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# Impact Report

2022-2023

# Message from the Executive Director



## Mission

Yolo Food Bank works as a community to meet the food and nutrition needs of Yolo County.



Yolo Food Bank is a proud  
Feeding America Affiliate

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Yolo Food Bank's impact report. It is hard to believe I have been on board for over a year and a half. After countless conversations with you, our supporters, I want to make sure we're keeping you abreast of our progress. When FY 2022-2023 came to a close in July, we saw the highest number of households to ever participate in our public food distributions. And we were able to meet this need thanks to your support!

It was so exciting for our board and staff to begin FY 2022-2023 with a visit from US Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack and First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom. This year our organization received a landmark donation - the largest private gift here at Yolo Food Bank. It also marked a special reunion of one of our most generous partners and funders, the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, joining us once again for our annual and beloved Thanksgiving food distribution.

My focus this past fiscal year was reconnecting with many of you. While doing so, it confirmed what we all know to be true: when we collaborate as a community we are stronger. With the creation of the Food Bank's Senior Team Work Plan, our service did not skip a beat. Our Board of Directors were reinvigorated to start anew with amended bylaws and recruitment of new board members.

So as I reflect on this past year, I thank every donor and volunteer that supported us. I am especially proud of the fact that we have over 1,800 volunteers who contributed a value of over \$1.1 million in donated time. As we dive into the next fiscal year, I know that Yolo County is a generous community that sticks together, especially when times get tough. Current data tells us that demand for food assistance will persist at record levels, so we must continue to be there for our neighbors in need.

As we tackle food insecurity in FY 2023-2024, we will continue to analyze the communities we serve to ensure a consistent approach to our distributions and partners, while we look at gaps that need to be addressed. The Yolo Food Access survey will be released in winter 2024 and will inform our future work.

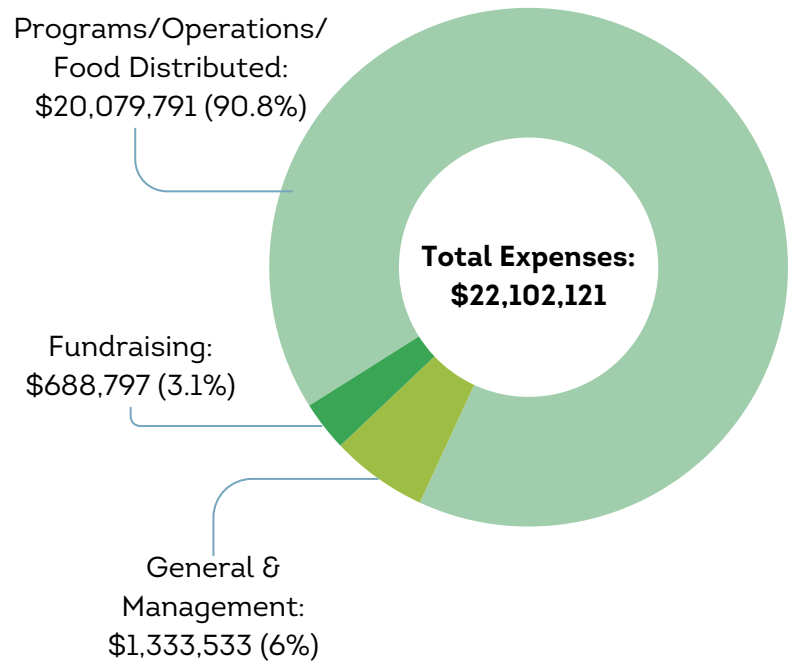
Thank you for being there for our community in need.

