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"Food Lifeline is the most efficient and impactful organization I have found. I encourage everyone to join Food Lifeline and experience the feeling of making a difference in their communities."

- **Paul Pasquier**  
Former Board Member



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## FOOD LIFELINE'S COMMITMENT TO EQUITY



### EQUITY STATEMENT

Food Lifeline's mission is feeding people facing hunger today and working to solve hunger for tomorrow. Food justice - the belief that everyone has a human right to equitably access the nutritious and culturally relevant food that enables them to thrive - is a foundation of our mission.

At Food Lifeline we know that hunger and food insecurity are symptoms of poverty. We also know that poverty in the United States is built on a foundation of laws, policies and practices that purposefully and systemically extend opportunity to some while withholding it from others. These injustices have most often been created by and benefited white people at the expense of people of color, who are disproportionately impacted by inequity, poverty and hunger. For these reasons, Food Lifeline believes anti-racist work is essential to ending hunger.

We center people facing hunger in all that we do. We recognize their resilience and their dignity and will elevate their stories and lived experience to inform community-based solutions to end hunger. We are committed to working with all people who have been oppressed, due to race, ethnicity, citizenship or socioeconomic status, gender identity, age, and beyond, because the solutions that effectively address hunger and poverty in these communities solve hunger and poverty in all communities.

Food Lifeline invites our donors to invest in building an equitable community and to ensuring food justice for people experiencing hunger and poverty. Together we will boldly challenge harmful systems and institutions in order to advance social justice.

We recognize we are one organization among many that are already committed to creating this change in our communities. Food Lifeline will collaborate with others who will help us grow in our equity mission, and together we will help build a diverse, inclusive and equitable community where hunger doesn't have to happen.



## UNPRECEDENTED.

How many times have we heard that term since the beginning of the pandemic? It is undeniably true, over the last year we lived through unprecedented times. We found ourselves at the intersection of a global pandemic, the largest downturn in our economy since the Great Depression, and the greatest awakening of public discourse and demand for action in support of the civil rights movement since the 1960s. Nine months into fiscal year 2020, our organization's operating model was turned upside down. As a hunger relief organization, Food Lifeline's mission is deeply impacted by each of these crises. Hunger and food insecurity are inextricably linked to poverty. People of color, immigrants, refugees, and Indigenous communities are disproportionately impacted by Covid-19. Households making less than \$75,000 a year were the quickest to experience loss of employment and continue to be the slowest jobs to recover.

Despite the challenges we faced, our dedicated staff team, committed volunteers, and loyal donor community rallied in support of our mission. Not only did we stand up new distribution models and quickly replace donated food streams with purchased food through government and independent grants and programs, we also grew our network of agency partners, and mobile food programs. We directly provided emergency food boxes in our community distribution efforts. We engaged a new volunteer work force with the Washington National Guard as safety and social distancing guidelines temporarily required our volunteer program to pause. We welcomed thousands of new donors into our family as they joined us in our belief that hunger doesn't have to happen.

***I am unabashedly proud of what we accomplished this past year, but not surprised. Every year our community demonstrates a willingness to exert extraordinary effort to ensure that no child, no family goes without the food they need.***

2020 changed us, all of us, forever. We look forward to the year ahead knowing that these unprecedented times allowed us to learn, grow, re-imagine, and re-invent our work in ways that serve to make us better, more nimble, flexible, and focused on our mission.

With kindest regards,

*Linda*  
**Linda Nageotte,**  
President & CEO



## 2020 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT



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## PROGRAMS. EXPANSION. EQUITY. QUALITY.

