

food for thought

2019-2020 REPORT

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*Creating a community where the hunger for food,
respect, and belonging is met for all people.*

We serve Everyone in our community with respect and strive to preserve the dignity of every person we encounter.

We don't just feed people, we nourish them. We listen to and get to know all of our patrons. And we listen and act on feedback from those we serve, our volunteers, and donors.

We Move the food to the people.

Our Mobile Pantries visit 10 different schools, community centers, churches, and partner agencies every month. We take food to the people, assist them in selecting fresh produce and pantry staples.

We Serve all people and never turn anyone away.

Families in need are asked only to present ID to receive 3-4 grocery bags of food every visit and can shop with us as often as needed. We also serve those who don't qualify for state aid.

We are Reliable.

Every Saturday morning we hit the streets with PB&J lunches. Since its inception, Food for Thought has never missed a Saturday morning. That's over 150,000 lunches! Through blizzards and heat waves, the people we serve know they can count on us to be there.

We provide a Community for those in need.

Hunger is only one of many things people in poverty experience. Isolation and loneliness can be just as crippling. Our innovative program includes relationship building with those we serve. **We stop for introductions and conversations with anyone who wants to connect.**



Volunteers are the heart and soul of Food For Thought. We could not run our programs as efficiently or effectively without the time, energy, and love that our committed volunteers dedicate every day. You make it possible to feed Toledo thoughtfully year in and year out. Thank you!



2007

PB&J starts happening organically
Food For Thought Toledo Inc, official launch

2009

Our first food pantry
Faithful volunteers serve PB&J lunches on
our 100th consecutive Saturday

2011

Serving at 4 mobile pantry sites
across the Toledo region

2012

Our partnership with Toledo Farmers'
Market began, helping us to continue
our mission of providing nutritious
choice in our pantries

Oregon-Maumee Bay Chamber of
Commerce recognizes **Food For Thought**
as the Non-Profit of the Year!

2013

Our healthy recipe box initiative starts,
providing dietary specific ingredients
for quick, easy meals to diabetic
patients and expectant moms

Our first Jam City event raising \$9000
A grant from ProMedica Advocacy Fund
enables us to purchase a second mobile
pantry trailer and increase mobile pantry
sites from 10 to 24 across the Toledo region

2016

Food For Thought collaborates with
faith based partners in NW Ohio and
Michigan to respond to people affected
by the Flint Water Crisis

2017

1st Eat in the Street event
Our first holiday food box distribution in
partnership with Pathway

Food For Thought turns 10!

The Toledo SOUP Award allowed us
to provide culturally appropriate food
boxes for 25 immigrant and refugee
families resettling in Toledo

2018

Our pantry warehouse moves to
Lott Industries at the beginning
of a new partnership
Our fantastic volunteers serve
PB&J lunches on our 600th
consecutive Saturday

2019

Partnering with area churches, schools,
and community centers to offer ten
mobile food pantry locations in food
desert areas.

2020

Collaborated with ProMedica Ebeid
Center to pack & deliver food boxes to
low income families and seniors during
the Covid pandemic.

Letter from the Executive Director

I am honored to have joined Food for Thought as their new Executive Director in November 2019. It is a privilege to work with an organization that has made such significant strides in the area of food insecurity. Service to others is at the core of all I do and who I am. My professional experience includes a long history of success working in the nonprofit sector. I bring this experience and passion with me to continue serving the hungry, lonely, and struggling populations of our community. I humbly take on this task and am dedicated to ensuring that we serve all with dignity and respect and build **meaningful relationships** with those we serve.

This year has been full of many unanticipated challenges, but thanks to our donors and volunteers we have been able to meet those challenges head on. Thanks also to the hard work of our Board of Directors, PB&J Lead Team, and Community Partners, we are positioned to bring about **real change** in our community.

The heart of Food for Thought lies in its ability to create a community where the hunger, for not only food but also respect and belonging, is met for **everyone**. With a solid foundation, I am confident what has been established so thoughtfully will prove able to sustain the growth the future will bring. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you and working together to **continue feeding Toledo**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tonya Scherf". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized 'T' and 'S'.