Warmly,

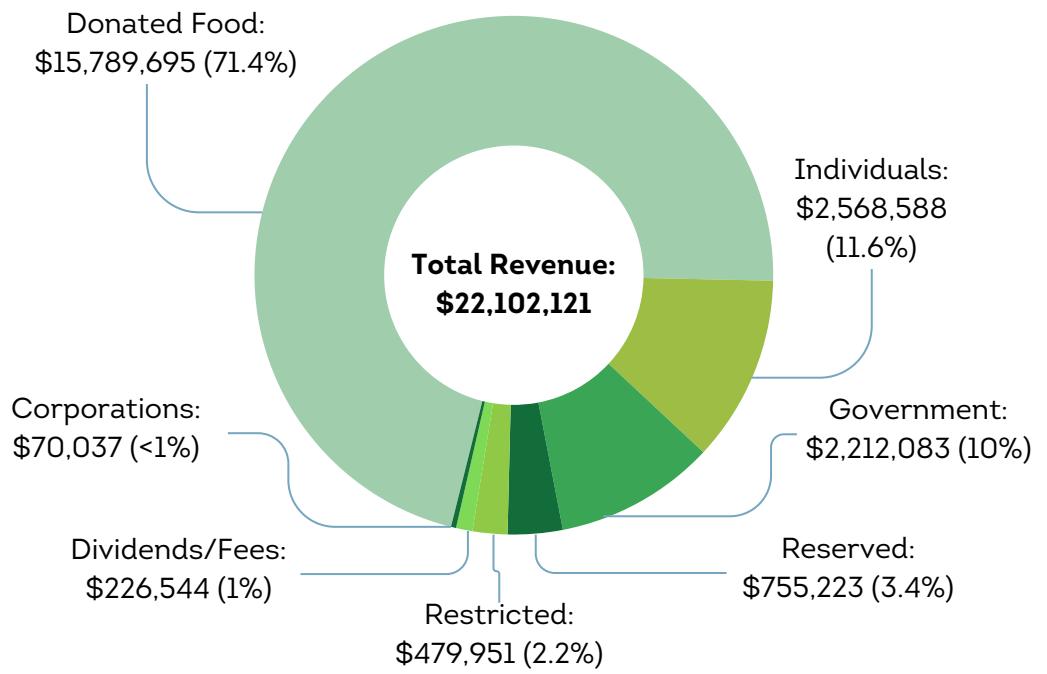
Karen Baker, Executive Director

*P.S. Our cover photo features Beatriz and her two children (ages 6 and 10), who live at the Madison Migrant Center. We are able to support families like hers thanks to you!*

## Expenses



## Revenue



*Note: Reserved funds were tapped in 2022-2023 to cover expenses that were later reimbursed in 2023-2024.*

## Board of Directors

**Elizabeth Schmitz, Chair**  
President of TOP, LLC

**Juan Barajas**  
Savory Cafe

**Dominic Bruno**  
River Garden Farms

**Jennifer Engstrom**  
Grocery Outlet - West Sacramento

**Matt Mariani**  
Mariani Nut Company

**Tammy Powers**  
Sutter Roseville Medical Center

**Jonathan Reyes**  
UC Davis

**Ned Spang**  
Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science

**Kate Stille**  
Nugget Markets

# New Initiatives



## Pop-Up Food Distributions

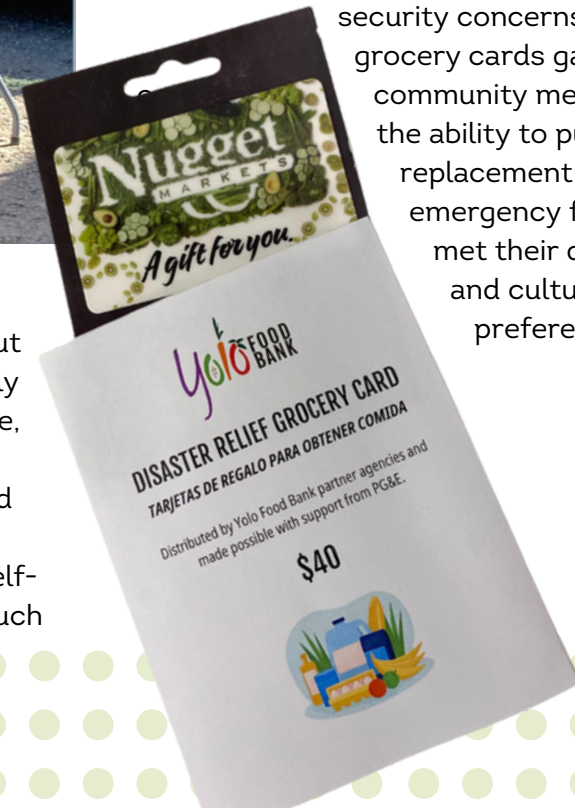
During summer and fall of 2022, Yolo Food Bank held pop-up food distributions to reach nearly 800 farmworkers and food system workers during the peak migrant farmworker season here in Yolo County. The organization worked in partnership with local farmers Durst Organic Growers, River Garden Farms, Muller Ag and local processing plant Pacific Coast Producers to host food distributions at their respective sites.

