

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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Mission and Vision: Providing food and assistance to people and organizations so that no one goes hungry in our community.

Growth

Each January, I find myself reflecting on the year we've just completed—acknowledging our accomplishments, identifying challenges, and finding lessons to carry forward. With reflection comes anticipation, as I look ahead to the year before us. Growth is often not a straight path; it winds through challenges, pauses in stillness, and surges forward with newfound strength.

At the Sequim Food Bank, **growth in 2024 was more than just numbers.** It was deepening our roots in the community, strengthening our partnerships, and embracing change with intention and resilience.

“*We can't become what we need to be by remaining what we are.*”

Oprah Winfrey

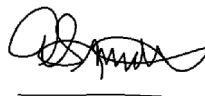
The year began with a **30% increase in demand for our services.** Families were navigating with tighter budgets and many reached out for support for the very first time. Alongside food assistance, we saw a growing need for **holistic support**—resources that go beyond hunger to address the broader challenges families face. Thanks to our **community partnerships and generous supporters,** we've been able to support the growing needs, working toward the goal of ensuring no one goes hungry in our community.

Growth also means looking inward. As we move into the new year, we are streamlining our operations, enhancing staff and volunteer roles, and building a team that is equipped to serve our community efficiently and compassionately. We are evaluating our current programs, listening closely to feedback, and ensuring we adapt to meet emerging needs.

Perhaps most significantly, we are laying the groundwork for our future. With our **feasibility study underway for a much-needed capital project,** we are envisioning a space that not only meets today's needs but anticipates tomorrow's opportunities. A larger facility will allow us to store more food, welcome more visitors, and create an environment where community partnerships can thrive.

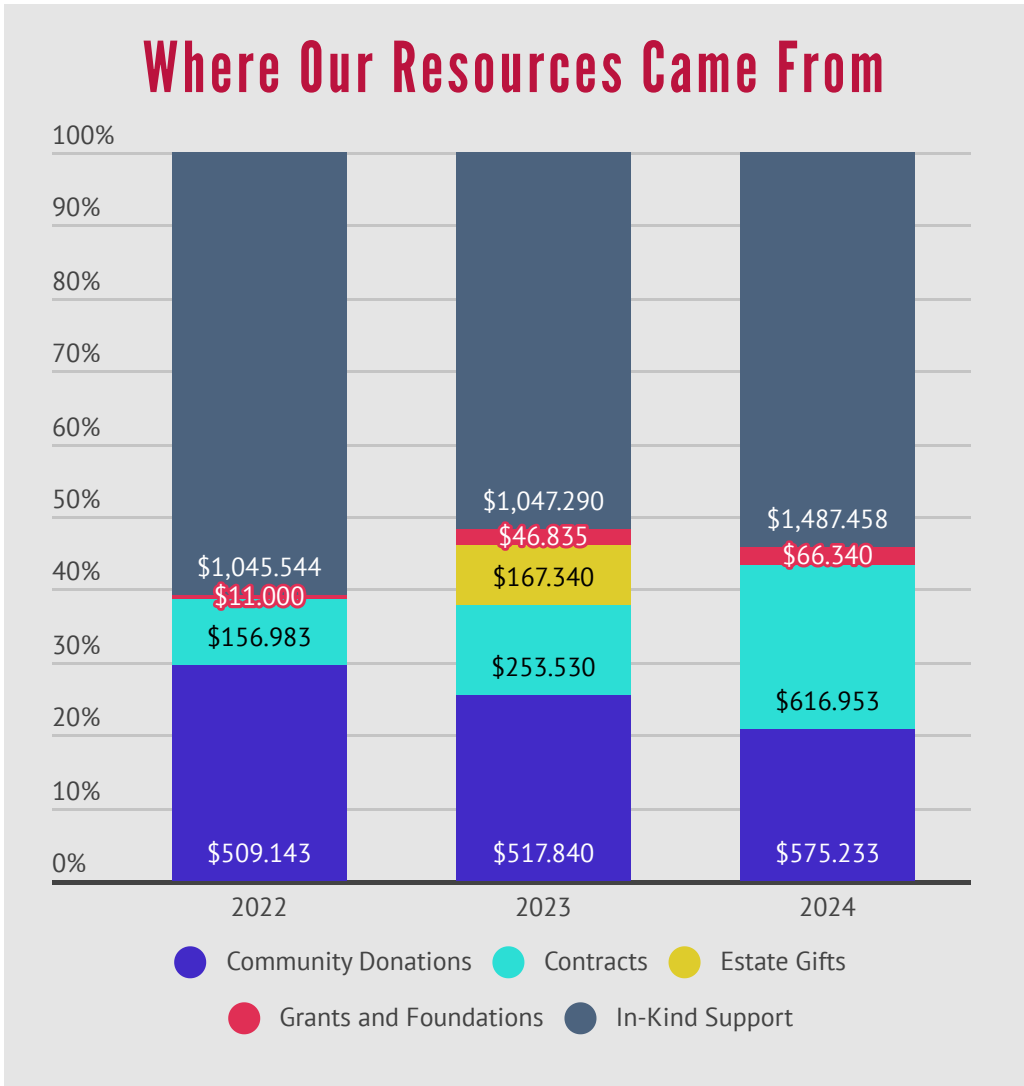
Growth is rarely easy, and it's not always linear. But every step—whether large or small, fast or slow—brings us closer to our shared vision: a community where everyone has access to nutritious food and the support they need to prosper.

