MERRIMACK VALLEY FOOD BANK

ANNUAL REPORT
2017-2018

SERVING FOOD PANTRIES, MEAL PROGRAMS, AND SHELTERS SINCE 1991

Merrimack Valley Food Bank, Inc.
Dear Friends,

“TOGETHER WE CAN” is our motto, and we at the Merrimack Valley Food Bank continue to marvel at the abundance of gifts that enable us to help families access the nutritious food they need. Fortunately, there are sufficient amounts of food to go around in our community, and our country. ACCESS to healthy food, however, is still a hurdle for many of our neighbors. The good news is – TOGETHER with you, our supporters, and with our community partners we fill gaps that exist!

Some highlights from FY 2018* include:

- The MVFB has grown considerably since its early years, now providing food to nearly 64,000 individuals each month. This is accomplished through partnerships with over 100 member agencies that operate 157 feeding programs in 47 communities in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.
- We welcomed 6 new member food pantries, meal programs, schools and senior centers to access food in our Food Distribution Center, to then give to individuals and families.
- The Operation Nourish program experienced growth during the 2017–2018 school year, serving over 1,000 students (compared to 900 students in 2016–2017).
- The Greater Lowell Technical High School opened the Gryphon Market to serve students struggling with food insecurity at home.
- We experienced overwhelming generosity following the September 2018 gas explosions and fires. We purchased food for our member agencies in Lawrence and Andover, who provided relief to families who experienced this disaster, many of whom were already experiencing other challenges.

BECAUSE OF YOU, we are able to feed children, seniors, people with disabilities, veterans and working families. TOGETHER WE CAN combat hunger and help our neighbors maintain good health. Thank you for your support!

Jimmy Good  
President

Amy L. Pessia  
Executive Director

*July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

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Our Programs

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**Food Distribution**

- Stores and distributes food from USDA, MEFAP, and donors to 150+ member agency programs in 47 communities

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**Mobile Pantry**

- Delivers groceries to more than 300 homebound seniors and disabled individuals in Greater Lowell

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**Operation Nourish**

- Provides food for weekends and school vacations to over 1,000 students

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**Summer Lunch**

- Serves more than 10,000 lunches and snacks to children in July and August

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**Community Market**

- Distributes free produce at four Lowell Housing Authority properties from July - October

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**Food Rescue**

- Collects perishable foods from local stores and distributes to hunger relief agencies to prevent food waste
Our Partners