Serving primarily Latino populations but also Punjabi populations, it was not only important to source nutritious produce, but to provide culturally relevant food options for these populations. The food boxes distributed at each distribution included vegetables, protein items, shelf-stable pantry items, and other items such as tortillas and/or naan.

## Disaster Relief Grocery Card Effort

In early January of 2023, PG&E activated Yolo Food Bank to provide food assistance to vulnerable Yolo County residents impacted by the series of storms and power outages caused by the atmospheric river.

With the help of more than a dozen partner agencies, a total of 2,625 grocery cards valued at \$40 each were distributed. This effort was critical to individuals who faced everyday food security concerns, and grocery cards gave community members the ability to purchase replacement food or emergency food that met their dietary and cultural preferences.





## Student Farmers Market

This past spring, Yolo Food Bank rebranded our former Kids Farmers Market program and expanded into local high schools. Our first site at River City High School in West Sacramento was made possible thanks to the generous sponsorship of The Building Owners & Managers Association of Sacramento and the Central Valley (BOMA Sacramento).

Not only were students given 10 lbs of fresh produce, but they attended a culinary demonstration provided by local Chef Greg Desmangles of Urban Roots.

This allowed students to learn about food preparation and nutrition in a way that was both interactive and fun. They even got to take home recipe cards that taught them how to prepare the food they received that day!

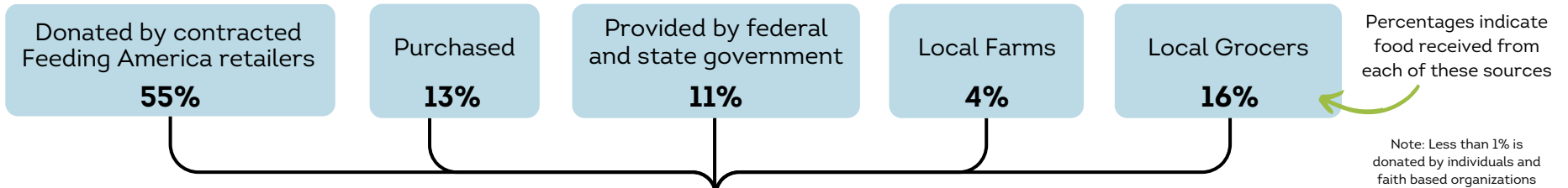
This innovative program model will continue to serve preschools and elementary schools. In FY 2023-2024, we intend on expanding to more high schools in an effort to reduce the stigma of food insecurity by normalizing access to free, local food.

## Bolstering Volunteerism

This was a transformative year for our volunteers! The first ever Volunteer Town Hall was held, where volunteers had the opportunity to connect and share ideas with food bank staff and board members. We rolled out a new software enhancing the volunteer experience, making it much easier for our volunteers to sign up for opportunities and track their hours. At our annual volunteer appreciation event, we recognized 26 Lifetime Achievement volunteers who gave over 500 hours of service to Yolo Food Bank.



# Our Food Sourcing & Distribution



"Contrary to many food banks, our organization relies on the generosity of food donors as its primary source of food in lieu of purchasing food. Because of this, our work relies on the health of the agriculture, grocery and retail industries - thus, making our food sources challenging to predict."  
 ~ Karen Baker, Executive Director

**Food is:**

- Sorted
- Weighed
- Inventoried
- Stored
- Quality Controlled



"Since FY 2020-2021, our food donations have been on the decline. Retail grocery stores have tightened up their inventory levels, and farmers have had less produce to donate, especially after such a rainy winter in 2022. This is resulting in a need to purchase more than double the amount of food this year, compared to years prior."  
 ~ Corkey Mapalo, Director of Operations

*Food that is unfit for human consumption is directed to one of these three destinations:*

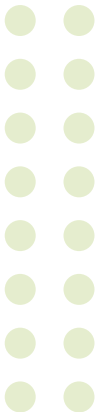
- Hog Farm
- Compost
- Landfill

**Packed**

**Distributed**

100+ monthly events sponsored by YFB reaching the community directly

Provided to Partner Agencies to reach their client base



## Yolo Food Bank Community Food Distributions



### Public

Public distribution of food and non-food items. Events occur at a variety of sites throughout Yolo County.

