



## 2022-2023 Impact Report

**Getting food to people who need it**



## **Values**

**Community  
Sustainability  
Collaboration  
Innovation  
Equity**

## **Mission Statement**

**The Berkeley Food Network  
seeks to end hunger and poor  
nutrition by using innovative,  
community-centered solutions  
to build a more sustainable,  
resilient, and equitable  
food system.**



Dear Neighbors,

BFN had a successful year addressing community needs despite COVID-related challenges. Weekly, we provided fresh, healthy foods to approximately 6,500 people through BFN direct distributions and through our vast partnership network. This year, BFN amplified our focus to provide high-quality support for individuals and families with respect and dignity.

This past year remained difficult for our neighbors. A significant number of them faced job losses and experienced cuts to the expanded COVID-era social safety net benefits they relied on heavily to support their families. At the same time, the expenses associated with groceries and housing in the Bay Area continued to soar, placing many in the challenging position of having to choose between nutritious food and rent. We sincerely thank all of the donors, volunteers, and partners for their support over the past year, which bolstered our collective efforts to address the urgent issue of food insecurity within our community.

We are actively enhancing and refining our efforts to continue to support our neighbors through high-quality and dignified services. We are listening and learning from our community and evolving what we do to make the greatest impact in their lives by staying responsive to their diverse needs and lived experiences.

Last year Sara Webber, our founding Executive Director retired. The Board wishes to express its appreciation for Sara's remarkable leadership. Her commitment and vision played a key role in advancing BFN to new achievements. Under Sara's guidance, BFN consistently delivered fresh and healthy food to our community while expanding our partnerships and services to provide support of the highest quality, always with respect and dignity. Sara's dedication and determination have been a source of inspiration, and her legacy will continue to propel our mission.

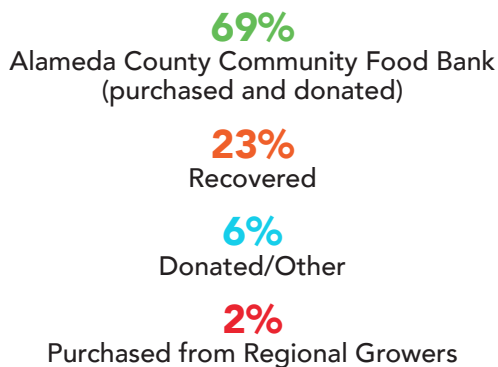
We could not have completed another successful year of getting food to those who need it without the participation of our donors, volunteers, partners, staff, and community. We look forward to the coming year of maturing even further. With profound gratitude, we thank you for supporting BFN and partnering with us to eradicate food insecurity in our community.

In partnership,

**Deborah Lewis**

Board Officer, Chair

# The Year at a Glance



**Your ongoing support helps us continue to grow our food purchasing budget to support regional producers, contribute to a resilient local food system, and provide healthy groceries for even more partners and community members in the coming year.**



# Our Network of Support



**COLLABORATION & COMMUNITY**



## INNOVATION

# Member Choice Pantries— Dignity, Agency, and Empowerment



Thanks to your support, we've enhanced our pantry distributions by placing a stronger emphasis on improving the overall experience for our community members. We've implemented changes to the check-in process at both our 9th Street Pantry and Neighborhood Pantries, significantly reducing the stigma often associated with seeking food assistance.

Now, our members receive a colorful BFN Pantry Member card upon arrival, which is scanned to welcome them into this community-driven effort. Many have expressed that this card instills a sense of belonging, likening it to a membership experience similar to Costco or their local library.



**9th Street Pantry**  
**694 households**  
**served weekly**



**14 Neighborhood Pantries**  
**250 households**  
**served weekly**





## Meeting Increased Need

When expanded COVID benefits expired last spring, BFN saw a surge in pantry visits and new member sign-ups. This tells us our neighbors are still struggling to provide healthy food for their families and view BFN as a reliable form of community assistance. Your support enabled us to once again ramp up at a critical time.

