

2025 Impact Report

Hunger is a Logistics Problem.



Dear Community,

When we launched **Last Mile Food Rescue**, I thought that rescuing 5 million pounds of food in one year was a bold and distant goal. Little did I know that our partnerships would be so strong that we would get there in just 5 years.

Communities around the world have tried to keep people who needed help from going hungry. But food insecurity seemed intractable.

At **Last Mile** we asked ourselves: *“What could be done differently?”*

The answer was in the logistics that bring packages to our doors overnight. We use the same technology to rescue good but excess food that would otherwise go to landfills—and get it to the people who need it most.

Last Year:

- More than 900 volunteers executed more than 22,000 rescues.
- We expanded our markets into 3 new food deserts in Price Hill and Roll Hill.
- Our Last Mile On-the-Go Program provided more than 10,000 grab-and-go meals.
- A grant from Ohio EPA—matched by generous community support—enabled us to expand our fleet of refrigerated vehicles for large loads.

We have grown at an astonishing 30% annually since we launched in 2020, thanks to our partners—food donors, non-profit agencies, volunteers, and financial supporters. Together, we will rescue 15 million pounds of food annually by 2029—the amount needed to solve food insecurity in Greater Cincinnati.

Thank you for being part of our success. I look forward to taking the next steps with you.

Eileen Budo

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Chief Executive Officer



2025 impact



5.4 million
POUNDS OF FOOD RESCUED

22,226
RESCUES COMPLETED

4.5 million
MEALS EQUIVALENT

13 million
POUNDS OF CO₂ PREVENTED

905
VOLUNTEERS



5.4 million pounds of food rescued!

We exceeded our goal in 2025 and provided the equivalent of **4.5 million meals** to our neighbors in need.

Since our founding, we have diverted **17 million pounds of food** from landfills to tables—the equivalent of **more than 14 million meals**.

We didn't do it by creating more food. We did it by using modern logistics systems to move the food that already exists to where it's needed.

We are building a sustainable system to solve food insecurity in Greater Cincinnati.



PICK UP

Food Donors



Last Mile Volunteers



Partner Agencies

DROP OFF

our logistics solution

We welcome the dedication of **more than 900 people** who want to build a better community and the companies who donate their surplus food instead of sending it to rapidly filling landfills.

- Volunteers pick up carloads full of produce, meat, dairy, and packaged foods.
- A fleet of refrigerated vehicles picks up large loads.

Our logistics solution employs an app that guides volunteers to the grocery and convenience stores, warehouses, commercial cafeterias, and big events that donate food, which we provide to food banks and pantries that feed so many of our neighbors.

celebrating food donors

606 Companies Donated Their Excess Food in 2025

It all starts with the companies that make the smart, sustainable business decision to donate their excess food rather than send it to a landfill.

500,000+ pounds of food donated



100,000 – 499,000 lbs donated

80 Acres Farms
Caruso Inc
Flowers Baking Co.
Fyffes North American Inc.
Performance Food Service
Target
Trader Joes
Tropicana Products

25,000 – 99,000 lbs donated

Bimbo Bread Supply
Chef's Warehouse
Chick-Fil-A
Cincinnati Children's Hospital
Cincinnati Public Schools
Community Action Agency
Ditsch USA
Fidelity - Compass USA
Gordon Food Service
Master Provisions
Meijer
St. Elizabeth Healthcare
Sam's Club
Sysco
Taylor Farms
Tri-Health
US Foods
Walmart
Wild Pastures

10,000 – 24,999 lbs donated

The Bagelry
Breadsmith
Capital Grille
Country Fresh Farm Market
Crane Worldwide
Emmanuel Temple Apostolic Church
Farmers Markets
Free Store Food Bank
Great American Ballpark
The Healing Center
Lakota School District
Last Mile Markets
La Soupe
Matthew 25 Ministries
McDonald's
Meals on Wheels

Mercy Health
P&G/Compass Foods
Reach Out Lakota
SAGE Dining Services
UC Health
University of Cincinnati - Sodexo

5,000 – 9,999 lbs donated

Cincinnati Public Library
City BBQ
Crayons to Computers
Crumbl
Divisions Maintenance Group
FUEL NKU
Grant County Schools
Jungle Jim's
Marx's Hot Bagels
Nature Box
Yard House