Volume of food distributed increased by 29%

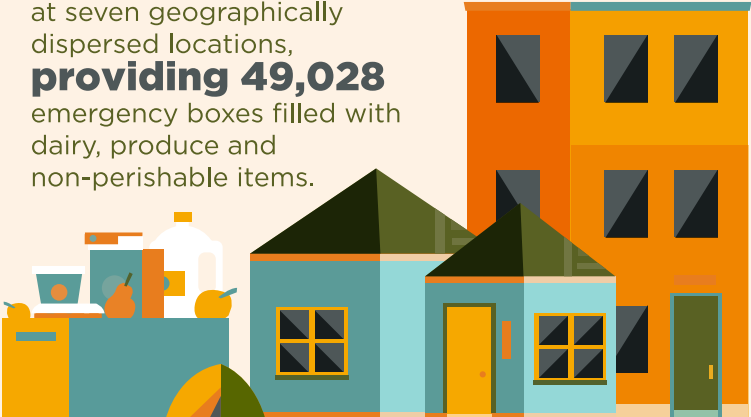
FY 2019  
58.6  
MILLION  
POUNDS

FY 2020  
75.4  
MILLION  
POUNDS

NOT JUST FOOD.  
GOOD FOOD.  
Fresh produce distribution grew 17% to  
**21.8 MILLION POUNDS**



We launched community distributions serving **12,180 households**, at seven geographically dispersed locations, providing **49,028** emergency boxes filled with dairy, produce and non-perishable items.



**Gloria Hatcher-Mays - Director, Rainier Valley Food Bank**

Every Wednesday, cars wind around several blocks at the Rainier Beach Community Center, as families wait to pick up emergency food at our community distribution.

*"We just love that our clients can find us here. These are our friends and family, and we miss them like family. It's nice to be in community with them again. To let them know we're still here for them. It's just been terrific."*

- Gloria

## AGENCY PARTNER NETWORK EXPANSION

By 28 new agencies, serving 236 food pantries, 114 meal programs & shelters, and 2 stand-alone RDOs.

We secured a grant to allocate staff and resources to work with migrant, Indigenous and refugee populations in order to strengthen our impact in underserved communities.



MOBILE FOOD PROGRAMS PROVIDED  
**158**  
DISTRIBUTIONS



at 21 sites, including schools, low-income housing, and health clinics.

**Tri-Parish Food Bank**

José Ortiz is an equity champion, and former director of the Tri-Parish food bank in Burlington. A partner in our grant, each week, Tri-Parish serves more than 600 families struggling with food insecurity.

*"Food Lifeline is an incredible partner not only with the food they supply us, but with the understanding that poverty and systemic racism are at the root of hunger."*

- José



## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Food Lifeline's summarized financial information is for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020.

### REVENUES, EXPENSES, & FOOD

**REVENUE (before donated food) \$36,344,319**

#### EXPENSES

Program services \$15,739,864  
Management and general \$2,238,788  
Fundraising \$2,451,893

**Expenses Before Food Distributions \$20,430,545**

#### FOOD

Food donations \$113,459,631  
Food distributions \$114,025,974

### BALANCE SHEET

**TOTAL ASSETS \$63,987,257**

Liabilities \$24,257,959  
Net assets \$39,729,298

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS \$63,987,257**

## OUR WORK IS NOT DONE

Funds generated from the pandemic are targeted for expanded response efforts including high volumes of food purchases, investments in our Regional Distribution Organizations, and enhanced support of communities most impacted by COVID-19.

Recovery from the impact of COVID-19 on the hunger-relief system is projected to be slow, stretching into 2025. Food Lifeline stands ready to meet the critical needs and anticipated demand for food assistance throughout western Washington.

**FOOD LIFELINE SERVED**

**917,223**  
IN WESTERN WASHINGTON



**21%**  
SENIORS

**34%**  
CHILDREN

## DONATE. VOLUNTEER. ADVOCATE.

Donors gave in record amounts.

**23,530**  
INDIVIDUALS



**593**  
BUSINESSES, FOUNDATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS responded to the surge in hunger and food insecurity.

**Advocacy Wins**  
Lawmakers Respond

We worked with lawmakers to secure emergency response funding to support hunger relief efforts statewide.



**Hunger Prevention • Racial Equity Poverty • Affordable Housing**

**15,966**  
**Volunteers**  
& 277 National Guard donated the equivalent of **79** FULL-TIME STAFF MEMBERS

*"This year has really brought the Guard into the community. It's been a remarkable partnership with Food Lifeline that is serving so many during this crisis. We've never had a mission this deeply satisfying."*



- Brigadier General Gent Walsh, WA. Nat. Guard



**WE TAKE VOLUNTEER SAFETY SERIOUSLY**

*I feel very safe volunteering and having my child volunteer with me. The benefits of volunteering with Food Lifeline outweigh the risks of volunteering during a pandemic.*

- Kimberly T

