10 Year Anniversary

BALTIMORE HUNGER PROJECT
FEEDING BODIES AND MINDS

2024 Annual Report

A Decade of **Impact** and a **Vision** for the Future

Celebrating 10 years of service to the community

OUR HISTORY: Baltimore Hunger Project (BHP) was created by Lynne Kahn in 2014 to help bridge the gap between Friday and Monday by consistently providing weekend food packages to children identified as food insecure in a compassionate and dignified manner. Thanks to the efforts of hundreds of volunteers, what started as service to 30 children in two elementary schools out of a garage has grown to 2,200 children in 57 elementary schools out of a warehouse each week.

OUR MISSION: To remove barriers to learning by providing food and resources to children facing food insecurity in our community.

OUR VISION: All children in our community have access to the food and the support they need to pursue healthy promising futures.

OUR VALUES:

Strengthen Bodies: By responding to the acute needs of the children in our community, we are working to meet their nutritional needs and reducing 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 of breaking the cycle of poverty.

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

WHAT YOUR SUPPORT CAN DO:

Your support helps us provide consistent access to food and critical resources for children facing food insecurity across our region. In Baltimore County, 77% of public school students live at or below the poverty line, while in Baltimore City, that number rises to over 85%. These children often rely on school meals as their primary source of nutrition and go without on weekends.

Your generosity fuels our mission to remove barriers to learning and ensure that every child has the opportunity to thrive.

OUR 2024 IMPACT:

- **Weekend Meals Provided:** 255,516
- **Students Served:** 2,200
- **Schools Served:** 57
- **Snack Bags to Schools:** 42,524
- **Loaves of Bread to Schools:** 20,542
- **Pounds of Food to School Pantries:** 30,801
- **Regular Weekly Volunteers:** 85
- **Corporate and Community Volunteers:** 2,460
- **Total Volunteer Hours:** 9,694
- **Thanksgiving Meals Provided to Families:** 1,700
- **Birthday Kits Provided to Students:** 1,649
- **Coats, Hats and Gloves Provided:** 5,770

Just $50 will help us feed a child for two months;
$100 for a semester;
$250 for the entire school year;
$1,000 supports a classroom;
$4,500 supports a packing session.

Dear Friends of Baltimore Hunger Project,

This year marks a special milestone—**Baltimore Hunger Project's 10th anniversary**—and we couldn't be more grateful to celebrate it with you.

From our humble beginnings to where we are now, our journey has been driven by one constant: the unwavering belief that no child should go hungry over the weekend. This year we took time to reflect on how far we've come and to look ahead with renewed purpose.

We celebrated in true BHP fashion with a joyful gathering at our warehouse. Thank you to everyone who joined us to mark this moment.

We grew in all the ways that matter:

- We expanded the number of children we support and the schools we partner with.
- We increased the volume of monthly donation drives.
- We welcomed the fourth cohort of our Empowering Minds leadership program.

Most importantly, we completed a comprehensive three year strategic planning process to guide our next chapter. With input from 117 stakeholders, including board members, key staff, volunteers, and community partners, we shaped a collective vision for the future.

THE RESULT IS A RENEWED FOCUS:

Our mission: Baltimore Hunger Project removes the barriers to learning by providing food and resources to children facing food insecurity in our community.

Our vision: All children in our community have access to the food and the support they need to pursue healthy, promising futures.

Our strategic priorities (rooted in the acronym CARE):

CAPITALIZE on strengths, and build capacity for expansion

AMPLIFY awareness and attract funding to sustain growth

RESPOND and adapt to meet community need

EDUCATE and engage the community for greater impact.

On May 17, over 100 volunteers, donors and other supporters of the Baltimore Hunger Project gathered to celebrate 10 years of service to the community.

Board members Bill Dockman, Sara Carr Bennett, Tracey Mandish and Niki Miller with Lynne B. Kahn (center) at the event.

Together, we're moving forward with intention, compassion, and a clear path ahead. Thank you for being part of this journey. Your partnership makes everything we do possible, and ensures that children across our community have the food and support they need to learn, grow, and thrive.

Warmly,

LynneBKahn

Lynne B. Kahn
Founder and Executive Director

IMPACT

Collaborations

Baltimore Hunger Project is proud to partner with community organizations, local businesses, foundations, and corporations that share our commitment to ending childhood hunger. From sponsoring packing sessions and organizing essential item drives to providing grant funding and advocating for food-insecure families, these partnerships fuel our mission. Your support not only strengthens our impact, it makes it possible. We are deeply grateful.

Dave Coyne, Executive Vice President
JOHNSON, MIRIMAN & THOMPSON (JMT)
"JMT is a proud sponsor of the Baltimore Hunger Project. As part of our JMT mission, we look to support the betterment of our communities. We appreciate the opportunity to have our JMT team members, through our time and treasure, support the regularly scheduled activities of Baltimore Hunger Project to address food insecurity in children."

Naomi King, Volunteer
PACKING LEADER
"Volunteering as a Packing Leader and coordinating the team has been one of the most fulfilling parts of my life. The energy, compassion, and commitment of everyone involved at BHP is truly inspiring. We're doing more than packing food—we're building connections, raising awareness, and making a real impact. It's a privilege to serve alongside such dedicated BHP volunteers."

Jen Towles, School Counselor
HALETHORPE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
"The food, the birthday packs, the care bags, the handmade notes, the socks—the thoughtfulness behind every part of the weekend food pack program has been a lifesaver and a tremendous asset to our school. I've noticed improvements in attendance, especially on Fridays when students receive their food packs. Their minds and bodies are nourished, allowing them to focus, be present, and feel a sense of security thanks to this program."