Together, **we are not just growing—we are becoming,** and building a stronger, more resilient future for our community. I am grateful to share this journey with each of you.



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Executive Director

Financials



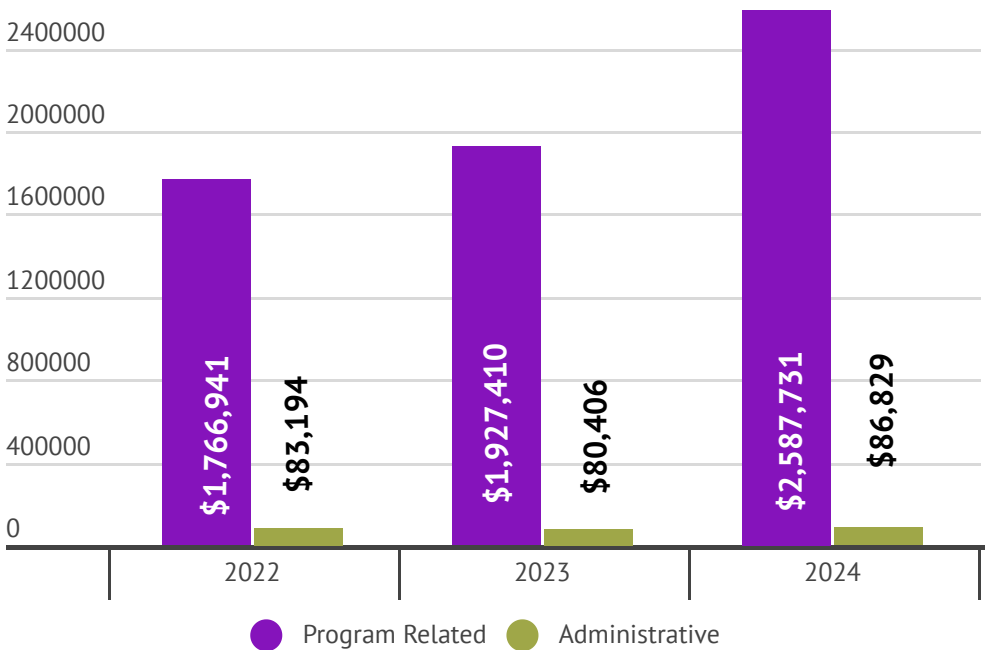
In 2024, the generosity of our community shone brightly. Community contributions, in-kind donations, and volunteer support continued to fuel our mission, ensuring no one goes hungry. Strategic grant funding allowed us to expand key programs, while local food drives and volunteer efforts brought in vital resources. Together, we strengthened our foundation, ensuring sustainability as we meet our rural community's growing needs.