**24** sites  
**10,412** households\* served monthly

*\*Some households may participate in multiple food distributions*



### Student Farmers Markets

Farmers markets at preschools, elementary and high schools that support access to fresh local produce and nutrition education.

**15** schools  
**1,569** households served monthly



### Private

Private grocery distributions and home deliveries to low-income seniors and mobility-restricted neighbors.

**21** community sites  
**986** households served monthly  
**250** home deliveries

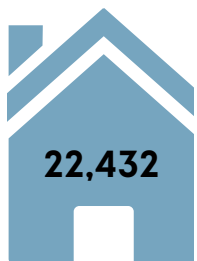


### Partner Agencies

Composed of food pantries, college campuses, healthcare facilities, faith-based and community-based organizations.

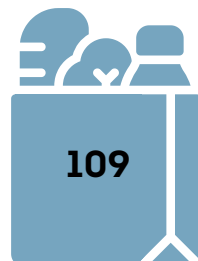
**82** partners  
**9,465** households\* served monthly

*These partners access food from our Sutter Health Partner Agency Store.*



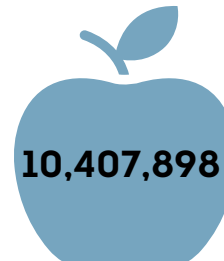
**22,432**

Average households\* served by Yolo Food Bank and partners monthly in 2022-23.



**109**

Food donors (including farmers, retailers, distributors, and processors)



**10,407,898**

Pounds of food distributed annually

These 82 partner agencies rely on Yolo Food Bank for food and non-food items.

All Leaders Must Serve  
AS UCD The Pantry  
Cache Creek Lodge  
Cal Aggie Christian Association  
Calvary Baptist Church Woodland  
Calvary Baptist Church Esparto  
Calvary Chapel of Woodland  
Calvary Chapel of Zamora  
Center For Land-Based Learning  
Church on The Rock  
• Youth Ministry  
• Victory House  
CommuniCare  
• CREO  
• Navigation Center  
• IOPCM/RW  
• Perinatal Services  
• Healthy Living With Diabetes  
• Youth Programs  
• Stimulus Use Prevention In COC  
• Transitions of Care  
Community Opportunities Housing Corporation  
• Terracina  
• Walnut Terrace  
• Windmere  
• Casa del Sol  
• Hotel Woodland  
• Winters Village  
Countryside Community Church  
Davis Community Church  
Davis Community Meals and Housing

Davis Senior Housing  
Empower Yolo  
• Davis  
• Woodland  
Food 4 U Foundation  
Fourth & Hope  
• Emergency Shelter  
• Walter's House  
• Transitional Housing  
Health Education Council  
Holy Cross  
Holy Rosary  
• Food Pantry  
• American Legion Yolo Post 77  
• Stone Soup Ministry  
• Youth Ministry  
Homeward Bound Outreach  
Hope Cooperative  
HEART of Davis  
Kentucky Avenue Church of Christ  
Knights Landing One Health Center  
Madison Community Committee  
Manna House  
Meals on Wheels Yolo County  
Mercy Coalition of West Sacramento  
Mercy Housing  
• West Beamer Place  
• Esperanza Crossing  
• West Capitol  
Our Lady of Grace  
Pole Line Road Baptist Church

Progress Ranch  
Rancho Yolo Mobile Home Park  
RISE, Inc.  
• Esparto  
• Winters  
The Salvation Army  
Shores of Hope  
STEAC  
SPERO  
Renuevo Food Closet  
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
Trinity Presbyterian Church  
UCD Aggie Compass, Basic Needs Center  
United Methodist Church  
West Sacramento Baptist Church  
West Sacramento Seventh Day Adventist Church  
Woodland Bible Church  
Woodland Christian Center  
Woodland Community College Foundation  
Woodland Volunteer Food Closet  
Yolo Community Care Continuum  
• Haven House  
• Safe Harbor  
• Farmhouse  
• Homestead  
Yolo County African-American Association  
Yolo County Children's Alliance  
• Family Resource Center  
• Home Visit Program  
Yolo Crisis Nursery