



2020

ANNUAL REPORT

FEEDING THE BORDERLAND



Susan Goodell

Chief Executive Officer

"We are committed to placing the people we serve at the center of our humanitarian efforts as we work to end hunger across the Borderland."

Looking back at 2020 I remember the feeling of hardly coming up for air. We put some of the strictest COVID-19 guidelines in place for a food bank in the nation. While other food banks experienced closures, we somehow stayed open and kept making sure people in need were fed. To put it in plain terms, staff worked to exhaustion. Staff literally ran, sometimes in over 100-degree heat to get food to neighbors experiencing hunger in El Paso, Hudspeth, and Culberson counties. This was the hardest working team of people, (volunteers and staff) I have ever led in my decades of working on food insecurity.

Even more moving were the incredibly long lines of cars waiting to receive desperately needed food, here at the food bank and at mobile pantries operated by our partner agencies. In 2020, we encountered so many hungry children, incredibly frail homebound seniors, disabled people, and those in quarantine who needed home deliveries of food in record numbers, as well as the urgent preparation of emergency food boxes at an alarming rate.

In 2020, we distributed over two million emergency food allotments, fed 3,100 seniors living on \$400 to \$600 a month, and 1,600 households were served weekly, through home delivery. Our social services coordinators assisted not only with the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps, but also with all State benefits such as all Medicaid programs and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, doing everything possible to help families experiencing hunger.

Some of our clients needed help for just a short period, others needed help longer as jobs evaporated and too many lost their primary breadwinner, experienced significant health challenges, and other hardships. During 2020, a record 238,645 of people in need were served at mobile pantries alone.

Please know how important our generous donors are to our work. El Pasoans Fighting Hunger is a charity and relies on donations to exist. We are a proud member of Feeding America and Feeding Texas, organizations that help us find food at low cost. In fact, for every dollar donated to El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank, we can provide food for seven meals.

We are so proud to be a part of this incredible community, and we will do everything in our power to make you proud of being a part of our mission so that no one goes hungry.

Thank you to everyone who supported us in 2020!



Stuart Schwartz

Chairman of the Board

"Bless all those who cared so deeply about their neighbors experiencing hunger and stepping up as Hunger Warriors. We salute you!"

Rarely has a charity experienced a more incredible year than El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank did in 2020. The growth of pounds distributed grew by 330% (32.5 million pounds in 2019 to \$139.7 million pounds in 2020).

Throughout the entire year of 2020, the staff worked long hours, remained in place, and never left their posts, even before immunizations were available to fight the pandemic. They followed all CDC and local health protocols to stay healthy and keep distributing food to avoid the clear danger of the consequences of food insecurity in the borderland. Supply chain issues complicated the process of procuring food. The staff had to immediately work harder and smarter than ever before.

The staff went from 35 people to 80 people or 129% growth. The workload was tremendous for those who quite simply gave everything they had to make sure no one went hungry. They were helped by brave volunteers and others covered by special grants who stepped up at a scary time in our nation. Those who stepped up included the National Guard, Team Rubicon, AmeriCorps, and Get Shift Done.

I must recognize the CEO of El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank, Susan Goodell, who was awarded the Community Spirit Award by El Paso INC. Her leadership made all the difference during a year that challenged all of us to our limits.

Finally, I will never forget the incredible generosity of this beautiful border community. Individual donations grew by 538% (\$422,057 in 2019 to \$2,692,677 in 2020). A once in a lifetime donation came from the Chicago Community Foundation (by way of MacKenzie Scott). The \$9,000,000 donation at the end of December 2020 was desperately needed in 2021 to meet the needs at a time when the pandemic continued. Our resources were depleted, and it was clear there would be much less funding available from government resources. So, 2020 is behind us but not forgotten.



