



FRANKLIN
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ANNUAL REPORT



FY 2022



LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*"Hunger is not an issue of charity. It is an issue of justice."
~ Jacques Diouf*

We all deserve the nourishment of healthy food for our general well-being. Food is essential to our social systems, whether it's a neighborhood gathering or sharing intergenerational recipes with family. Unfortunately, some individuals experience circumstances that make accessing food challenging. The pandemic highlighted and exacerbated food access and distribution inequity.

The pandemic dramatically upset our food systems with impaired supply chains, school and workplace closures, and transportation disruptions. In addition, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics, in FY22 the cost of food at home increased by 13.1% nationally and 10.9% locally. These COVID related food distribution obstacles, and the sharp increase in food prices, required adjustments to our programs and services to increase access to food for our neighbors.

In FY2022, The Pantry made the strategic decision to continue providing multiple methods of distribution, and other initiatives, implemented during COVID. Weekly In-Person Shopping, additional Mobile Pantry sites, Curbside Distribution, organic Community Garden produce and Home Delivery are now permanent. We also expanded our shopping hours to three days plus one evening per week. In 2022, for the first time in The Pantry's history, clients can have a full shopping experience weekly instead of monthly!

Keeping these multiple distribution methods and other initiatives led us to acquire a new home for The Pantry at 341 West Central St. Our new home will allow for continued development of programs and services amid increasing demand. In July of 2021 the average number of clients visiting The Pantry was 100 per week and by June of 2022 that number jumped to 154 and continues to rise.

At The Pantry we like to say, "It's not about the building, it's about what we will do in the building." With support from our community, we are committed to providing food and services to our neighbors with love, kindness and dignity. We can't wait to welcome everyone to our new home in the Spring of 2023!



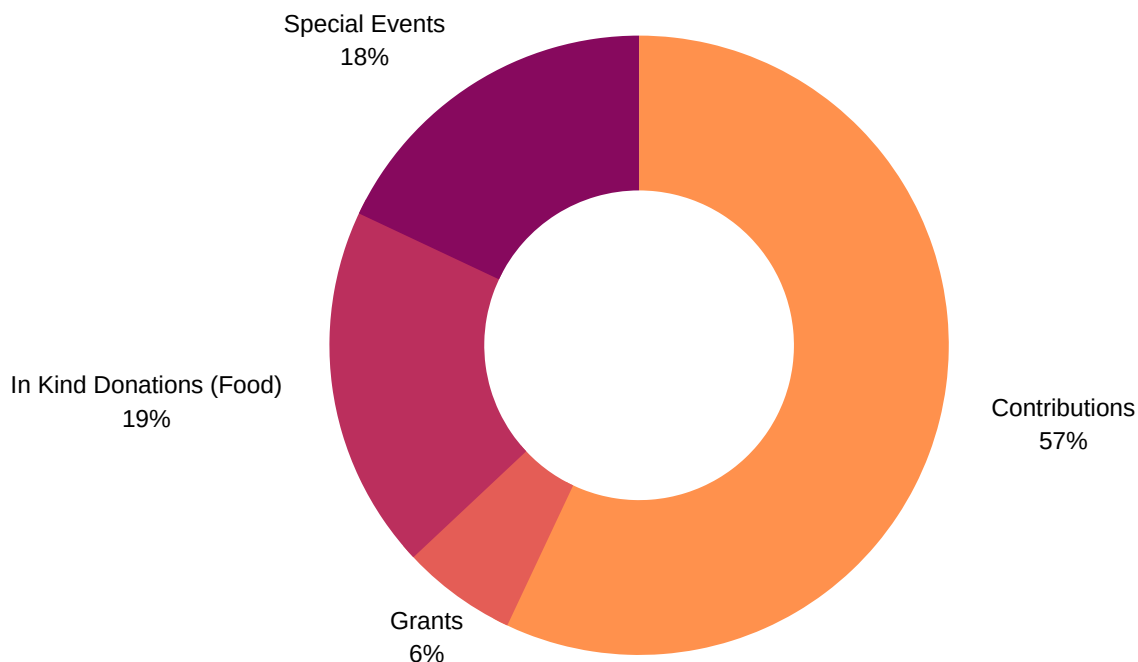
*With gratitude and appreciation,
Tina Powderly*



OUR REVENUE SOURCES

FY22 REVENUE SOURCES

The Franklin Food Pantry depends on a variety of revenue sources to feed our neighbors in need. The majority of our revenue comes from individual contributions collected through general giving, special events and in-kind donations. We are also grateful to our state delegation for funding statewide food insecurity initiatives.



