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Our Programs

The Summer Lunch Program takes place during July and August. MVFB partners with USDA’s summer feeding program and provides over 12,000 lunches and snacks to youth participating in summer activities.

The Food Rescue Program picks up perishable foods three days a week from local supermarkets and distributes them to several agencies. This program rescued over 99,000 pounds of food that would otherwise have been discarded.

The Community Market Program provides residents of four Lowell housing complexes with fresh produce and food staples at a free farmer’s market during the summer months. This year the market distributed over 15,000 pounds of food, while providing a place for the community to gather.
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THANK YOU to everyone who donated food or hosted a food drive for MVFB this year!

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**MVFB’s Food Rescue Only Sites**

- Girls, Inc.
- Lawrence Senior Center
- Living Waters
- Lowell Alliance for Families
- North Village Senior Housing
- Place of Promise

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### Map of New Hampshire

![Map of New Hampshire with locations of member agencies](image)
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- The Operation Nourish program experienced growth during the 2016 school year, when a total of over 28% of people served were children and 12% were seniors.
- MVFB distributed over 3.5 million pounds of food in Fiscal Year 2017!

**MVFB TOTAL REVENUE**

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The Operation Nourish program experienced growth during the 2016-2017 school year, when a total of 1,061 families in their communities were served. The program experienced a growth in funding from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care (DEEC) and the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to support the program.

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In July 2016 we served a new record for the number of clients served, with 204,261 people receiving nutritious food through our programs.

The MVFB continues to serve as a leader in the fight against hunger, and we are privileged to have you as partners in this important work. We look forward to continuing to serve our community in FY 2018.

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In September, runners hit the pavement in and around LeLacheur Park for our 1st Annual Miles for Meals 5K!

Naomi Prendergast was honored at our 23rd Annual Golf Tournament in September.

This year MVFB hosted our first Member Agency Conference—a chance to share ideas with our 100+ member agencies.

Our Executive Director joined the Greater Lowell Health Alliance to participate in the creation and implementation of first Greater Lowell Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), as a co-chair of the Health and Nutrition track of the CHIP.

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- We entered into a partnership with Lincoln Driven to Give in April!
- Welcoming our newest truck with some of the funders who made the purchase possible.

Every day, like the MVFB, you are working to make our community better. So thank you for being part of the MVFB FAMILY—our team. We made this year possible together.

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