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How We Use Our Resources

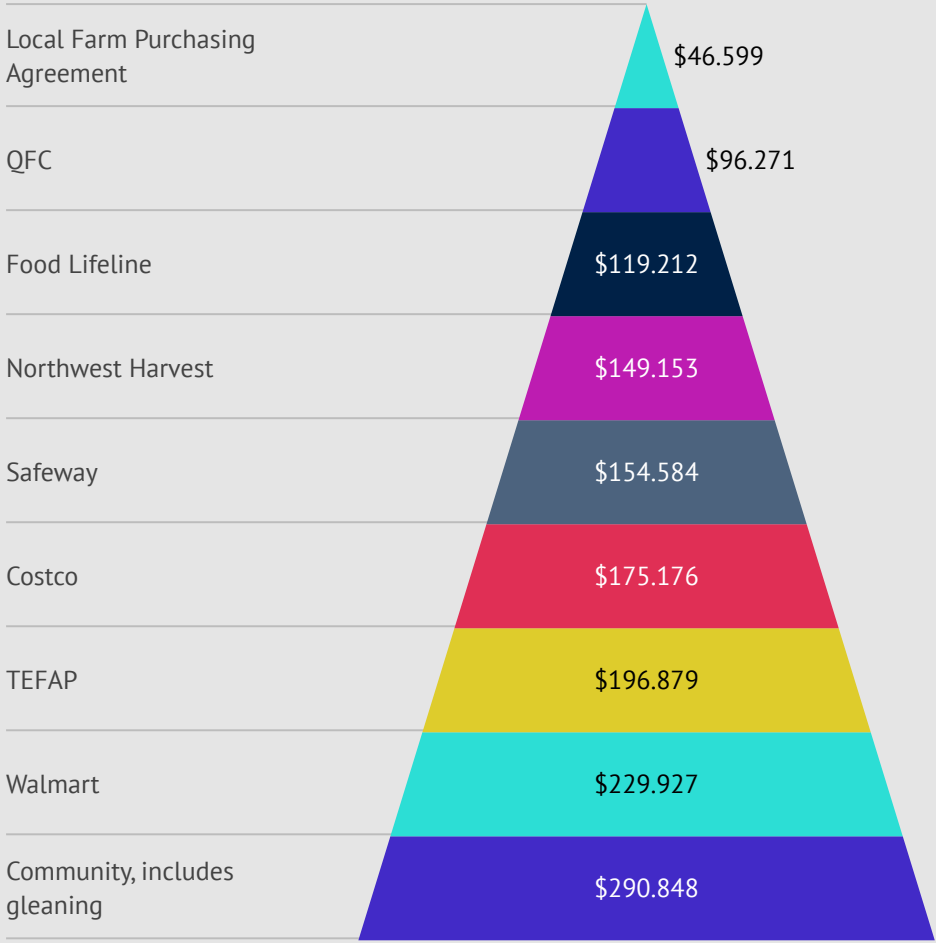
Our commitment to efficient and impactful service remained steadfast in 2024. With 97% of expenditures dedicated directly to food bank operations, every dollar was carefully stewarded to maximize its impact. Together, we worked toward the shared vision that no one in our community faces hunger alone.



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In-Kind Donations

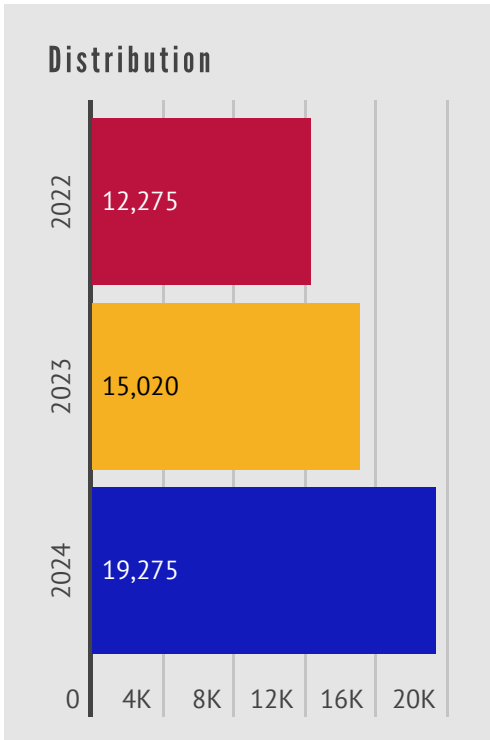


In 2024, our community partners provided invaluable support. From grocery store contributions to local farm donations and our dedicated WSU Extension Gleaning Program, the dedication helped stabilize inventory during times of increased demand. Every donation reflects the spirit of collaboration that defines Sequim, making a tangible difference in the lives of our neighbors.

Programs

Weekly Food Distributions:

The demand for food assistance continued to rise, with 3,767 households making 21,260 visits— a 20% increase from 2023. Thanks to our volunteers and community partners, we responded with care and efficiency, providing hope and sustenance to those who turned to us for help.

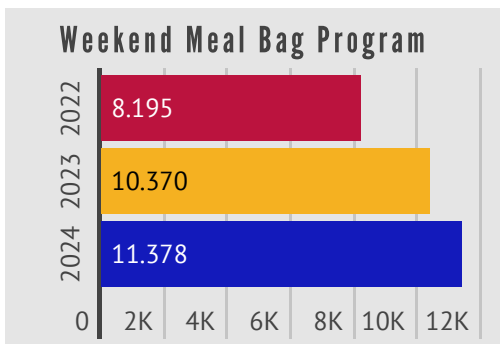
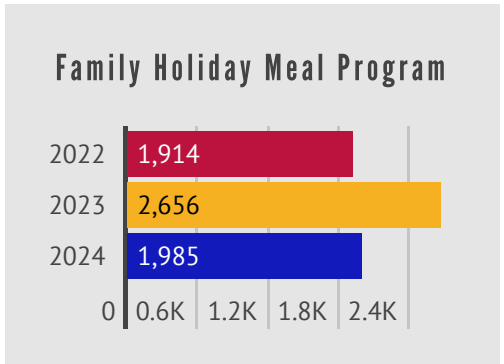


Family Holiday Meal Program:

While participation in the Family Holiday Meal Program decreased slightly in 2024, the impact remained profound. Over 125 volunteers came together to distribute meals with warmth and care, ensuring holiday traditions were accessible to everyone.

