



MISSION

To provide food security, directly or indirectly, to people in Centre County.

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One day, no one will go hungry in Centre County.

WHO WE HELP

The State College Food Bank serves clients who are living in poverty, unemployed, under-employed, affected with physical or mental disabilities, or simply fell on hard times and need help making ends meet.

HOW WE HELP

Because of a visit to the Food Bank, clients were able to:

- 34.6%** - Pay rent
- 23.5%** - Pay electric bill
- 22.3%** - Buy gas to drive to work
- 15.8%** - Purchase medicine
- 14.0%** - Pay heating bill
- 10.8%** - Pay water bill
- 6.3%** - Other

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From the Executive Director

Fulfilling a Basic Human Need: Helping Our Neighbors Feed Themselves and Their Families

A growing number of households in Centre County must decide between paying bills and putting food on the table. The State College Food Bank exists to provide food security, directly and indirectly, to the people in our community who face this decision every day.

The Food Bank helps clients fulfill the basic human need—feeding themselves and their families. In 2014, we served 2,011 individuals living in 784 households in our service area—providing a total of 3,820 monthly distributions of food.

A Growing Demand and Rising Costs Since moving to its new, larger facility last year, the State College Food Bank has seen an 18% increase in the number of households it serves each month. Combined with a significant increase in the cost of food (the price of meat has nearly doubled since 2013), the Food Bank consistently seeks new and innovative ways to feed more families while keeping costs down.

A Strong Momentum Answers the Call for Help We are extremely thankful for and proud of the community members who have answered our call to help their neighbors in need. Thanks to the generosity of local individual and business donors, community partners, and dedicated volunteers, we raised \$530,776—a 56% increase over 2014. Additionally, approximately 319,000 pounds of food was donated.

Thanks to this overwhelming support, the State College Food Bank has been able to keep up with the growing demand and feed more families in our community.

Giving Clients a Choice Gone are the days of handing out pre-filled bags of food. The State College Food Bank's new facility allows clients to "shop" aisles and make selections based on a point system and the food pyramid, giving them a choice in the food they take home to their families.

The client-choice model also empowers clients to make healthier selections. Increased refrigerator and freezer space at the new facility enables us to make bulk purchases of fresh, healthy options like meat, eggs, cheese, butter, fresh milk, and frozen vegetables, and educate clients on these healthy selections, meal planning, and recipe ideas. We hope to offer fish as a regular option in the near future.

Additionally, our new model and increased selections have enabled us to offer more choices for restricted diets of diabetic, vegetarian, and gluten-free clients.

Offering Realistic Rations of Food Lawmakers set minimum requirements on the amount of food we're to provide clients, and think that 24 pounds of supplemental food can help sustain a family of four for a month. This amount of food fits inside a standard handheld grocery store shopping basket.

Thanks to strong community support, we have drastically increased the amount of food that we offer clients by more than 400%, providing more realistic rations to feed their families for 7-10 days. Thanks to strong community support, we've been providing each client with a grocery cart full of shelf-stable and fresh food, averaging 126 pounds, instead of the much smaller minimum requirement.



In 2014, we helped 784 unique local households put food on the table, feeding 2,011 unique individuals. Of those, 33.7% were children under the age of 18.

2014 By The Numbers

How We Helped

Re-donated more than **15,000** pounds of food to other Centre County food pantries and social service agencies

Helped **784** unique households receive over **3,820** distributions

Helped feed more than **2,011** unique individuals

33.7% of people we fed are children under 18, 11.1% are 60 years or older

Served **275 children** through the 2014 "Kids Bag Program", providing fresh snack and lunch options during the summer months

Donations

The Food Bank received over **319,000** pounds of donated food

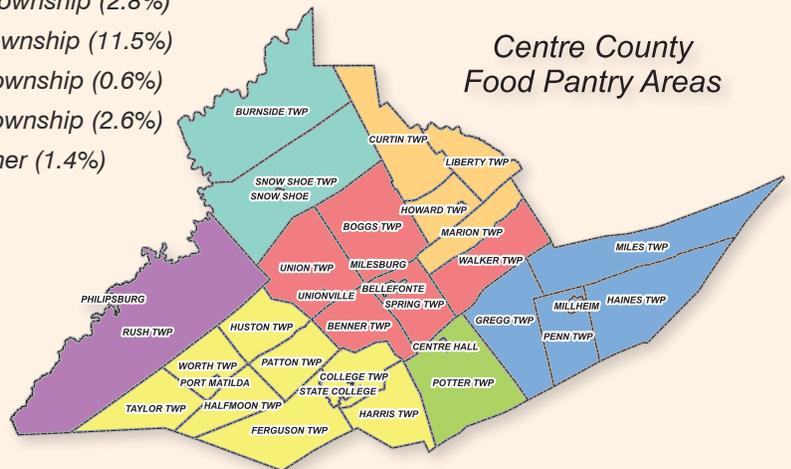
\$530,776 in donations from individuals, businesses, and organizations

Where We Helped

- State College Borough
(35.5% of clients we serve reside here)
- Port Matilda Borough (2.3%)
- College Township (12.1%)
- Ferguson Township (15.4%)
- Halfmoon Township (3.7%)
- Harris Township (12.1%)
- Huston Township (2.8%)
- Patton Township (11.5%)
- Taylor Township (0.6%)
- Worth Township (2.6%)
- Other (1.4%)

Volunteers

80 Weekly Volunteers contributed
Over **9,400** Volunteer Hours

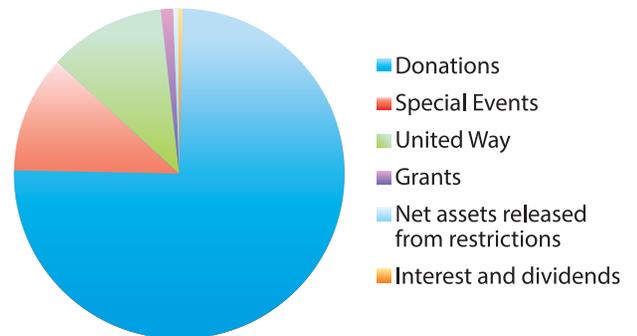


2014 Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Losses

REVENUES

Donations	\$461,471
Special events	\$69,305
United Way	\$66,897
Grants	\$9,069
Net assets released from restriction	\$2,260
Interest and dividends	\$692
Total revenues	\$609,694
Realized gain on sale of investments	--
Total revenues and gains	\$609,694

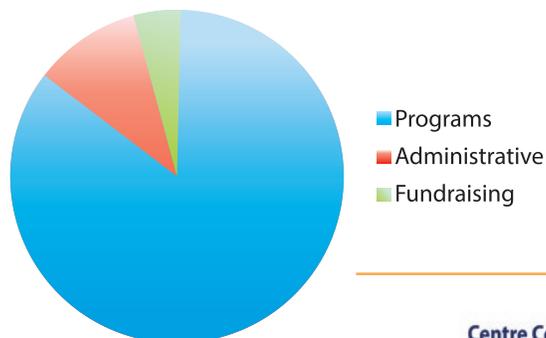
Revenues



EXPENSES

Program	\$339,743
Administrative	\$42,052
Fundraising	\$17,615
Total expenses	\$399,410

Expenses



LOSSES

Unrealized loss on investment	--
Total expenses and losses	\$399,410

INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	\$208,024
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING	\$1,032,859
NET ASSETS, ENDING	\$1,240,883