**In the spring of 2023 we saw a...**

**↑ 24%**  
increase in new pantry member sign-ups

**↑ 58%**  
increase in overall pantry visits

## Shifting Language and Power Dynamics

In food assistance work, there can be an inherent power imbalance between those giving the food and those receiving services. BFN is consistently working to balance this dynamic. This year, we began referring to those we serve as “members” to create a more equalizing and empowering environment, paving the way for deeper engagement and trust with our community in the coming years.

## Growing Member Choice

Our pantries resemble a farmer’s market to allow members to select the items and quantities they need, promoting dignity and reducing food waste. With your support this coming year, we will implement layout changes to our 9th Street Pantry to deepen our commitment to these values. The pantry will shift to a grocery store experience in which members will hand-select items off of shelves and produce displays, just as if they are shopping in a market.





## COLLABORATION & COMMUNITY

# Supporting and Expanding the Local Food Security Network



**34** partner organizations received food from us to serve their communities.

Our West Berkeley Warehouse is a food hub for a network of service providers in Northern Alameda County. Known as our Distribution Partners, many of these organizations are smaller grassroots efforts that are deeply engaged in their communities but lack the capacity to

source or store large amounts of food. These organizations get anywhere from 3%-100% of their food from BFN to operate their own pantries, distributions, and meal programs.

We established a formal onboarding and application process for new Distribution Partners to join our mission. With two new organizations joining the program last year, there are six more on the waitlist and we look forward to expanding our reach further.

BFN continues to adhere to high food safety guidelines, providing the backbone systems that allow our Distribution Partners to provide safe food. These guidelines include standards for:

**Storage • Freshness and Quality • Temperature • Transportation**



*"BFN has been critical in providing food whenever we are low in between deliveries from the food bank. Without BFN, we wouldn't be able to keep our pantry stocked during the busy parts of the semester! The quality and variety of produce direct from farmers that we receive through BFN was better than anything we get elsewhere. I love how y'all are always improving and changing things up. It is very encouraging to know that BFN is not stagnant but working to meet people's and programs' needs."*

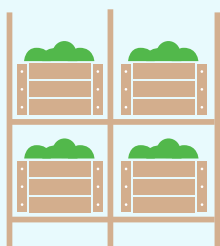
-Natalia Semeraro, Food Resource Coordinator, [UC Basic Needs](#)



## EQUITY

# Fresh Food to Doorsteps

Despite our wide reach, many community members still struggle to access healthy food due to time, mobility, or transportation challenges. BFN reduced barriers to healthy food by bringing it directly to the homes of our highest-need neighbors through our Home Delivery program. Each box is customized to the household's dietary and lifestyle needs and includes a wide variety of local produce, high-quality proteins, and shelf-stable items. We rely on a network of our own volunteers and organizations like [Help Berkeley](#) and Berkeley Public Schools Fund to distribute groceries.



**50** vulnerable households receive weekly grocery boxes

**75** percent are households with seniors

## COLLABORATION

# Feeding the Body and Mind—Addressing Student Hunger

The impact of food insecurity on students and learning is profound. Lack of consistent access to nutritious food at home can have dramatic effects on a student's academic performance and health outcomes later in life.

**In partnership with the [Berkeley Public Schools Fund](#) and its team of volunteers, we provided 1,000 food-insecure Berkeley Unified School District (BUSD) households with weekly grocery bags to every school in the district.**

During COVID, many food banks pivoted to grocery bags as a method for distributing food in order to align with health protocols. As we grow our commitment to centering community members in our services, we are listening to the needs of BUSD families and working with Berkeley Public Schools Fund to redesign how best to serve them with more choice and agency.





## SUSTAINABILITY

# Reducing Waste with Food Recovery

We partnered with local grocery stores and wholesale markets under [Senate Bill 1383](#) to divert surplus from landfills, saving CO2 emissions equivalent to 80 years of electricity consumption for one household!<sup>1</sup>



We are dedicated to procuring the highest quality foods possible for our members while also being an environmentally responsible organization. Last year BFN evolved our food safety standards, particularly around recovered items. We worked with our partners to ensure much of this food is the same quality you would expect to see at the grocery store.

