



2021

# ANNUAL REPORT





Feed My People Founders: John & Carol DeGuire

## Feed My People's Mission

"To show God's love and compassion to all His people, but particularly His people in need."

### Who We Are & Who We Serve:

It all started in 1982 with a bag of groceries and a desire to help our neighbors in need. Now, Feed My People provides over \$4 million in food and other assistance each year in the South County and Northern Jefferson County areas and serves over 4k meals annually. Feed My People has grown to be one of the largest food pantries and social service agencies in the St. Louis region. In addition to food, the agency also provides a variety of services and programs serving people of all ages and backgrounds. Feed My People serves not only to feed the hungry but also to improve the quality of life for the people they serve.

### Programs:

- Food Help - Emergency & Long Term
- Job Counseling
- Clothing & Household Item Assistance
- Thrift Stores - South County & High Ridge
- Nurse Consultant
- Personal Care Items
- Clothing Assistance
- Eldercare Assistance
- School Supplies
- New Shoes
- Birthday Room
- Adopt-A-Family
- Giving Tree
- Transformation Program

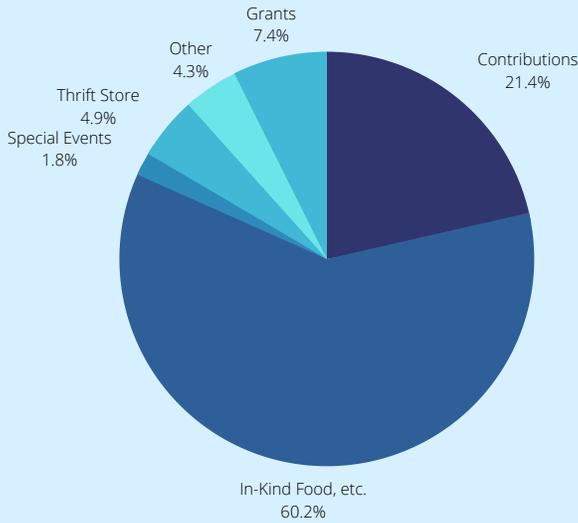


Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

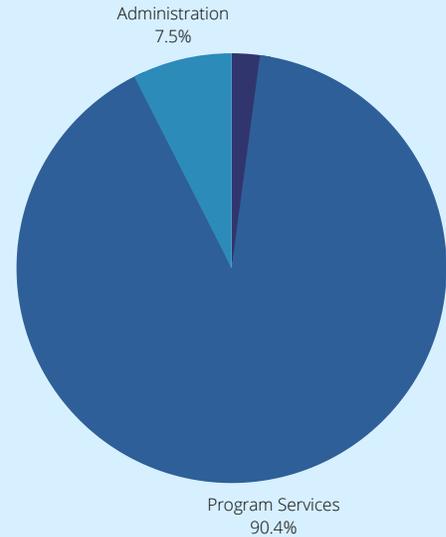
# Financial Data

January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021

## 2021 Revenue & Support



## 2021 Expenses



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Contributions	\$1,272,410
In-Kind Food, etc.	\$3,542,400
Special Events	\$40,455
Grants	\$237,753
Thrift Store	\$358,420
Other	\$197,279
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,648,717</b>

## 2021 Expenses

Program Services	\$4,540,362
Administration	\$362,655
Fundraising	\$91,084
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,994,101</b>

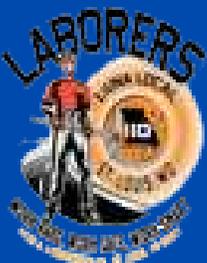
# Total Net Assets End-Of-Year

## \$3,567,918

## Special Thanks

St. Louis Area Food Bank,  
Operation Food Search  
and to  
IBEW Local 1,  
Concord Church  
for providing updates to our  
South County campus.