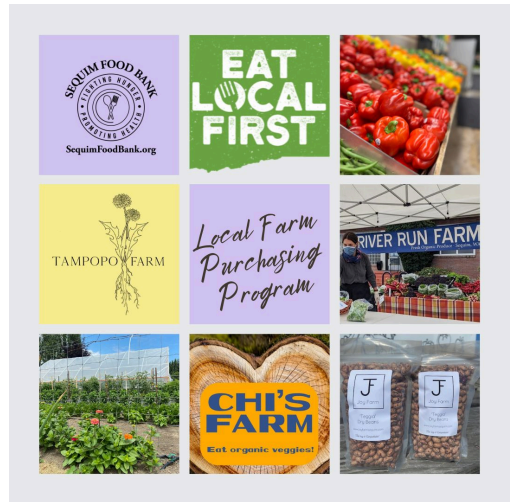
Weekend Meal Bag Program:

Feeding our youth remained a top priority. With a 9% increase in demand, we provided 11,798 meals through schools and community programs. This growth reflects our ongoing commitment to supporting families in meeting their children's needs



Local Farm Purchasing Program

In 2024, we invested nearly \$55,000 in local farm purchases, our highest expenditure to date. This program not only provides fresh, nutritious food to our community but also strengthens the local agricultural economy. By sourcing seasonal produce from nearby farms, we ensure families receive high-quality food while supporting farmers in sustaining and growing their operations.



Because of our efforts, we, along with the Port Angeles Food Bank, were recognized as 2024 Farmers of the year by North Olympic Land Trust.

This initiative creates a sustainable cycle of support, benefiting both our neighbors and the farmers who nourish our community. We remain committed to expanding these partnerships, ensuring every dollar spent enriches local agriculture and enhances access to nutritious food for those we serve.

Food Waste and Redistribution



Sustainability lies at the heart of our mission. Through our Livestock Food Recovery Program, over 67,000 pounds of food scraps were diverted from landfills, supporting local farmers and their livestock. Together, we're building a stronger, more resilient agricultural community.

Volunteers

Our volunteers are the lifeblood of the Sequim Food Bank.

Last year, **18,762 hours** were logged—equivalent to **over nine full-time employees!** Their dedication enabled us to meet rising needs with compassion and resolve, embodying the spirit of service that defines our community.



Partnerships and Other Programs

In 2024, partnerships remained a cornerstone of our success, enabling us to extend critical services beyond food assistance. By fostering relationships with local organizations, we create a vibrant support hub for Sequim and Eastern Clallam County. Over 30 partner events were hosted at the Sequim Food Bank, offering visitors access to additional resources such as housing assistance, health services, and a hot breakfast. These collaborations have proven invaluable in addressing the multifaceted challenges that our community faces



Community Services
 Please call our office for more information: (360) 453-3457

Diaper Day

Sequim Food Bank
 4th Monday of each month
 1pm to 4pm
 144 W Alder
 Sequim, WA 98382

clallamfamilycenter@icamw.org
<https://icamw.org/program/clallam>



FREE HOT BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY!

FREE MEAL THIS SUNDAY
 9:00 - 10:30

BRKFAST PROVIDED BY SEQUIM SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH



DSHS Mobile Office Oficina Móvil is Coming!

Sequim Food Bank
 144 W Alder St, Sequim WA 98382
 May 20th, 12:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Apply inside • Solicitar adentro

Food • Cash • Medical
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You can also drop off paperwork, complete a review, make changes to an existing case or request an EBT card.



Get Ready for Winter

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6
 9am - 12pm
 SEQUIM FOOD BANK
 144 W. Alder St. Sequim

We will have a limited selection of free warm clothes, gloves, blankets, hats and other winter items available.

Representatives from partner organizations will be here:

- North Olympic Healthcare Network (NOHN)
- First Step Family Support Center
- Molina Healthcare
- Peninsula Behavioral Health
- And More!



The Sequim Health and Housing Collaborative continue to play a key role in our efforts, reinforcing our vision of an interconnected network of services. Through regular partner presence, we made strides in building a comprehensive support system, helping individuals and families overcome barriers and achieve greater stability.



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