UNPRECEDENTED

How many times have we heard that terms like the beginning of the pandemic is (un)derstandably true. Now, the best six months we lived through unprecedented times. We found ourselves at the intersection of a global pandemic, the most daunting in our history the Great Depression, and the greatest awakening of public demand and desire 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 work 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. Household making less than $15,000 a year were the quickest to experience loss of employment and continue to be the slowest to recover.

Despite the challenges we faced, our dedicated staff, committed volunteers, and loyal donor community rallied in support of our mission, and even during this unprecedented moment, we quickly ramped up essential food distribution networks with assistance from government and independent service providers. We also grew our network of agency partners, and mobile food programs, and over the next year, we distributed emergency food boxes and provide food delivery services. We engaged a new volunteer work force with the Washington National Guard as social distancing guidelines temporarily required our volunteer programs 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 rethink our way of work that serves to make us better, more nimble, flexible, and focused on our mission.

With kind regards,

Linda Nagoteff, President & CEO

2020 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT
**Financial Summary**

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

- **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

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**Agencies, Partners, Network Expansion**

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

**Volume of food distributed increased by 25%**

21.8 Million Pounds

We reached community distributions serving 12,180 households, at 16 agencies with 103 mobile distributions providing 48,038 emergency food boxes filled with non-perishable items, perishable items, and fresh produce.

**Not Just Food, Good Food.**

Food distribution goals grew from 17.4 to 21.8 Million Pounds

**Mobile Food Programs Provided**

158 Distributions

At 37 sites, including schools, low-income housing, and health clinics.

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**Advocacy Wins Lawmakers Respond**

We worked with legislation 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

**Donate. Volunteer. Advocate.**

Donors gave in record amounts.

23,530 INDIVIDUALS