About 80% of what we received from recovered partners was safe to distribute, saving our lean organization the time, resources, and money required to sort and compost food unfit for distribution.



## BFN's Future of Food Recovery

BFN seeks to connect with regional producers and growers to rescue pallet-size quantities of recovered food. The most effective way to reduce food waste is to recover food at the source, creating a better opportunity to resolve food insecurity. As a regional distribution organization, this will ensure we can maintain equity in food choices and quality throughout our programming and for our vast partner network.

<sup>1</sup> <https://watchmywaste.com.au/food-waste-greenhouse-gas-calculator/>





## Second Helpings with the Hub Kitchen

Berkeley Food Network is committed to finding innovative solutions to reduce food waste and to provide the most vulnerable members with high-quality and nutritious food. Our Hub Meals program does just that by transforming recovered food into vegetarian single-serving frozen meals. Three days a week, a dedicated team of volunteers selects food from our warehouse and prepares meals in a commercial kitchen. Many of these meals are 99% recovered food with only key items purchased. Most are distributed through our Home Delivery Program to support individuals facing barriers to cooking at home, such as seniors with mobility challenges.







## COMMUNITY

# Hunger Relief Heroes

Our wonderful volunteers have been instrumental in making this past year of feeding our community a resounding success. Whether on the frontlines of our food distributions or in the warehouse, diligently packing Home Delivery boxes, these dedicated individuals have helped us create a culture of dignity and community while keeping our operations running smoothly.

**589** = **17,389** = **8.4**  
 active volunteers      volunteer hours      full-time staff members

We made improvements to the volunteer program to better develop and leverage our volunteers' talents and passions to meet our mission:

- Implemented new volunteer software to streamline scheduling and volunteer intake.
- Provided volunteer training on trauma-informed food assistance and de-escalation in partnership with [Leah's Pantry](#).
- Launched monthly Volunteer Orientations to introduce new volunteers to BFN.







## Unsung Heroes: Warehouse Wrap-up Volunteers

Hundreds of pounds of food and dozens of community members move through our 10,000-square-foot warehouse daily, so naturally it gets a little dirty. Every afternoon, our Warehouse Wrap-up Volunteers tidy and prepare the space for another day of food delivery, sorting, and distribution. These behind-the-scenes helpers are crucial to the success and safety of our programs and operations.

There is no wrap-up job too messy or humble for Caitlyn and Stephen, which is why they've earned their nickname among staff as "The Dream Team." For the last two years, they've shown up every Thursday to mop the floors, clean up spills, and even scrub the inside of the compost bins.

*"We really enjoy it. It's not the most public or glamorous job but we love the mission and we can see how this job contributes to the whole picture."* -Caitlyn

*"At a job a while ago, I saw my boss pick up trash after a staff party at our warehouse. I remember asking him why, as the boss, he was doing that task. He said, 'You're never too high to serve others. Remember where you come from.' That stood out to me for over 10 years. That's why I'm here today."* -Stephen







## COMMUNITY

# Art as Anti-Hunger Advocacy

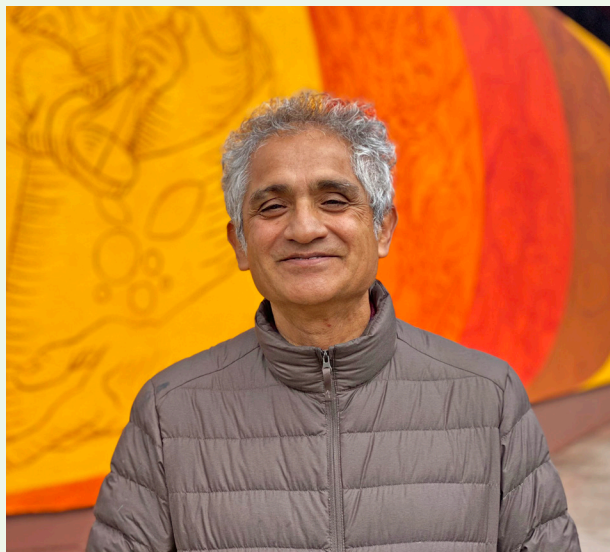


Photo by Erina Alejo

Last year, local artist Eduardo Pineda brought together staff to co-create a design and concept for a new BFN mural commissioned by the City of Berkeley. Pineda's vision for the public art piece was to generate a common understanding of food and nutrition insecurity in our community. Vibrantly wrapping around the exterior of our 9th and University warehouse, "Food For Thought" depicts 11 panels illustrating the inequitable state of food access in America; the significance of empowerment, choice, and innovation in solutions; and the vision of Berkeley Food Network for a hunger-free community.