EL PASOANS FIGHTING HUNGER FOOD BANK

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139.7
MILLION
POUNDS

**POUNDS OF FOOD
DISTRIBUTED
TO PEOPLE IN NEED**
116,416,667 MEALS



2+
MILLION

**DISTRIBUTIONS
TO INDIVIDUALS
& FAMILIES**

5

MEGA-PANTRIES

132

PARTNER AGENCIES

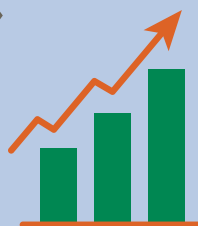
We rely on partnerships with partner agencies to help distribute food each week throughout El Paso, Culberson and Hudspeth counties. A partner agency is an authorized 501c3 organization that includes churches, soup kitchens and shelters.



543

MOBILE PANTRIES

EPFH uses its refrigerated trucks in collaboration with partner agencies to distribute nutritious food to families who live in under-served or unserved neighborhoods.



330%
**GROWTH IN FOOD DISTRIBUTION
FROM PREVIOUS YEAR**



3,412

COMMODITY
SUPPLEMENTAL
FOOD PROGRAM
BOXES FOR
EXTREMELY LOW-
INCOME SENIORS

52,111

HOME
DELIVERIES



3RD
LARGEST
FOOD BANK
IN THE
NATION

IN FOOD
DISTRIBUTION
PER FEEDING AMERICA

STAFF

Grew from **27** employees
in 2019, to **78** in 2020.

Incredibly small staff for
the workload.



2,555

VOLUNTEERS

Throughout 2020, 75% of our volunteers from the food bank and our partner agencies, were first time volunteers! Volunteers served at EPFH Warehouse, Mobile Pantries and Distribution sites across El Paso.

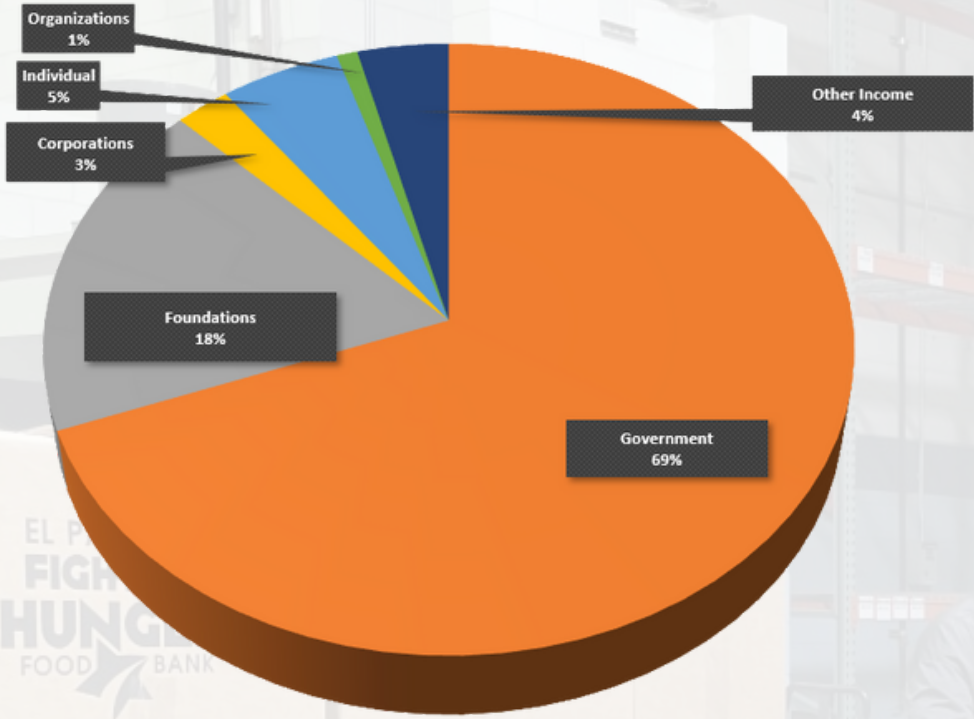
We are also incredibly grateful to the following organizations for coming to our aid when most needed.