3,000-5,000 lbs donated

BLOC Ministries
Busken Bakery
CAIN
Cincinnati Zoo
Coffee Emporium
DelightMore Catering
Easterseals Redwood
Equator Design
The Giving Fields
Just 4 Kids Learning Center
Klosterman Baking Company
Kroger Food Drive
Lindner Family Tennis Center
Longhorn Steakhouse
Maggiano's Little Italy
Milford City Schools
Olive Garden
Paris Baguette
Seasons 52
Society of St. Andrew
Thorntons
Xavier University
* Festivals / Events

We rescued **over 500,000 pounds** of food from truckers with rejected loads.

powered by friends and neighbors

21,046 Completed Volunteer Rescues in 2025

Our **905 volunteers** come to us because they don't want to see people go hungry. They come because they are appalled to see millions of pounds of good food thrown into landfills to rot. They come because they want to be part of the solution.

Food insecurity is a community problem and our model was designed to attract the whole community to solve it. Our volunteer network amplifies our capacity.

“*My takeaway from this almost year-long volunteer effort is: LMFR is an essential partner to alleviate need, while reducing waste. I believe I am making an impact.*”

– Marjorie Hull



“I love transporting food for Last Mile Food Rescue because it makes you feel like you are saving people from hunger.

I know what that feels like because I was one of those persons needing food support when I was young.”

– Jeffery Soule



partner agencies

We delivered food to 268 food banks, pantries, shelters, and other nonprofit organizations in 2025.

The food we rescued provided the equivalent of **4.5 million meals** to our neighbors across Greater Cincinnati. That was **\$22 million** in free food.

A. Morton Food Pantry
Action Ministries
Aldersgate Apartments - Senior Living
Anderson Ferry Food Pantry
Anderson Fire Department
Arcadia Park Senior Apartment Community
Bahr Farm
Be Concerned
Bethany Church
Bethany House Services
Bethel Baptist Church
Bigger Skies Mental Health
Black Power Initiative
BLOC Ministries
Bond Hill Food Pantry
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Cincinnati
Breadsmith
Brighton Center
CAIN
Center for Respite Care
Church of Our Saviour/La Iglesia de Nuestro
COOS
Cincinnati Childrens Hospital
Cincinnati Country Day School
Cincinnati Public Schools
Cincinnati Recreation Center
Cincinnati Union Bethel
City Gospel Mission

CNE Cares
Food for the Soul
Covunity Fridge
DCCH Center for Children and Families
Dearborn ClearingHouse
Eagle Fellowship Ministries, Inc.
Easterseals Redwood
Erlanger First Church of the Nazarene
ETAC Lighthouse Ministries
Evanston Food Pantry
Every Nation Cincinnati Church
Fairfield Food Pantry
Faith Food Pantry
Faith Tabernacle Church
Faith Temple Ministries
Feed Our Flock
FIESTA
Florence Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Focus Cincinnati
For His Glory
Freestore Food Bank
FUEL NKU
Garden Of Joy
Generations G.R.O.W Network
Good Shepherd Catholic Church
Henry Hosea House
Hope House Mission
Impacting Tomorrow

IPM Food Pantry
Isiah 55
IWC
JEE Foods
Joseph House
KELLY Youth Services
Kings Local Food Pantry
La Soupe
Landmark Cincinnati's Bread of Life Ministries
Last Mile Food Rescue
Latino Ministry Center
Learning Grove
Lebanon Food Pantry
LIFE Food Pantry
Life Learning Center
Lighthouse Youth Services
Lightshine Ministries
Lincoln Heights Outreach Inc
Lincoln Heights Valley Boosters
Little Flower SVDP Pantry
Madisonville Education and Assistance Center
Mail Pouch Farm
Mason Food Pantry
Master Provisions
Matthew 25 Ministries
Mayo Home for Youth Development
Mount Auburn Preparatory Academy
MudFoot Farm
My Brother's Keeper
MyWhy
New Prospect Baptist Church
New Vision Missionary Baptist Church
Newtownsville Food Pantry
North College Hill Senior Center
North Dearborn Pantry
North East Emergency Distribution Services (NEEDS)
North Fairmount Community Center
Open Door Ministry
Operation Give Back
Our Daily Bread
Overview Transitional Housing
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Queen City Kitchen
Reach N Teach
Restoration Christian Church