For the second year in a row our state delegation earmarked \$50K in the MA FY22 budget for The Franklin Food Pantry.



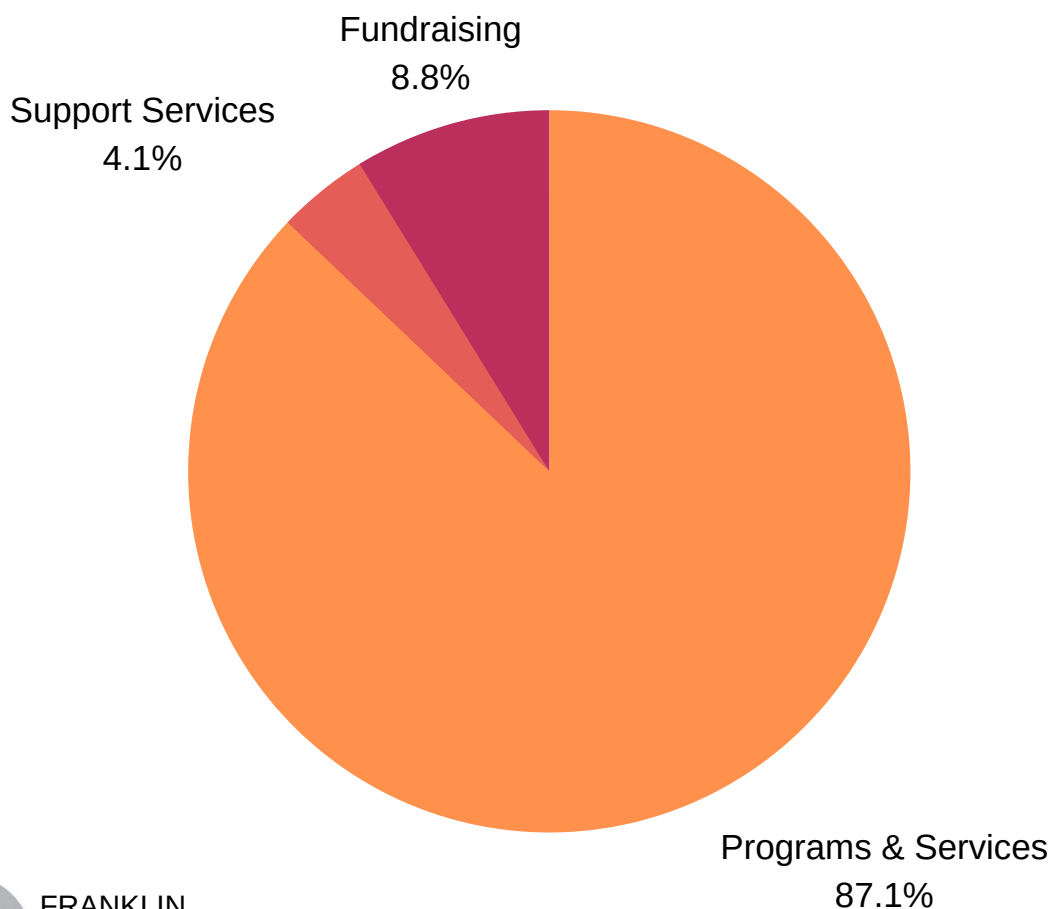
FFP was also awarded a \$500K MA Development Grant towards renovating our new home at 341 West Central St.



WHAT OUR REVENUE SUPPORTS

FY22 EXPENSE CATEGORIES

Almost 90% of our revenue is spent directly on feeding our neighbors. Donations are used to purchase food, process food donations, deploy staff, and manage our incredible corps of volunteers. Revenue is used to purchase fresh, frozen, refrigerated and shelf stable items at heavily discounted rates from our partners like the Greater Boston Food Bank. Our revenue also pays the utility bill for our coolers and freezers and fuels and maintains our refrigerated truck for transporting food and staging Mobile Pantries.

