



## *Addressing Food Insecurity in 2022*

**2022 was a year of ups and downs, as Seven Loaves Food Pantry navigated food shortages, continued effects from the pandemic and increased pantry attendance. While Covid restrictions began to ease, grocery prices increased and supplemental pandemic benefits decreased. We began to see new patrons registering each month and increased attendance from our returning households as the fear of increased prices, decreased resources and food shortages began to further affect the lives of those facing food insecurity.**

**Throughout all of the challenges, Seven Loaves continued to provide quality nutritious foods for our patrons. Weekly distributions included meat, deli, dairy, fresh produce, bakery items and important shelf stable foods. Families with children continued to receive our snack packs with nutritious items geared towards kids. We provided diapers and wipes on a regular basis and occasionally offered household, hygiene and paper products. When the formula shortage hit, generous community donors kept us supplied with formula to provide for our families with infants. We received more than we needed and we were able to share with another local pantry in need of formula. Fall and Winter were our busy season, as households faced additional food needs with the holiday season. Special food drives and donations allowed us to prepare special holiday meal bags for Thanksgiving and Christmas, including a gift certificate for a turkey or ham.**

What started as a temporary outdoor approach to distribution during Covid became our normal method, with patrons being served at their cars in the parking lot. While we ask patrons about their special requests and try to tailor the food bags to specific household needs, we wanted to increase the opportunity for patrons to have some food choices. As a result, we began offering a mini "shopping" experience during distribution. An outdoor table with unique shelf stable items, bakery and surplus produce is set up outside of the pantry for patrons to browse while waiting for their food delivery. This has become a way for patrons to connect with others as well as choose a few novelty or extra items for their household.

We increased our community outreach through off-site food distributions in Aldie, providing food boxes to rural, underserved families. Our summer lunch box drive brought in over 250 new lunchboxes which were filled with a healthy snack and distributed at a Back-to-School Market in August. We were represented at multiple community events, including Art in the Burg and the Middleburg Christmas Parade. The increased awareness of Seven Loaves in our community has helped us continue our mission, to provide nutritious food to those in need in a respectful environment.



Watch our video



**Donations from Stores**

Local grocery stores that partner with Feeding America's food reclaiming program help reduce waste of excess food and allow pantries like ours to provide meat, deli, dairy, produce, bakery, and non-perishable items to those we serve.

- Harris Teeter | **22,887**
- Ibs. Giant | **87,295 lbs.**
- Walmart | **52,090 lbs.**

**Grand Total | 162,272 lbs.**



## **Community Donations**

We believe in building community through food, and the outpouring of support this year from the local community was abundant. Every single pound counts!

**Grand Total | 32,470 lbs.**

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## **Farmer's Markets**

From May to December each year, farmers at the Archwood Green Barns Farmers Market allow us to glean surplus produce.

**Grand Total | 5,698 lbs.**



## **Pounds of Food Distributed**

**Grand Total | 182,152 lbs. over 131 distribution days**

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## **Partnerships**

We would not have been able to serve those in need without the support from our many community partners. Whether donations of food, financial resources, equipment or volunteer time, our community rose to show the spirit of giving and service.

### **Churches**

- ◆ Aldie United Methodist Church
- ◆ Church of Our Redeemer
- ◆ Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church
- ◆ Emmanuel Episcopal Church
- ◆ St. Stephen the Martyr
- ◆ Middleburg United Methodist
- ◆ Church Middleburg Baptist
- ◆ Church
- ◆ Shiloh Baptist Church
- ◆ Long Branch Baptist Church
- Trinity Episcopal Church

## ◆ **Community Organizations**

- ◆ The Hill School
  - ◆ Middleburg Community Charter School
  - ◆ The Town of Middleburg
  - ◆ Middleburg Business and Professional Association
  - ◆ Middleburg Police Department
  - ◆ Oak Springs Garden Foundation
  - ◆ School Hill Gardens
  - ◆ Aldie Ruritan
  - ◆ Sancho Food America
  - ◆ Mars Foundation
  - ◆ Dulles South Food Pantry
  - ◆ Loudoun Hunger Relief
  - ◆ Peas & Grace Food Pantry
  - ◆ Middleburg Humane Foundation
  - ◆ Upperville Horse Show
  - ◆ Northwest Federal Credit Union
  - ◆ Truist Bank
  - ◆ Atlantic Union Bank
  - ◆ Primis Bank
  - ◆ Middleburg Library
  - ◆ Loudoun County
  - ◆ Blue Ridge Area Food Bank
  - ◆ Archwood Green Barns Farmers Market Vendors
  - ◆ Upperville Garden Club
  - ◆ Boy Scouts of America
  - ◆ National Charity League
  - ◆ Young Men's Service League
  - ◆ Windy Hill
  - ◆ Greenhill Winery
  - ◆ Fields of Athenry
  - ◆ 100 Women Strong
  - ◆ Community Foundation of Loudoun and Northern Fauquier
  - ◆ Counties Local Farms
  - ◆ Volunteers
  - ◆ Middleburg Safeway
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## **Programs**

**Kids Bags Program | 18,690 lbs. and 1,764 Bags distributed**



## **Volunteer Hours**

This mission would not be possible without the dedication of our volunteer grocery store drivers, delivery drivers, food distributors, stockers and organizers, and administrators.

**Grand Total of Volunteer  
Hours | Over 2,000 hrs.**

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## Households Served

Households served in these Counties/Cities:

- Loudoun | 45%
- Fauquier | 11%
- Warren | 11%
- Others: Frederick, Clarke, Prince William, Fairfax, Winchester, Culpeper

**Grand Total Households | 3,923 duplicated and 297 unique**



## Individuals Served

Age groups served:

0 to 18 Years | 35%

19 to 59 | 48%

60 + Years | 17%

**Grand Total Individuals | 13,214 duplicated and 1,067 unique**

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