For me, 2016 was the year of the zipper. I have always been somewhat amazed at how zippers work. The slider moves up and down to either bring the zipper chain together or take it apart. It seems so easy yet something special happens when that slider moves. You would think that something brought together so easily and taken apart so easily would fall apart easily but zippers are actually very strong! But, as we all know, just let a small thread or piece of cloth get in the slider and everything comes to a halt. You have to stop, go backwards, remove the offending item and start over. Sometimes it gets so stuck you have to really pull, tug and wiggle, hoping you don’t break one of the chain’s teeth. Then if you break a piece of the chain it pretty much ruins the zipper and you have to always work around the damaged area.

Well, last year was like using a zipper for us at the Arkansas Foodbank. On January 1, 2016 we began to bring together two different organizations with strong skills and resources but with gaps in their strengths. Through the merger we wove those strengths together to form a much stronger chain that will help us support hundreds of local agencies and feed thousands of hungry Arkansans. Many times an issue would come up and block progress. We often had to go backwards in order to move forward again. The board, leadership team, and staff spent hours working on each issue to allow us to go forward without damaging the strengths of both organizations.

At the end of 2016 I feel we can say the zipper is all the way up! We are truly merged as organizations and we can really begin to focus on our future together. We set out to come together so we could provide more food to those in need, serve more people and increase in efficiencies. In 2016 we distributed 25 million pounds of food! That is more than both organizations distributed jointly in 2015. We were able to do this by increasing efficiencies and working on a final operating budget that saved us more money in 2016.

I had no idea that 2016 was going to mean so many things for this organization. I am so proud of how resilient staff has been in raising the bar during a transition year and forever grateful to all of you who helped make a difference for so many children, families, and seniors in our state. Our eyes are now focused on making 2017 as ambitious as the year before. Staff is on course to fine tune each procedure and policy within the organization. We are well on our way to accomplishing our goals and we have each one of you to thank for that. You continued to give and support us in the “Year of the Zipper” and I know we will be United to Fight Hunger in the future!
## 2016 BY THE NUMBERS

### Total Receipted Product in Pounds

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### Top Five Food Categories Distributed

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<td>Fresh Fruits/Vegetables</td>
<td>4,040,385</td>
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<td>Mixed/Assorted Dry</td>
<td>3,292,984</td>
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<td>Meat/Fish/Poultry</td>
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<td>Vegetables: Canned and Frozen</td>
<td>1,771,898</td>
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<td>Total Distributed Product</td>
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### Food Sources

**Total**

20.9 MILLION MEALS

The Arkansas Foodbank relies on seven primary areas to create a steady source of food for its 300 member agencies across 33 counties.

(Numbers from 2016 fiscal year)

### Total Donated Funds Raised

$5,425,817
FY2016 was a record year for the Arkansas Foodbank distributing 20,879,406 meals across our 33-county service area! The Foodbank serves 280,000 people a year with 68,000 pounds of food leaving our warehouse everyday. Here is our county breakdown by distribution for 2016.
Program Services
Our network of community partners — food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters — are working on the front lines of hunger relief. The Foodbank relies heavily on all of our programs to make sure every Arkansan has a place at the table. Thanks to your support, we’re investing in them and growing their capacity throughout our service area and in your neighborhood.

United to Fight Hunger!

2.1 million
PEOPLE VISITED OUR FOOD PROGRAMS

140
FOOD FOR KIDS PROGRAMS

330
PARTNER AGENCIES SUCH AS FOOD PANTRIES, SOUP KITCHENS AND SHELTERS

$88,820
IN GRANTS AWARDED TO OUR PARTNER AGENCIES
Helping the Most Vulnerable

We envision communities that are healthier, happier and more productive through improved nutrition. We empower and provide dignity and hope to families, and contribute to improved academics for children by providing nutritious food through three main programs: Food For Families, Food For Kids, and Food For Seniors. These programs are designed to seek, identify and implement the best solutions to fight hunger, meeting people where they are.