Tonya Scherf

2019 MOBILE PANTRY STATISTICS

19,173 TOTAL INSTANCES OF SERVICE



8,963
HOUSEHOLDS



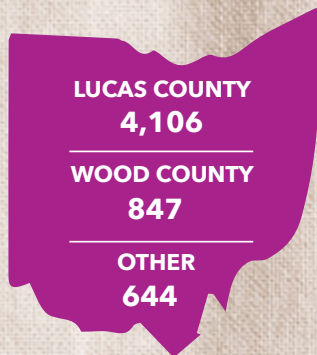
11,717
ADULTS (18-59)



3,325
SENIORS



4,131
CHILDREN

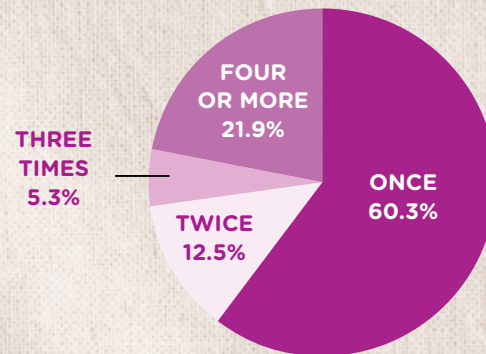


5,597
UNIQUE
INDIVIDUALS

64
COUNTIES

171
ZIP CODES

VISIT FREQUENCY BY CLIENT



1,096
TOTAL
VOLUNTEERS



1,978
TOTAL HOURS

30.25* WAREHOUSE
116 ADMIN

1788 PB&J
43** PANTRY

2020 MOBILE PANTRY STATISTICS

20,424 TOTAL INSTANCES OF SERVICE | 4,228 NEW FAMILIES



9,550
HOUSEHOLDS



12,469
ADULTS (18-59)