BFN's first Open House in the spring was a community-wide commemoration and celebration of the mural.



# Partners



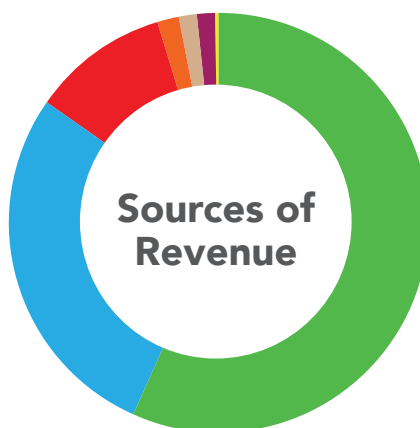
Acme Bread	Cragmont Elementary	Redwood Gardens
Agriculture and Land-Based Training Association (ALBA)	Dandelion Kitchen	Rosa Parks Elementary
Alameda County Community Food Bank (ACCFB)	Defending People's Park (People's Park Feeding Program)	Ruth Acty Elementary
Albany High School (AHS)	Dorothy Day House	Safeway
Albany Unified School District (AUSD)	Downtown Streets Team	SAHA - Strawberry Creek Lodge (SCL)
Asian Business Institute and Resource Center (ABIRC)	Earl's Organic Produce	Satellite Affordable Housing Associates (SAHA)
Bay Area Community Services (BACS)	Elaine's Love	Self-Help Hunger Program (SHHP)
Berkeley Adult School (BAS)	Emerson Elementary	SF Produce Market
Berkeley Arts Magnet (BAM)	Food Not Bombs, East Bay	South Berkeley Community Church
Berkeley Bowl	Foodz	South Berkeley Senior Center (SBSC)
Berkeley City College (BCC)	Franklin Preschool	Spiro
Berkeley Drop In Center (BDIC)	Good Shepherd Episcopal Church	St. Paul AME
Berkeley Food Pantry	Harriet Tubman Terrace (HTT)	Sylvia Mendez Elementary
Berkeley High School (BHS)	Help Berkeley	The Bread Project
Berkeley Public Schools Fund	Hopkins Preschool	The Covenant Church
Berkeley Technology Academy (BTA)	Indigenous Permaculture	Thistle
Berkeley Unified School District (BUSD)	J-Sei	Thousand Oaks Elementary
Berkeley Youth Alternatives (BYA)	John Muir Elementary	Trader Joes
Boichick Bagels	Kensington Farmers Market	UC Berkeley Food Pantry, Basic Needs Center
Bridge Church	King CDC	UC Village - The Bear Pantry
Cheeseboard	Longfellow Middle School	United for Health
City of Berkeley - Family Wellness Center	Lutheran Church of the Cross	Urban Missions
City of Berkeley - Health, Housing, and Community Services	Malcolm X Elementary	Urban Remedy
Department, Aging Services Division	MLK Jr Middle School	Village Market
City of Berkley, Public Health Division	Mother's Kitchen	Washington Elementary School
Community Liberation Program	Multicultural Institute	Whole Foods
Consider the Homeless!	Oregon Park Senior Apartments	Willard Middle School
	Oxford Elementary School	Women's Day Time Drop-in Center (WDDC)
	Passione	YMCA East Bay Head Start
	Petaluma Farms	
	POOR Magazine	

# Financials



## In-Kind Donors

Bake Sum  
The Cheeseboard Collective  
City of Berkeley, Public Works Department  
EO Products  
Fern's Garden  
Fra'Mani  
Heydey Books  
Highwire Coffee  
Hodo Foods  
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Re-Up Refill  
Ritual Coffee Roasters  
Spero Foods  
States Coffee & Bread  
Umami Home + Gift  
Wildflower + Fern



