BALTIMORE HUNGER PROJECT
FEEDING BODIES AND MINDS

2023 Annual Report

Strengthen Bodies
Empower Minds
Build Communities

2023 Highlights:

We've made so many strides! I hope as you read through this report you are left with a feeling of accomplishment and excitement, and are motivated to continue helping feed hungry kids.

2,177 volunteers

82 weekly BHP volunteers

25,000 lbs. of food delivered to school food pantries

8,142 hours donated

3,200 items of winter gear collected

51,972 food packages

2,011 birthday kits distributed

Strengthen Bodies:

By responding to acute needs of the children in our community, we are working to meet their nutritional needs and reduce their experience of hunger.

Empower Minds:

By offering educational resources to children and families in need, we are supporting lasting food security with the ultimate goal to break the cycle of poverty.

Build Communities:

By fostering a shared understanding, we are nurturing beneficial partnerships among individuals, corporations and schools.

207,888 weekend meals provided

34,420 snack packs

48 partner schools

16 partner school food pantries supported

311,832 lbs. of food distributed in food packs

1,500 Thanksgiving turkey and meal bags delivered

1,779 students supported with weekend food packs

127 corporate and community packing sessions

WITH MORE HELP, WE CAN HELP MORE.

Dear Friends of the Baltimore Hunger Project,

It is hard to believe that we are approaching our 10-year anniversary. After years of serving lunches to homeless women and children from my garage and after enlisting my friends, neighbors and family members to assist, we started the Baltimore Hunger Project in 2014, serving 30 children in two elementary schools. Today that number has swelled to providing weekend meals to more than 1,779 children in 48 schools throughout Baltimore City and Baltimore County, something that could not have been achieved without the dedication of a cadre of volunteers and community supporters.

Throughout the years, we have grown in other ways as well.

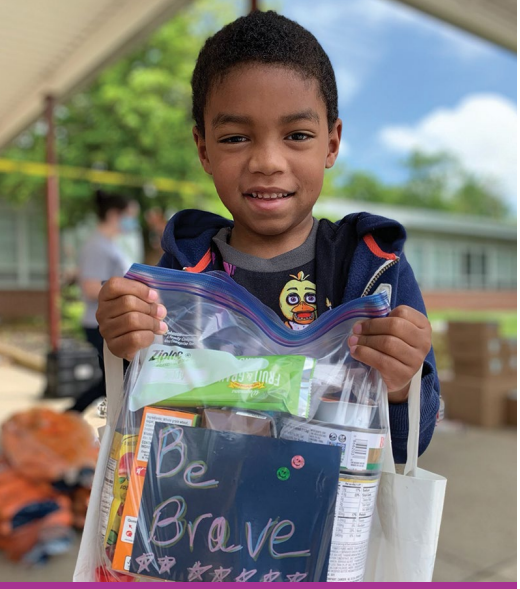
- **Increased the number of regular volunteers** from 200 to 2,177.
- **Developed key community relations** with the Maryland Food Bank, Amazon and many others.
- **Provided over 100 local businesses and organizations** each year with the opportunity to fulfill their social responsibility and morale building goals by hosting 3 or more weekly Corporate and Community Packing Sessions.
- **Moved from a garage** to a 200 square foot room on Charles Street to a 1,200 square foot warehouse on Old Padonia Road to a 4,200 square foot warehouse on Deereco Road in Timonium.
- **Pivoted to setting up distribution sites** at ten schools in Baltimore County for 68 weeks during COVID. Families were given fresh produce, eggs, bread, and more. No matter the weather, every Friday, BHP was there supporting 1,500 to 2,000 families.
- **Returned to our model of discreet weekend food packages** for children after COVID, and added Birthday Kits, Snack Packs and Pantry and Period Products to our weekly deliverables.
- **Initiated monthly drives for clothing, school supplies and more** to ensure that fewer barriers to success existed for food insecure children in our community.
- **Began the school ambassador program,** assigning a volunteer to each partner school to ensure all questions were easily answered, all needs addressed. Since our food packages are discreetly tucked into the children's backpacks, it is imperative that children receiving the food maintain their dignity and privacy.
- **Developed and increased the number of funding partners** to ensure continued success of the operation.
- **Launched Empowering Minds,** a program that challenges 10th and 11th grade students in the greater Baltimore area to take action on hunger.

Our goal is to help break the cycle of poverty by providing essential food and other products to children most in need, so they will be able to focus in school and become healthy and productive adults. Our ultimate goal is that there is no such thing as food insecurity in Baltimore City and Baltimore County. Until that time, we continue to serve our community.

We look forward to the year ahead and commemoration and celebration of our 10th year of service to the community. We are grateful for the dedication and commitment of our volunteers, partners and supporters. Together, we can end hunger.