National Guard AmeriCorps Workforce Solutions BorderPlex
Get Shift Done Team Rubicon



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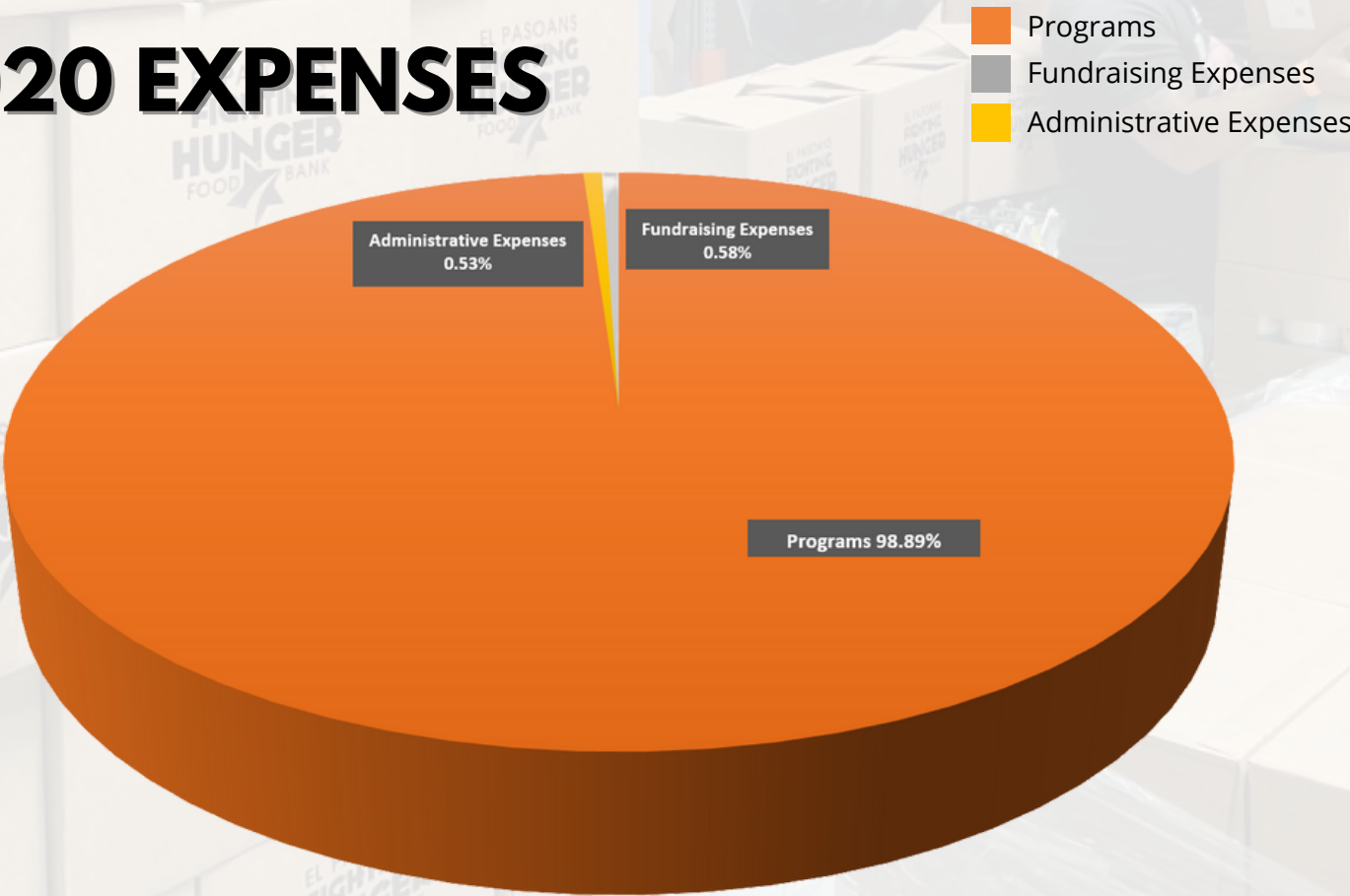
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2020 REVENUE

- Government
- Foundations
- Corporations
- Individual
- Organizations
- Fundraiser
- Other Income

2020 EXPENSES



- Programs
- Fundraising Expenses
- Administrative Expenses

El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank is here to serve you!

"Together, we can ensure that no one goes hungry!"



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