Jen Pineau Wilson, Director of Greatest Good McDonogh
McDONOGH SCHOOL
"Baltimore Hunger Project has not only supported children facing food insecurity—they've empowered our students to become changemakers. As McDonogh's first official Greatest Good partner, BHP has given our students the opportunity to lead with purpose, from hosting packing events to launching a student-run Farmers Market for BHP families. Their work demonstrates the power of community—and shows how one organization's commitment can inspire the next generation to make a lasting difference."

Empowering Minds

In addition to providing weekend food bags and essential resources to children and families in Baltimore City and County, Baltimore Hunger Project invests in long-term solutions through the Empowering Minds program. This teen leadership initiative equips students with the skills to collaborate, advocate, and lead on the issue of food insecurity. By developing future changemakers, BHP is fostering a generation committed to creating lasting impact in their communities.

MW, cohort three

EMPOWERING MINDS GRADUATE

"Empowering Minds was a transformative experience that provided me with the tools, support, and perspective to become a compassionate leader within the community. I gained valuable skills in advocacy and deepened my understanding of the large issue of food insecurity through first-hand experiences. This program has not only enhanced my leadership abilities but also shaped me into a more informed and empathetic member of the community."

BB, cohort four

EMPOWERING MINDS GRADUATE

"Empowering Minds was a truly eye-opening experience. I learned how food insecurity impacts families in our community through hands-on activities like grocery shopping on a tight budget and hearing from local leaders about food deserts and resource gaps. One of the most rewarding parts was working with my peers to create a QR-coded resource list for the BHP website, turning our learning into action. I found a supportive community of mentors and students who shared my passion for social justice. I leave the program with a stronger sense of purpose and a lasting commitment to advocate for those experiencing hunger."

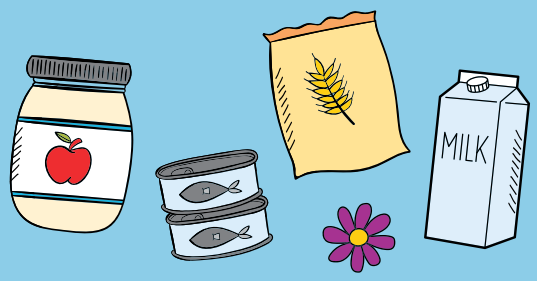
Essential Resources for Food Insecure Families

At Baltimore Hunger Project, we know that hunger doesn't exist in isolation. That's why, in addition to our core weekend food packages, we provide a range of wraparound support—birthday kits to celebrate milestones, snack packs for school staff to give to hungry students, and distributions of school supplies, cleaning products, and more. Together, these efforts create a reliable, compassionate safety net for the children and families we serve.

Here are just a few of the essential services your support makes possible across Greater Baltimore:

Stock the Pantry

Your generosity helps local families fill their shelves with everyday staples—ensuring more children have consistent access to the food they need to grow and thrive.

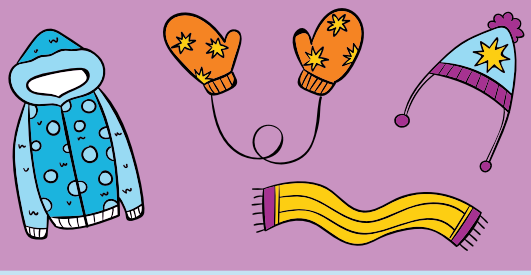


Personal Hygiene Kits

Toothpaste, soap, deodorant, and other hygiene essentials may seem small—but they have a big impact. These kits help our students feel confident and ready to engage fully at school.

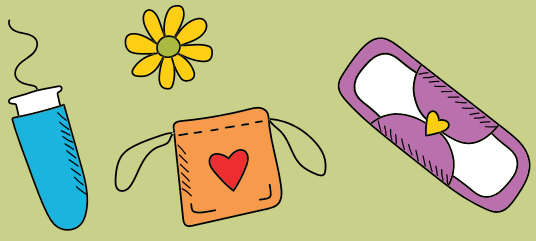
Operation Warm

When temperatures drop, no child should have to face the cold without a coat, hat, or gloves. Operation Warm helps remove that barrier, increasing school attendance and focus during the winter months.



Period Products

Through trusted school and community partnerships, BHP provides menstrual products to students who need them—quietly, consistently, and with dignity—so no one has to miss class because of their period.



Statement of Financial Position

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

ASSETS

Cash & Cash Equivalents	$ 257,507
Investments	$ 2,700,473
Security Deposit	$ 3,140
Total Assets	**$ 2,961,120**

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities	
Credit Card Payable	$ 2,388
Payroll Taxes Payable	$ 289
Total Current Liabilities	$ 2,677
Net Assets	
Without Donor Restrictions	$ 2,958,443
With Donor Restrictions	$ 0
Total Net Assets	$ 2,958,443
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	**$ 2,961,120**

REVENUE

Total Revenue, Gains and Other Support (Without Donor Restriction)	$ 2,022,147
Net Assets - End of Year	$ 2,958,443

EXPENSES

Total Operations Expenses	$ 1,103,133
Change in Net Assets	$ 919,014

BOARD MEMBERS

Sara Carr Bennett
Maralee Clark
Bill Dockman
John Finnegan
Graham Johnson
Arthur F. Kirk, III
Elizabeth Krug
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Together, we're doing more than feeding children— we're building dignity, awareness, and lasting change in our **community.**

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