Thank you for being part of our family,

Lynne B. Kahn
Founder and Executive Director



"As a community school facilitator who works with students and knows our communities well, the Baltimore Hunger Project's investment in our students and community is deeply appreciated. All children, regardless of socioeconomic status, deserve access to food, safety, and a quality education. We know that investments made in our children today result in a bigger and brighter future for all."

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY SCHOOL FACILITATOR

Filling Food Bags / Feeding Hungry Kids

Each week three teams of 20 volunteers come to the Baltimore Hunger Project (BHP) to pack weekend food bags. After packing, a team of volunteers loads the bags to distribute to as many as 50 schools, **reaching 1,779 students in school year 2023-2024.**

EACH FOOD BAG CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING CORE ITEMS ENOUGH FOR 4 WEEKEND MEALS:

- 4 Cans of Protein
- Single Serving Cereal Box
- Shelf Stable Milk
- 100% Fruit Juice Box
- Applesauce Pouch
- Fruit Snacks
- 2 Granola Bars
- Plastic Cutlery

Each bag also includes a handmade note of encouragement written by volunteers.

THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A BAG THAT HAS GONE HOME WITHOUT A SUPPORTING NOTE.

Empowering Education:

Partner Schools of the Baltimore Hunger Project

Battle Grove Elementary School
Bear Creek Elementary School
Bedford Elementary School
Billie Holiday Elementary School
Callaway Elementary School
Campfield Judy Center
Chadwick Elementary School
Church Lane Elementary School
Colgate Elementary School
Deep Creek Elementary School
Deep Creek Magnet Middle School
Dundalk Elementary School
Edmondson Heights Elementary School
Fallstaff Elementary/Middle School
Featherbed Lane Elementary School
Gardenville Elementary School #211
General John Stricker Middle School
Glyndon Elementary School
Golden Ring Middle School
Halethorpe Elementary School
Hawthorne Elementary School
Hebbville Elementary School
Hernwood Elementary School
Holabird STEM/Middle School
Johnnycake Elementary School
Lansdowne Middle School
Leith Walk Elementary Middle School
Logan Elementary School
MAPS #734
Mars Estates Elementary School
McCormick Elementary School
Milbrook Elementary School
Moravia Park Elementary School
Norwood Elementary School
Padonia International Elementary School
Powhatan Elementary School
Riverview Elementary School
Sandalwood Elementary School
Sandy Plains Elementary School
Scotts Branch Elementary School
Seneca Elementary School
Shady Spring Elementary School
Southwest Academy Magnet School
Weinberg Early Childhood Center
Winand Elementary School
Wolfe Street Academy
Woodholme Elementary School
Woodlawn Middle School
Yorkwood Elementary School

Nourishing Communities:

A Year-Round Commitment to Combat Hunger

JANUARY:
Souper Bowl Challenge

FEBRUARY:
Spread the Love

MARCH:
Period Poverty Drive

APRIL:
Spring Cleaning Drive

MAY:
Stock the Pantry

JUNE:
Summer Fun Kits

JULY:
Juice Box Challenge

AUGUST:
School Supplies Drive

SEPTEMBER:
Welcome Kits

OCTOBER:
Halloween Candy For Kids

NOVEMBER:
Thanksgiving Food Drive

DECEMBER:
Operation Warm

Statement of Financial Position

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

ASSETS

Cash & Cash Equivalents	$ 515,065
Investments	$ 1,527,988
Security Deposit	$ 3,140
Total Assets	**$ 2,046,193**

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities	
Credit Card Payable	$ 2,177
Payroll Taxes Payable	$ 4,586
Total Current Liabilities	$ 6,763
Net Assets	
Without Donor Restrictions	$ 1,904,430
With Donor Restrictions	$ 135,000
Total Net Assets	$ 2,039,430
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	**$ 2,046,193**

REVENUE

Total Revenue, Gains and Other Support (Without Donor Restriction):	$ 1,216,419
Net Assets - End of Year:	$ 2,039,430

EXPENSES

Total Operations Expenses:	$ 873,771
Change in Net Assets:	$ 342,648

"Solving poverty is complex, but feeding children is not."

BOARD MEMBERS

Sara Carr Bennett
Maralee Clark
Bill Dockman
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Our Mission:

Baltimore Hunger Project is dedicated to eliminating the growing problem of weekend childhood hunger by feeding bodies and minds. We are bridging the gap between Friday and Monday by consistently providing weekend food packages to children identified as food insecure, in a compassionate and dignified manner. We raise awareness about the effects of hunger by establishing partnerships with community members, other organizations, and decision makers.

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