



GHP FISH Food Bank & Community Services Annual Report

- Fiscal Year 2021 / 2022 -

President's Report

Thank you, Gig Harbor community. For some time, we have been talking about "Building the Future" and now, thanks to the generosity of our neighbors and the hard work of our many volunteers, the "future" is here. Our incredible new facility was completed just a year from breaking ground. What makes this effort even more remarkable is that it was all accomplished during a pandemic that caused disruptions throughout the nation. As wonderful as this building project has been, the real story is what our volunteers and supporters have done to meet the needs of those in our community. Despite ongoing issues, like rent increases, high gas prices, inflation, and supply chain problems, our volunteers and supporters did not let these issues get in their way of delivering on our mission - keeping food



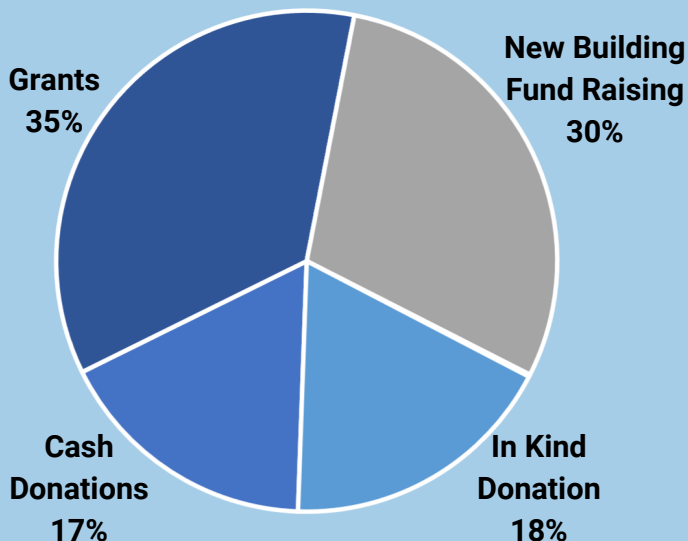
on the table, families in their homes, the lights on, and helping students with books, transportation, and food. We were able to deal with a 25% increase in the number of family visits to the Food Bank during the year. Thanks to our 200 volunteers, the many key players in the construction of the new building, and the generosity of all, this has been a year where, despite the odds, the future has arrived.

-Ron Coen, Board President

FY Oct. 1, 2021 - Sep. 30, 2022

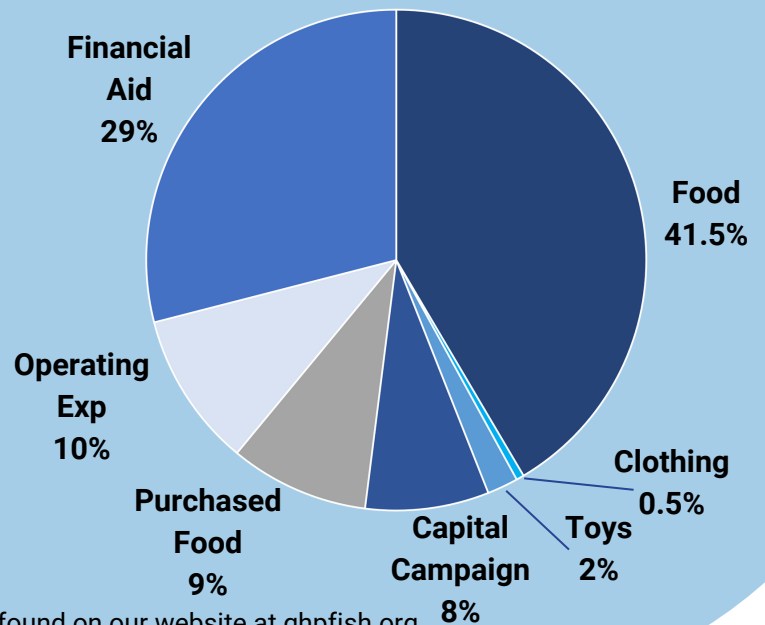
Revenue

\$5,657,612



Expenses

\$2,354,160



A detailed Annual Report can be found on our website at ghpfish.org.