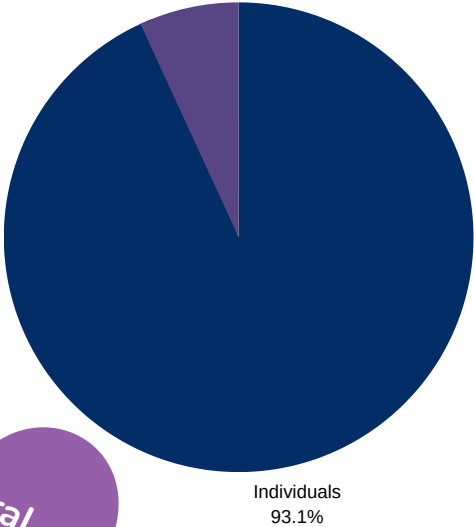


OUR DONORS

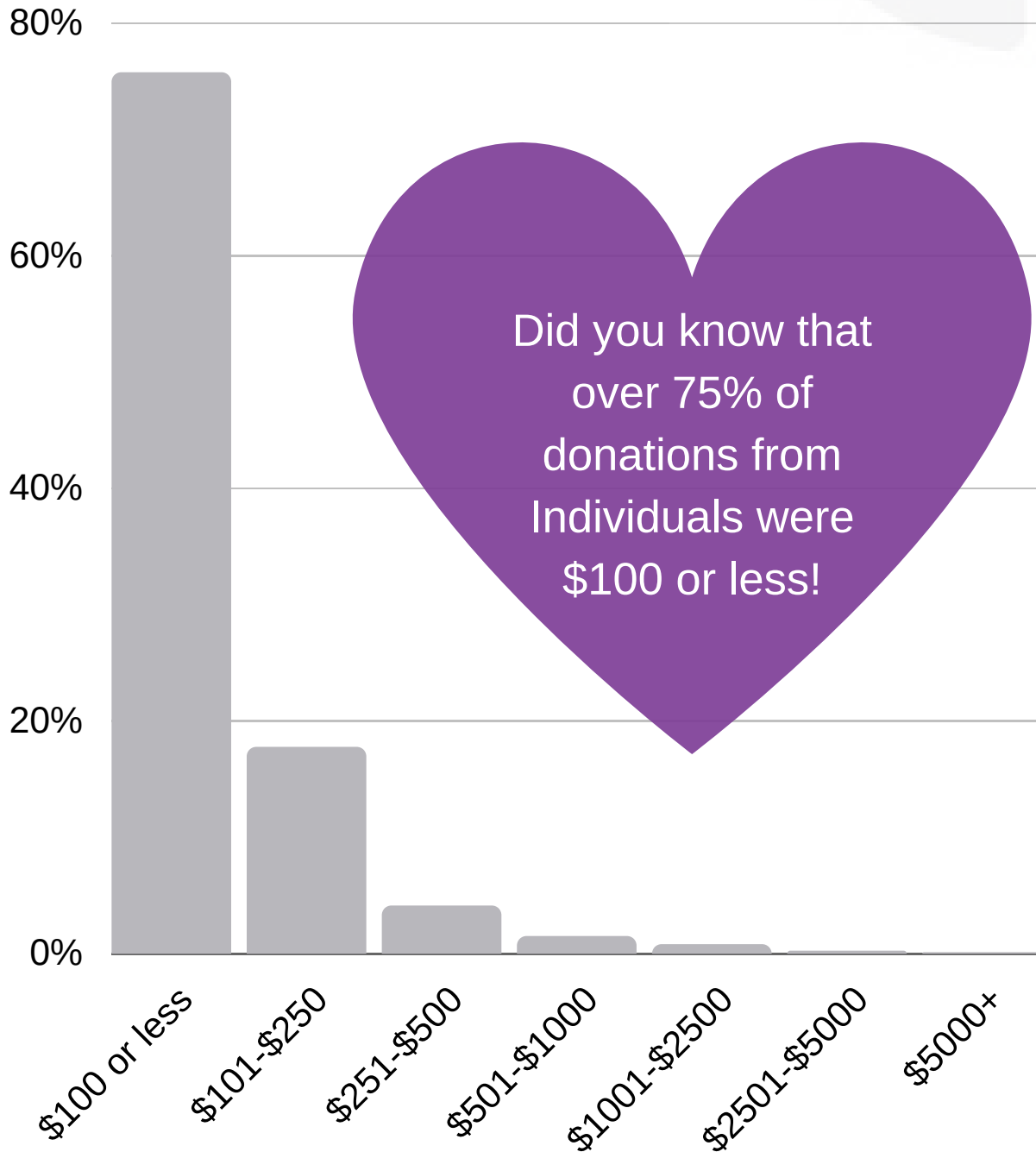
The Franklin Food Pantry is a private, nonprofit organization. We depend on donations from individuals, corporations, foundations, schools and other strategic partners to fund our expenses. We are also grateful to the Town of Franklin for non-monetary program support.

