

In the 2021-2022 fiscal year, we distributed 12 million pounds of food with a value of $16,454,673 to more than 75,000 children, women, men, seniors, veterans, homeless, disabled, unemployed and underemployed individuals living below the federal poverty level in Caddo, Bossier, Webster, Claiborne, Bienville Red River and DeSoto Parishes.

**DISASTER RELIEF:**

As a disaster responder we provide immediate assistance to our partner organizations, sister food banks and individuals. Most recently we provided $775,000 in water and food to South Louisiana for Hurricane Ida victims.

**SENIOR BOX PROGRAM:**

Each month we deliver a box of pantry staple foods to over 1,000 low income seniors throughout our seven parishes.

**MOBILE PANTRY:**

Perishable and non-perishable food are distributed to rural clients on a monthly basis.

**KIDS CAFE® AFTER SCHOOL MEALS:**

The Food Banks provides free meals for the for hungry children in after-school programs.

**BACKPACK™ PROGRAM:**

Chronically hungry children are provided with a weekly backpack of food to take home for the weekend and holidays. Each 7-10 pound bag includes items such as cereal, milk, fruit juice, and pop-top canned food.

**SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM:**

Nutritional breakfasts and lunches are provided for hungry children during the summer months. Food is provided at summer programs such as Boys and Girls Clubs and faith-based summer programs.
### FACTS

**Food Bank of NWLA**

#### Bossier
- **Population:** 126,667
- **Poverty Level:** 14.1%
- **Food Insecure Individuals:** 17,860
- **Number of Partner Agencies:** 12
- **Summer Lunch Meals:** 183
- **Afterschool Meals:** 143
- **Senior Box Program:** 23
- **Food Distributed - Pounds:** 1,296,095
- **Value of Food Distributed:** $1,684,924

#### Caddo
- **Population:** 245,370
- **Poverty Level:** 16.2%
- **Food Insecure Individuals:** 39,750
- **Number of Partner Agencies:** 66
- **Back Pack Children in Program:** 165
- **Summer Breakfast Meals:** 2,246
- **Summer Lunch Meals:** 2,659
- **Afterschool Meals:** 7,723
- **Senior Box Program:** 100
- **Food Distributed - Pounds:** 6,261,817
- **Value of Food Distributed:** $8,140,924

#### Claiborne
- **Population:** 15,990
- **Poverty Level:** 19.7%
- **Food Insecure Individuals:** 3,150
- **Number of Partner Agencies:** 7
- **Back Pack Children in Program:** 37
- **Senior Box Program:** 77
- **Food Distributed - Pounds:** 1,326,455
- **Value of Food Distributed:** $1,724,929

#### DeSoto
- **Population:** 27,246
- **Poverty Level:** 16.7%
- **Food Insecure Individuals:** 4,550
- **Number of Partner Agencies:** 3
- **Back Pack Children in Program:** 15
- **Food Distributed - Pounds:** 1,293,025
- **Value of Food Distributed:** $1,680,933

#### Red River
- **Population:** 8,545
- **Poverty Level:** 19.2%
- **Food Insecure Individuals:** 1,410
- **Number of Partner Agencies:** 2
- **Back Pack Children in Program:** 278
- **Food Distributed - Pounds:** 934,771
- **Value of Food Distributed:** $1,215,202

#### Webster
- **Population:** 39,167
- **Poverty Level:** 19%
- **Food Insecure Individuals:** 7,520
- **Number of Partner Agencies:** 17
- **Back Pack Children in Program:** 30
- **Summer Breakfast Meals:** 2,246
- **Summer Lunch Meals:** 2,659
- **Afterschool Meals:** 7,723
- **Senior Box Program:** 100
- **Food Distributed - Pounds:** 3,176,503
- **Value of Food Distributed:** $4,031,675

#### Bienville
- **Population:** 13,579
- **Poverty Level:** 19%
- **Food Insecure Individuals:** 2,580
- **Number of Partner Agencies:** 11
- **Back Pack Children in Program:** 37
- **Senior Box Program:** 77
- **Food Distributed - Pounds:** 804,561
- **Value of Food Distributed:** $1,045,929

#### POUNDS DISTRIBUTED by CATEGORY

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**Graph**

- **Fresh Produce:** 19%
- **Meat Protein:** 18%
- **Canned Frozen Produce:** 14%
- **Other:** 11%
- **Beverage:** 10%
- **House-hold Goods:** 5%
- **Pasta Rice:** 5%
- **Dairy:** 5%
- **Bakery:** 4%
- **Cereal:** 3%
- **Pet Food:** 2%
A Message from the Executive Director:

Dear Friend of the Food Bank,

Thank you for helping us with another successful year of providing food to our neighbors in need. This year we celebrated our 25th anniversary to fighting hunger in Caddo, Bossier, Webster, Claiborne, Bienville, Red River and DeSoto Parishes. This year, the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana provided a record $16,454,673 in food to our neighbors facing hunger. Thanks to you, thousands of children, seniors and families in need are receiving crisp apples, wholesome sweet potatoes, gallons of milk, frozen chicken and more from their local food pantry served by our Food Bank.

Through the ongoing dedication of our team, Board of Directors and community support, together we had a banner year despite the ongoing challenges that linger from the pandemic. Thank you for joining us in the fight to end hunger by helping us provide nourishment and strength to people in need.

With gratitude,

Martha Marak

On the Cover

Jayvon lives in rural Northwest Louisiana with his mom and siblings. The Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana and school staff work to make sure that children who need food assistance receive weekly food through the Back Pack Program. Children, like Jayvon, receive a bag of child friendly food in their Back Packs each week throughout the school year.

Our Mission:

Our mission is to serve as the primary resource for fighting hunger in Northwest Louisiana.

Our Vision:

Our 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.

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