- **1,598 SNAP Applicants** (which equates to 1.67 million meals)
- **7,000 Children** served through our Backpack Program
- **3,900 College Students** fed at our four campus pantries
- **1,086 Senior Boxes** delivered through Volunteers and Carelink
Special Events and Volunteers

The Arkansas Foodbank hosts four annual fundraisers: Empty Bowls, THV Summer Cereal Drive, Harvest Night and KARK Telethon. Furthermore, the Foodbank relies on volunteers to help us with our mission. They make our complex operations work and we wouldn’t be able to feed so many Arkansans without their help!

- **$439,243** money raised through special events in 2016
- **9,264** total volunteers that visited Arkansas Foodbank
- **332,486** new record of cereal collected at THV11’s Summer Cereal Drive
- **26,034** total hours contributed by volunteers
LIST OF GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO THE ARKANSAS FOODBANK IN 2016!

DONATE

$2500 or more

LIST OF GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO THE ARKANSAS FOODBANK IN 2016!

- Ally Financial Inc. Community Relations
- Arkansas Community Foundation
- Arkansas Community Health and Education
- Arkansas Conference United Methodist Church
- Arkansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc.
- Arkansas Rice Federation, Inc.
- Arvest Bank Operations, Inc.
- Ashley, Gary
- Baldwin & Shell Construction Company
- Bank of The Ozarks
- Belk, Imogene and Charles
- Bell, Christina
- Big Orange Midtown
- Bob White Memorial Foundation
- Bolton, Gloria and Clay
- Bowyer, Richard
- Boyle, TJ and Cindy
- Briggs Equipment
- Brookshire Grocery Co.
- Burkalter, Hubert
- Cardinal Health Foundation
- Carl B. and Florence E. King Foundation
- Cavallerio, Andrew and Jenny
- Charles A Frueauff Foundation Inc.
- Christ the King Catholic Church
- Clark, Kimberly
- Cobank
- Copeland, Joseph
- Coulson Foundation
- Crossland, Tonya M
- CST Brands Foundation
- Dave Grundfest Company
- Davis, Gary
- Denham, Michael
- Donald W. Reynolds Foundation
- Duke, Clark
- Entergy Charitable Foundation
- Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation
- Eric Scott Bottin Foundation
- Ferrell, Dr. Amanda
- First Assembly of God
- First Security Bank
- First United Methodist Church
- First United Methodist Church
- First United Methodist Church
- Flake & Kelley Commercial
- Garlington III, Rev. Gordon
- Garrison, Dana and Robert
- Glazer’s
- Gold, Dr. Allan and Laura
- Grainger Foundation
- Great Southern Stone Skipping Championship, Inc.
- Greenway Equipment Inc.
- Griebel, Janet
- Gutierrez, Roy
- Haley, John and Danette
- Hall, Donna
- Halsey, Carolyn and Richard
- Hamilton, Ken
- Hat Club For Men
- HCC Specialty Underwriters, Inc.
- Heartland Foundation
- Henderson, Anita and John
- Hightower, Kathleen and Ray
- Hinson, Keith
- Hinson, Larry and Christina
- Hope for Arkansas, Inc.
- Hormel Foods Corp. Charitable Trust
- Ikka, Mary Catherine
- J.E. & L.E. Mabee Foundation, Inc
- Jolly, Lurene
- Kaemmerling, Raymond and Joyce
- Miller-Watt, Steve
- Mitchell, Williams, Selig, Gates and Woodyard PLLC
- Monsanto Fund
- Mount St. Mary Academy
- The Murphy Foundation
- O’Brien, Jennifer
- Oklahoma City Bakery, Inc.
- Parker Cadilac
- PerfectVision Manufacturing, Inc.
- Perry, Mitchell and Robin
- Pleasant Valley Baptist Church
- Polasky, Mary
- Porter, Clifford
- Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines
- Prominence 833
- Pulaski Academy
- Renshaw, Marie and Courtney
- Riceland Food Inc.
- Riggs Employee Fund
- Roda, Daniel
- RunSignUp
- S. L. Gimbel Foundation
- Sajovitz, Lisa
- Salem Pharmacy, Inc.
- Scheidemantel, Jean
- Schnitzer Steel Industries
- Scott, Bobby
- Second Presbyterian Church
- Sharp, Colonel Robert
- Simpson, Julie
- Sloan, Neill
- Southwest Power Pool
- Southwestern Energy Company
- St. John, Dr. Melody
- St. Mark’s Baptist Church
- St. Mark’s Episcopal Church
- Staley Inc.
- Stanley and Lucy Lopata Charitable Foundation
- Statewide Restoration, Inc.
- Stith Southwest, Inc.
- Stover, Michael
- The Sturgis Foundation
- Sullivan, Nathan
- Taylor, Martha and Clayton
- Tenander, Eugene
- THV11
- The Lodestar Foundation
- The TJX Companies, Inc.
- The Thomas H. and Mayme P. Scott Foundation Inc.
- TJX Foundation
- R.F. Toll
- Total Medical Supply
- Union Pacific Railroad
- W. W. and Anne Jones Charitable Trust
- Walmart
- Walmart Foundation
- Williams, Mary and Presley
- Windmill Rice Company
- Windstream Telecommunications
- Workman, Charlotte and Ron
- Yezzi, Domenick and Karen
- Young, Phillip
- Zocchi, Kent
## Assets