Our supporters and how they do it!

Corporations, Foundations, Organizations, Schools
6.9%



EVERY GIFT MATTERS!



Donation amounts by individual donors.



OUR PROGRAMS



Weekend Backpack Program

Weekend meals and snacks are provided to children in ALL Franklin Public Schools.



Curbside Pick-Up

Clients pick up food curbside on Tuesday evenings.



Holiday Meal Packages

The Pantry provides holiday meals for July 4th, Thanksgiving and Year-End Holiday dinners.



Kid's Bags

Healthy snack bags are available for children under 18 living in client homes.



In-Person Shopping

Clients shop in-person on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.



Emergency Food Bags

Emergency food is provided to anyone who comes to our door for help.



Mobile Pantry

We bring food staples, frozen proteins, dairy products, fresh produce and bakery items to a designated site for individuals who have difficulty getting to our location.



Home Delivery

Delivery is available for clients who live in Franklin and have difficulty visiting The Pantry due to medical or mobility issues.



Summer Farmers Market on The Commons

SNAP coupons are accepted for fresh, locally grown produce.



Community Garden Program

Organic, locally-grown produce is offered during indoor shopping and curbside pickup throughout the growing season.



OUR IMPACT

9,437 = The total number of unique visits to The Pantry in FY22



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1,103

people in 514 households were served by The Pantry



28% OF CLIENTS SHOPPED 2 OR MORE TIMES PER MONTH

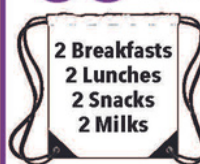


213 SENIORS 20% GROWTH
255 CHILDREN
635 ADULTS

COUNT ON THE PANTRY

63

FRANKLIN SCHOOL CHILDREN



relied on the Weekend Backpack Program for a total of

2,692 BAGS

Neighbors requested fresh produce more than any other item.



We increased the pounds we distributed by 6%. 760 pounds were from our own organic Community Garden!

26,292

bags of groceries were provided to neighbors



55% OF OUR SENIORS LIVE ALONE

The Pantry offers a place for conversation, support and relationships. Many of our neighbors pick up food for one another or offer rides for neighbors who don't have a vehicle.



Partnered with Franklin Farmer's Market to provide SNAP, increasing access points to fresh produce.

Health and wellness initiatives included blood pressure screenings and free COVID tests.

657 MOBILE PANTRY GROCERY BAGS provided at two new community sites



92% growth over the year!

663 HOLIDAY MEAL PACKAGES

were distributed to neighbors to enjoy all the fixings for family celebrations at home - 8% growth



1/4 OF OUR SHOPPERS WERE EMERGENCY VISITS (ONLY VISITING 1 OR 2 TIMES)



2,223

bags were delivered by volunteers to our neighbors who can't get to The Pantry



125

VOLUNTEERS provided 4,798 hours of work - a value of \$174K!



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*In 2023 we said goodbye to Jim Roche, Treasurer.
Thank you Jim, for your service to The Pantry!*

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*In 2022 we said goodbye to Laura Often, Communications Manager.
Anne Silver, Program Director and Kayla Sines, Volunteer Coordinator departed in early 2023.
We thank them for their time at The Pantry!*



OUR MISSION



Our mission is to alleviate food insecurity and compassionately empower our community through resources and collaboration.

OUR VISION

The Franklin Food Pantry will build a community in which everyone in need has an improved quality of life through nutritious food and supportive resources.

OUR VALUES

- Integrity - Openness and honesty in all relationships
- Collaboration - Build and foster strong community relationships
- Stewardship - Mindful that our mission is accomplished by the generosity of others
- Empowerment - Education and advocacy programs that lead to self sufficiency
- Service - Commitment to excellent service for our clients, donors and community
- Respect - Respect for the privacy and dignity of every person

Thank you for supporting our mission!

~ The Franklin Food Pantry