## Corporate Sponsors



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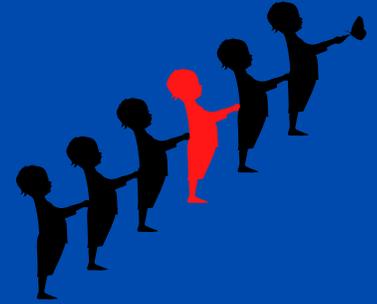


# No One Can Thrive on an Empty Stomach



1 in 7 people  
struggle with hunger

1 in 6 children  
struggle with hunger



- 13.3% of Missouri residents, 813,840 people, struggle with food insecurity.
- People facing hunger in Missouri are estimated to report needing **\$395,122,000** more per year to meet their food needs.
- The average cost of a meal is \$2.87

*The average cost of a meal in Missouri is \$2.78.  
Data from Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap 2018 study.*

## COVID-19 Impact on Feed My People

While Covid-19 brought many businesses to a screeching halt in early March 2020, Feed My People initiated innovative ways to continue serving those who needed help. To keep customers and our loyal staff and front-line volunteers safe, guidelines were implemented for masking, social distancing, sanitizing carts and work areas, all while not missing one scheduled service day.

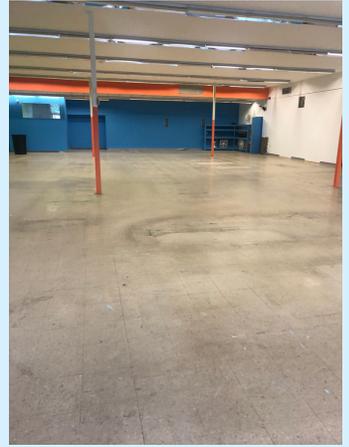
The Thrift Stores at Feed My People did close their doors until CDC and County guidelines were issued. Before reopening in June, the South County store underwent a major renovation. We cannot thank our amazing community partners enough for supporting Feed My People during these troubling times!

## 2021 Because of You!



**Generous community partners provided funding so that...**

- \$3,380,656.23 in food was donated from individuals, churches, organizations, Operation Food Search and St. Louis Area Food Bank.
- Provided ongoing access to school supplies for all client families with children.
- 1243 families received food and Christmas gifts through the Adopt-a-Family program.
- 969 Clients and family members were provided a free shopping experience at the Elf Shop in High Ridge or the Giving Tree Room in South County.



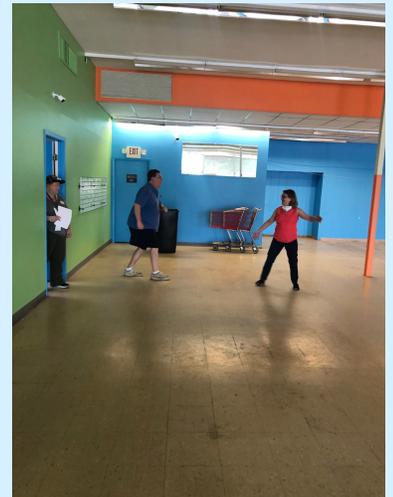
Thank You to Our  
Amazing Community  
Partners for All of Your  
Hard Work During the  
Pandemic!

Various  
Community  
Partners

Reinhold  
Flooring

RK Builders

Concord Baptist Church



# Feed My People



The Thrifty Hanger Thrift Stores at Feed My People serve not only as a community resource but as a client program for those we serve.

The low-cost items, which are all donated, are a great commodity for those living at or below the poverty line and help meet the needs of those we serve. Clients, who have special needs beyond the discounted pricing are issued vouchers for interview clothing, household needs, clothing for children and family, etc.

The Thrifty Hanger Thrift Stores at Feed My People is also a welcoming environment for those in the community and serves as a regular stop for many customers and clients each day. The customers and clients become a familiar face and an extension of the Feed My People family, many of whom have been shopping with us for many years.

Donations of clothing and shoes for the family, books, home décor, and household items are punctuated with new items, holiday merchandise, jewelry, and small electronics. Often, The Thrifty Hanger is a one-stop shopping destination for those clients of the food pantry.



## Open To The Public!



# We Love Our Volunteers!

441  
Volunteers

85  
Volunteer  
Groups

55887.75  
Hours



It takes many hands to do God's work!

We are grateful for the 441 volunteers who help Monday through Saturday at both Food Pantries and Thrift Stores.

Throughout the year, various churches, businesses, and organizations assist in daily operations. Their hard work did not go unnoticed and we appreciate all of their efforts!



## Feed My People Intern Program

In its fourth year, the FMP Intern Program has grown to include students from the following colleges: St. Louis Community College, Fontbonne University, University of Missouri, St. Louis, and Columbia.

We appreciate all of the work these individuals did for Feed My People, especially through the pandemic!

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