### Current Assets
- Cash and Cash Equivalents: $2,069,637
- Accounts Receivable: 174,409
- Unconditional Promises to Give, Current Portion: 185,000
- Inventory - Food Products: 4,052,714
- Investments: 5,445,483
- Prepaid Items: 17,918
- **Total current assets:** $11,944,891

### Noncurrent Assets
- Property and Equipment, Net: $10,353,286
- Endowment Funds: 130,787
- Unconditional Promises to Give - Noncurrent Portion: 150,000
- Utility and Security Deposits: 329
- Assets Held in Charitable Remainder Trust: 2,613,289
- **Total noncurrent assets:** $5,471,483

**TOTAL ASSETS:** $25,192,582

## Liabilities and Net Assets

### Current Liabilities
- Accounts Payable: $148,360
- Accrued Payroll and Taxes: 146,697
- Deferred Revenue: 676,978
- **Total Current Liabilities:** $972,035

### Noncurrent Liabilities
- Liability Under Charitable Remainder Trust: $1,456,203
- **Total Noncurrent Liabilities:** $1,456,203

**Total Liabilities:** $2,428,238

### Net assets
- Unrestricted: $17,596,666
- Temporarily Restricted: 5,045,648
- Permanently Restricted: 122,030
- **Total net assets:** $22,764,344

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:** $25,192,582

## Revenues

### Public Support
- Donated food: $37,017,958
- Contributions: 5,508,354
- USDA Assistance: 283,380
- **Total revenues:** $44,387,774

### Other revenue
- Handling Fees and Food Revenue: 2,215,591
- Loss on Sale of Assets: <1,373,000>
- Other: 363,223

**Total expenses:** $43,874,164

**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS:** $513,610

**NOTE:** Financials include the value of donated food. Donated product on hand at year-end is valued at the national wholesale value of one pound of food, as determined by the most recent study conducted by Feeding America. Food donations and distributions of donated product are recorded at the weighted average wholesale value in effect during the year. The Information in this summary was excerpted from our complete audited financial statements, which are available on our website and upon request.
Revenues & Support
FISCAL YEAR JAN. 2016 – DEC. 2016*

- Donated Food 83%
- Contributions 12%
- Handling Fees 5%
- Other Revenues 1%

Expenses
FISCAL YEAR JAN. 2016 – DEC. 2016*

- Program Services 94%
- Fundraising 3%
- Management 3%

OUR MISSION: The Arkansas Foodbank is the foundation in the fight against hunger. We find pathways to connect people, resources and food to reach those in need, providing dignity, hope and a brighter future for all Arkansans.