Sowing the Seeds of Kindness

Annual Report 2021
Our second year of operation has been an incredibly impactful time at EastWest Food Rescue (EWFR). We evolved as the pandemic crisis started waning to sharpen our focus on the underserved hunger and nutritional needs of communities impacted by the lasting effects of the pandemic in Washington state. We expanded our offerings within the existing EWFR network of farmers and hunger-relief distribution partners and built capacity to expand programming to support other marginalized communities. With the acquisition of the WSDA We Feed Washington contract and all the forward movement we experienced, we are excited to report the progress we made last year.

Thank you for taking the time to read our report and reflect on a transformative year made possible through our incredible community of EWFR supporters. It is truly a blessing to share in the collective work of ending food disparities throughout the state and beyond.

With Gratitude,

George Ahearn
Founder, Chairman of the Board
Our Mission:
Supporting farmers and caringly feeding our neighbors in need

Moving food where it’s needed.

EastWest Food Rescue acquires or purchases surplus food predominantly from farmers and distributes it with empathy to people experiencing food insecurity. We coordinate every step from finding new sources of nutritious surplus food to organizing transportation to ensuring rescued food is given to people with food insecurity for free. We support the farming community and work towards sustainable solutions for the food system.

OUR STORY

EastWest Food Rescue started from a Facebook post trying to rescue 1 ton of crops to distribute to food banks. In the first 15 days, we rescued 217 tons of food and never slowed down!

Check out the video of George Ahearn, EWFR Founder and Board President, as he shares our story on the Rachael Ray show. You can read the full article and watch the video here: https://shar.es/afJYJQ
Washington State Department of Agriculture works with hunger relief programs to address food insecurity, including EWFR.

In 2021, we participated in the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) We Feed Washington pilot project to increase the amount of food distributed through our Last Mile Distribution Partners (LMDP). This opportunity has enabled us to serve 9 counties within Washington State reliably.

Our work has provided 17,280,000 meals in 2021.

EWFR works with the University of Washington on food systems research.

In 2021, Jennifer J. Otten and her colleagues published a report: The State of the Washington State Food System During COVID-19, a study through the University of Washington’s School of Public Health Center for Public Health Nutrition, commissioned by the Washington State Department of Agriculture. Through a series of interviews, EWFR joined 17 other participants to contribute to the research as an organization dealing with food production, access, processing and retail in WA. The report combines the joint efforts of UW & WSDA to produce several comprehensive datasets and surveys covering the food system throughout the state during COVID-19.

You can find the entire report at: https://nutr.uw.edu/resource/washington-state-food-system-assessment-report/.

Because of You

We have been able to share nature’s abundance with our neighbors in need. Here are some of the numbers from our incredible work - together.

- 21,600,000 Pounds of food acquired & moved throughout 2021
- 700+ Food agencies have been supported from the start
- 2,809,930 individuals served since our beginning

Infinite smiles
Honoring traditions rooted in the bounty of the soil

We celebrate the unsung heroes of agriculture – our farmers.

With the help of people like you and the yields of farmers, EWFR is able to share the abundance of harvest with those lacking access to fresh quality foods.

Without the farmers and partners listed below, our work would not be possible. It is with great honor we present the farm, agricultural companions and hunger relief partners who have collaborated with us over the past year.

Bolthouse
Cal Farms
Cascadia Produce
Charlie’s Produce
Country Sweet
Doreva
Emergency Food Network
Farmlink
Food Forward
Harvest Against Hunger
John Loos Farms
Mosby
Muckleshoot Tribe
Pacific Int’l Marketing
Progressive Produce
Tanimura & Antle
Target AG
Treehouse Farm
Washington Lettuce & Vegetable Co.
Yakima Nation Farms

CULTURALLY RELEVANT AND COMMUNITY FOCUSED

Special thanks to our distribution partners who help make this work possible:

Feeding Feasible Feasts
Lend a Hand Community Outreach
LULAC Grows
Praisealujah Storehouse
Restoration Community Impact

Powered by Kindness

Volunteers are essential to our work. Special thanks to those who have gone above and beyond in the name of hunger relief.

Diane Dempster
Farm Relations Manager

Holly Johnson
Accountant

Kathy Lauinger
Data Specialist
HEARTFELT THANKS TO OUR LEADERSHIP DONORS 2021

EWFR recognizes the following individuals and partner organizations who have invested financial resources to continue our work supporting farmers and caring for our neighbors in need.

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Angelo Foundation
Anita Fabre
Aparna Kurupati
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Ardent Mills LLC
Ariannne and Peter Burnham
Bayhurst Foundation
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Boylston Family Foundation
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The Arbutus Family Foundation
The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
The Brummel/Keaton Charitable Fund
The Sundem Family Charitable Fund
Wakil David Matthews
Watson Stobie Family
WTIA Workforce Institute
# FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2021

## REVENUE | $35,092,190

### Source of Funds

- **Food In-Kind** | 99%  
  $34,746,523
- **Individuals** | 0.509%  
  $178,821
- **Government Grants** | 0.238%  
  $83,867
- **Foundations & Corp Sponsors** | 0.236%  
  $82,978

## EXPENDITURES | $35,696,896

### Use of Funds

- **Food Distribution** | 99.5%  
  $35,530,856
- **Transport** | 0.169%  
  $60,390
- **Program Expenses** | 0.167%  
  $59,613
- **Staffing** | 0.094%  
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- **Fundraising** | 0.018%  
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