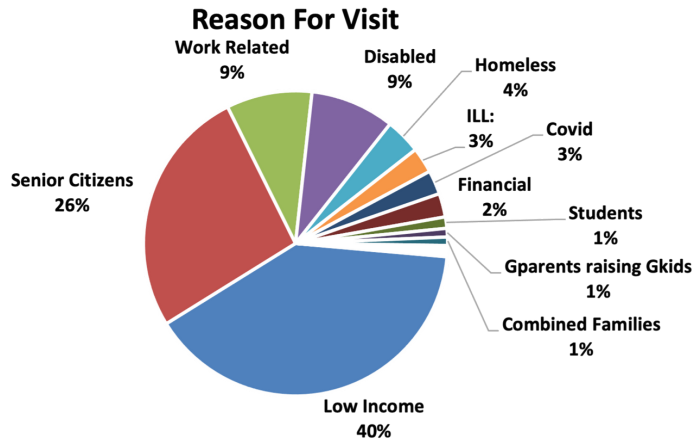
NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBORS

People Our Programs Reached

- 11,860 Individuals served*
- 4,804 Families served*
- 3,877 Children served*
- 240,060/\$1,110,807 Meals provided
- 889/\$510,286 Financial aid provided
- 36/\$3,124 Student aid provided
- 138 Deliveries (no rides due to COVID restrictions)

*Total includes repeat visits

Though the COVID-19 pandemic restricted our clothing program, we were able to provide necessities upon request through our wishlist system. We resumed normal operations in mid-July 2022. We processed 80,220 items & distributed \$7,617 worth of items to clients.



Total Value Community Aid: \$4,700,657.18

Volunteer Hours & Mileage



32,664 Hours
@ \$34.87 =
\$1,138,993.68



Miles @ \$0.14
= \$11,959.18



Volunteer activities include daily food bank operations, food drives, transportation, warehousing, drivers, sorting, stocking, shopping, cleaning, events, communications, governance, reception, financial aid, food pick-up & delivery, bookkeeping, financial management, and more.

Safeway Food Drive



On the first Friday of each month, volunteers gather inside the Gig Harbor Safeway asking shoppers to purchase items for the GHP FISH Food Bank. At the end of the day, the volunteers pack hundreds of donated food items and unload them at our Food Bank.

"Our volunteers, along with the generosity of Safeway and the Gig Harbor community, is the reason that we can bring in more than 30,000 pounds of groceries to the Food Bank each year," says Amy Gartlan, food drive coordinator.

Life Changing

"My husband and I were doing well. Our children were healthy and growing, we were both working and meeting all our bills and even saving money. Life was good.

Then, my husband became ill, was hospitalized, and lost his income. We had to juggle child care, worry about his health, and the bills kept piling up.

We were out of food and had no other option but to go to the local food bank. We were once donors and now had to ask for help. I cried all the way to the food bank. I never dreamed we would be in this situation.

I was met with compassion, dignity, and respect by the GHP FISH Volunteers. I was able to shop for a week's worth of groceries for our family. I left with hope and encouragement and was invited back if we needed it."

- A Grateful Client

Capital Campaign Final Report

Building the Future

\$8,102,044

\$8M

Here are some donor highlights:

- 563 individuals
- 31 foundations
- 10 faith communities
- 35 businesses & organizations
- Government grants
- \$510,000 for the GHP FISH Endowment Fund

\$6M

\$4M

\$2M

We closed the books on the fundraising campaign on July 31st, 2022, after raising a total of \$8,102,044.



GHP FISH Food Bank & Community Services - Our Story

GHP FISH began in 1976 as a group of community volunteers who embodied neighbors helping neighbors. They started with transportation, babysitting, meals, and other services. When the Pierce County Community Action Agency relocated to Tacoma, these volunteers filled the void. In 1985, GHP FISH became a 501(c)(3) non-profit. The Christian fish symbolizes their compassion and care for all, regardless of class, culture, or creed.

Over the years, they recognized that people on the Peninsula were in need of more than just a food bank. With growing community support, they added several more services, including a small clothing bank. They began providing emergency financial aid for rent, utility bills, or medical needs,

transportation to medical appointments, and educational support for students at all learning levels.

GHP FISH clients choose their own food selections from the shelves, in a small grocery store setting. This preserves their dignity and avoids wasting unwanted groceries. On average, GHP FISH provides food for more than 20,005 meals per month to our neighbors in need. During peak seasons, such as during the holidays, that number can be much higher.

More people than ever are turning to GHP FISH to help them provide for their families. Thanks to your generosity, we are able to continue to provide aid to all who need it.



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Neighbor helping neighbors in need with food and other assistance as they move towards self-sufficiency.