**56.6%**  
Individual Contributions  
\$833,462

**28.3%**  
Non-Government Grants  
\$416,489

**10.5%**  
Donated Commodities  
\$154,006

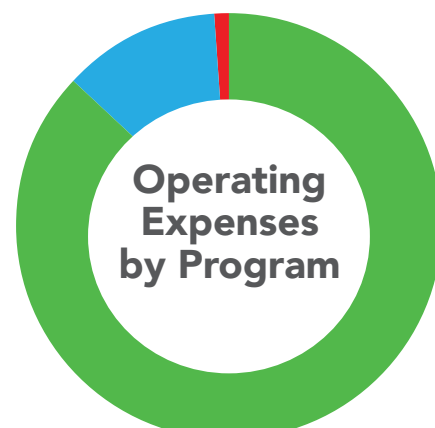
**1.8%**  
Program Revenue  
\$26,626

**1.5%**  
Employer Match  
\$22,495

**1.2%**  
Government Revenue  
\$18,000

**0.2%**  
Corporate Giving  
\$2,527

**TOTAL \$1,473,605\***



**87.1%**  
Food Sourcing and Distribution  
\$1,296,163

**1.0%**  
Advancement and Fundraising  
\$14,430

**12.0%**  
Administration  
\$178,211

**TOTAL \$1,488,804**

\*BFN relied on its cash surpluses to fund operating deficits as it handled outside needs from the aftermath of the pandemic.



# Donors



In July 2022, BFN changed our fiscal year from a calendar one to July through June. The transition created a short fiscal year of January 2022-June 2022. This donor list accounts for all funders between January 2022 and June 2023.

## Non-Government Grantors

A&P Lesbian Fund  
Alameda County Community Food Bank  
Altamont Education Advisory Board  
Bayer  
Bridge Grant (Bridge Association of Realtors)  
Clif Bar Family Foundation  
Crescent Porter Hale  
East Bay Community Energy  
East Bay Community Foundation  
Kaiser Foundation  
Medianews Group Inc.  
San Francisco Foundation  
Sunlight Giving  
UNFI Foundation  
Witkin Foundation

## Government Grantors

CalRecycle  
StopWaste

## Business and Corporate Donors

Amazon Smile  
E&J Gallo Winery  
G&C Auto Body, Inc.  
Genesys  
Moran Engineering  
North Berkeley Wealth Management  
Residence Inn Berkeley  
Star Grocery

## Recovered Foods Donors

Acme Bread  
Bake Sum  
Berkeley Bowl  
Boichick Bagels  
Cheeseboard Collective  
Highwire Coffee  
Kensington Farmers Market  
Middle East Market  
Passione  
Safeway  
SF Produce Market  
Spiro  
States Coffee x Bread  
Third Culture  
Thistle  
Trader Joes  
Triunfo Foods of California

Urban Remedy  
Village Market  
Whole Foods

## Employer Matching Gifts

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Apple  
Agilent  
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Berkeley Rotary Endowment  
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With deep gratitude and utmost admiration, BFN expresses heartfelt appreciation for founding Executive Director Sara Webber, who retired in July 2023. Sara's remarkable dedication and leadership during her seven-year tenure have left an indelible impact on the organization. Under her guidance, BFN evolved from a concept into a \$1 million organization serving over 6,500 people weekly in just five years, a testament to her exceptional influence. Her unwavering commitment to addressing food insecurity in the Berkeley and Albany communities, especially during the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic, ensured the uninterrupted delivery of vital services.

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Losing my job was devastating, and our financial situation was uncertain. To assist my family as we worked towards our economic recovery, we sought out food programs, including support from the Berkeley Food Network. The dignity of the process of receiving groceries was astounding. There was no shame in the process, only kindness and patience throughout each interaction, and the best part of all, no immigration status questions. We are forever in gratitude to The Berkeley Food Network and our community for their assistance during our most vulnerable moments.

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—Christina, former BFN pantry member