**Member Agencies**
- Alternative House
- Beverly SDA Comm. Food Pantry
- Billerica Community Pantry
- Bread & Roses
- Calvary Kitchen
- Cambodian Mutual Assistance Assoc.
- Casa Esperanza
- Catholic Charities
- CBA Yes
- Central Food Ministry Inc
- Changing Lives Christian Church
- Chelmsford Community Exchange
- Chestnut Square - Lowell (Caleb Grp.)
- Christ Jubilee Food Pantry
- Christ Church United
- Community Action-Amesbury
- Community Action-Haverhill
- Community Christian Fellowship
- Cor Unum Meal Center
- Council on Aging
- Daybreak Shelter
- Dracut Food Pantry
- Dwelling House of Hope
- End 68 Hours of Hunger
- Evangelical Church of Holiness
- Full Gospel Church
- Good Samaritan Baptist Church
- God's Helping Hand
- Grace Lutheran Church
- Grace Ministries
- Great Commission Food Pantry
- Greater Lawrence Community Action Council
- Haitian Baptist Church
- Haverhill Clubhouse
- Hearts of Life
- Hope Dove
- House of Hope
- House of Mercy
- Immaculate Conception - SVDP, Lowell
- Immaculate Conception - Newburyport
- In Need Food Pantry
- Key Program
- Lawrence Hispanic S.D.A.
- Lazarus House
- Leap 4 Education
- Leroy's Lodge
- Life Connection Center
- Lifelinks (Gilmore St)
- Lifelinks (Overlook Terrace)
- Lifelinks (Pondview)
- Lowell House Recovery Home
- Lowell House, Sheehan
- Lowell Transitional Living Center
- Megan's House
- Middlesex Comm. College - Bedford
- Middlesex Comm. College - Lowell
- Merrimack Valley Dream Ctr. (Granite United)
- Merrimack Valley YMCA
- Mobile Pantry (MVFBD)
- Mount of Prayer Food Pantry
- Neighbors In Need
- New Beginnings
- New England Veterans Liberty House
- New Hope Community Church
- North Shore Moving Market
- North Village Senior Housing, Chelmsford
- Open Hand Pantry
- Open Pantry
- Open Sky - Fitchburg
- Pathfinder-Bridgewell
- Pegasus
- Peoples Pantry
- Place of Promise
- Point After Club
- Pregnancy Care Center - Haverhill
- Pregnancy Care Center - Lowell
- Presidential Gardens
- Renaissance Club
- Rescue Ministry
- Salvation Army - Lawrence
- Salvation Army - Newburyport
- Salvation Army-Lowell
- Salvation Food Pantry - Methuen
- Shepherd's Pantry
- Sirk Building - Lowell (Caleb Grp.)
- Somebody Cares
- St. Basil's - Pantry
- St Benedict
- St. Charles - SVDP
- St. George Orthodox
- St. Mary Magdalen - SVDP
- St. Margaretite Dracut - SVDP
- Table of Plenty
- Tabernacle Evangelique
- Tewksbury Community Pantry
- UMASS Lowell
- UTEC
- Veterans NE Outreach
- Water Source (Fuent de Agua)
- Washington Street Baptist Church
- West Congregational Church
- Westford Food Pantry
- Women's View
- Xavier House - Nashua (Caleb Grp.)

**MVFBD's Operation Nourish**
- Bartlett School
- BRIDGE Program
- Greenhalge School
- Greater Lowell Technical High School
- Lincoln School
- Lowell High School
- LHS Mill Market
- McAuliffe School
- Middlesex Community College
- Moody School
- Morey School
- Murkland School
- Robinson Middle School
- Rogers School
- Stoklosa School
- Washington School

**MVFBD's Community Market**
- Bishop Markham Village
- Francis Gatehouse Mill
- George W. Flanagan Development
- North Common Village

**MVFBD's Summer Lunch**
- Caleb Group
- Christ Jubilee
- Eagle Park
- Greater Lowell Technical High School
- George Flanagan Development
- LCHC Teen Block
- Mercier Center
- McPherson Park
- North Canal
- O'Donnell Splash Pad
- Raymond Lord Pool
- Whistler House
- YWCA

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![Map of New Hampshire and Massachusetts with MVFB Food Distribution Warehouse locations](image-url)
Year at a Glance

MVFB Total Revenue
Donated Goods and Services: $3,092,396
Contributions: $717,174
Special Events: $220,969
Program Revenue: $219,434
Other Income: $2,283

MVFB Expenses
- **Program Services**: 90%
- **General & Admin**: 8%
- **Fundraising**: 2%

Top 5 Food Company Donors
- Weetabix: 38,302 pounds
- Parlee Farms: 37,163 pounds
- Stonyfield Farms: 22,488 pounds
- Bimbo Bakery: 12,441 pounds
- L&M Bakery: 9,855 pounds

Top 5 Non-Food Company Donors
- Canstruction Boston: 78,715 pounds
- School Food Drives: 2,295 pounds
- Lowell High ROTC: 2,131 pounds
- Essex County Pre-Release: 2,081 pounds
- YWCA: 1,888 pounds

Average of 63,925 individuals served each month
Over 900 volunteers contributed 8,925 hours of service
More than 3.3 million pounds of food distributed
Events

- 24th Annual Golf Tournament: Honoring Lowell Five  
  September 11, 2017

- 2nd Annual Miles for Meals 5K  
  September 19, 2017

- 13th Annual Grape Expectations  
  May 3, 2018

- Neighborhood Pantry Raids  
  September and April
Thank You to Our Donors!

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Digital Federal Credit Union
George P. Bishop Foundation, Inc.
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