3,555
SENIORS



4,440
CHILDREN



4,334
of those served
live in Lucas County

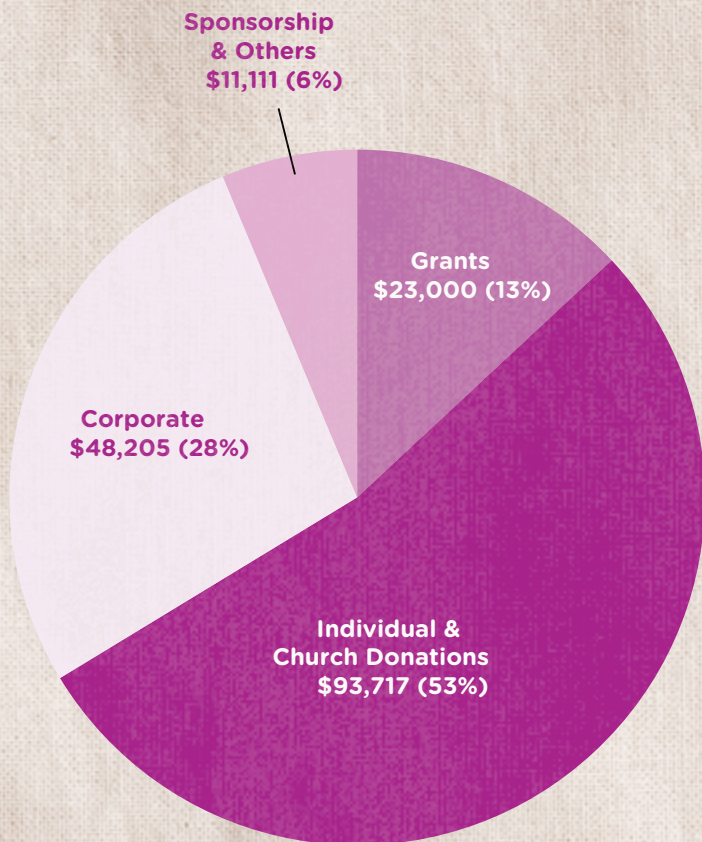
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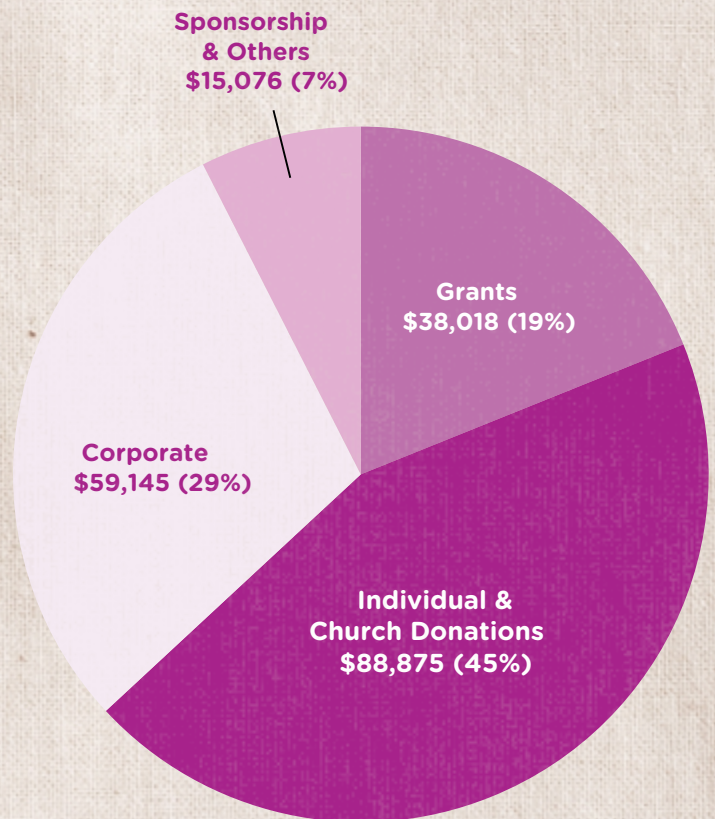
REVENUE SOURCES

2019



TOTAL INCOME: \$176,033

2020



TOTAL INCOME: \$201,114



Food For Thought was born with a vibrant heart, caring for the poor and hungry, offering both food and friendship. That alone is inspiring! But even more incredible is the fact that FFT volunteers have carried out that same act of kindness every weekend for almost 14 years without missing a single time. It is this heart and consistency we not only want to preserve but strengthen in the year ahead - to ensure that this basic passion is demonstrated in every aspect of our work. Not because we are obligated, or because it makes us feel good or look good, but because there is a need. And, that need is a 'someone' facing not just food insecurity but often loneliness as well.

**Every dollar donated helps us feed Toledo!
Go to www.feedtoledo.org to donate or simply
text the word 'DONATE' to 419-314-4866.**

THANK YOU

Without the unwavering and often sacrificial support of our volunteers, partners, and donors, Food for Thought simply would not exist. These are the real heroes who make it all possible. We offer our heartfelt thanks to all who have played such a significant role in helping us feed Toledo!

VOLUNTEERS

Individuals
School groups
Church groups
Corporate groups
Teams

DONORS

Corporations
Churches
Schools
Individuals
In-kind donations
Event sponsors

FOOD SOURCING PARTNERS

Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank
Seagate Food Bank
Sam Okun Produce Company
Enpuzzlement
Walt Churchill's Market
Market on the Green
Local Farms
Corporate & Business Food Drives

PROGRAM PARTNERS

Lott Industries
Toledo Farmer's Market
The Friendly Center
Wonder Hostess Thrift Shop
Faith Community Church
Crossroads on 23
Nova Faith
St. Paul's Episcopal
Waite High School
Agape Community Center
BGSU
First United Methodist Church (Bowling Green, OH)
Augsburg Lutheran Church
Indiana Ave. Missionary Baptist Church
The University Church
Trinity Episcopal Church
TARTA
Starbucks
Planet Fitness
ProMedica Ebeid Center

BOARD MEMBERS

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