SA Farm and Apiaries - The Shroomery
Salvation Army
Santa Maria Community Services
SEM Pantry
Serve City
Shared Harvest
ShelterHouse
Society of St. Vincent DePaul
SON Ministries
St. John United Church of Christ
St. Leo Food Pantry
St. Susanna Food Pantry
St. Veronica SVDP
St. Vincent De Paul NKY
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Pantry
St. Bernard Food Pantry
St. Clement Parish
St. Francis
St. George Interfaith Food Pantry
Summerside Feeding Ministries
Table of Hope (New Hope Cincinnati)
Taft High School Stadium
Talbert House
The Care Center
The Caring Place
Third Way Peace Fellowship
Tikkun Farm
TNT Recovery Ranch
United Christian Volunteers
VA- Voluntary Services
Valley Interfaith
Village Food Pantry
Vineyard Church
Vineyard Cincinnati Church - The Healing Center
Washington UCC
White Barn Garden Sales
Willows Apartment complex
Willows Community Center
Women's Crisis Center
Xavier Jesuit Academy
Xavier University
Your Store of the Queen City
YWCA
Zion UCC/Woven Oak

responding in real time

● A Sudden Increase in Community Need

In November, the government shutdown halted SNAP benefits. Tens of thousands of families in our communities were suddenly unable to afford even basic groceries, and our partners saw a big increase in the need for food assistance.



● What Last Mile Did Differently

During the government shutdown food inspectors were furloughed, meaning a lot of good food was going to landfills for lack of clearance. In just one of many examples, our team stepped in to save a truckload of bananas and get them to pantries around the city.

2025 highlights

Expanding Our Fleet

Thanks to the generosity of our volunteer community, we matched an Ohio EPA grant that enabled us to **add a refrigerated truck to our fleet.**

Expanding the Last Mile Market

We expanded our successful **Last Mile Market** to Price Hill and the Villages of Roll Hill with the generous support of Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and Impact 100. All are welcome to our weekly markets, where we serve neighborhoods with limited food access and no local pantries to serve them regularly.

Expanding Local Programs

In 2025 we distributed more than 10,000 grab-and-go, single serving containers—repackaged from large trays of food from commercial kitchens. Our **Last Mile On-the-Go** repack program is a partnership with Easterseals Redwood and supported by the Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr. Foundation.



financial supporters

The generosity of our financial donors has helped us grow by 30% year-over-year and enabled us to exceed our ambitious 2025 goal to **rescue 5 million pounds of food.**

Visionary (\$100,000+)

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center - All Children Thrive
Impact 100
Millstone Fund
Ohio EPA
SARE (Sustainable Agricultural Research and Education)
Julie and Steve Shifman
United Way of Greater Cincinnati

Trailblazer (\$50,000-\$99,999)

Doug and Sheila Bray
City of Cincinnati
Charles H. Dater Foundation
The R.C. Durr Foundation
Fifth Third Bank
James J. & Joan A. Gardner Family Foundation
Greater Cincinnati Foundation
Hamilton County
Hamilton County Solid Waste Management
David Lindner
John Pepper
United Dairy Farmers

Champion (\$25,000-\$49,999)

Bank of America Foundation
The Clement and Ann Buenger Foundation
Ruth J. and Robert A. Conway Foundation
Butler Foundation
Lois Cohen
Ellen Galloway
Louis M. Groen Foundation
Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr. Foundation
Frank J. Kloenne & Jacqueline D. Kloenne Foundation
L&L Nippert Charitable Foundation
Procter & Gamble
George B. Riley Trust
St. Elizabeth Healthcare
Robert C. & Adele R. Schiff Family Foundation
Harold C. Schott Foundation
Spaulding Foundation
Sutphin Family Foundation
Thornwell Family Foundation
Unnewehr Foundation

Impact Partner (\$15,000-\$24,999)

Community of the Good Shepherd Church
John and Betsy LaMacchia
George and Margaret McLane Foundation
John A. Schroth Family Charitable Trust
The Summit Foundation
Kathy Thornton and Robert Keith

Change Maker (\$5,000-\$14,999)

Leslie L. Alexander Foundation
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Ray & Kelly Attiyah
Susan Bach
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Jodi Geiser
James Gray
Gary Greenberg
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Kim and Gary Heiman
Elsa M. Heisel Sule Foundation
Wohlgemuth Herschede Foundation
Lindy Holt
Andrew Jergens Foundation
Johnson & Johnson
Julie and Rick Kantor
KeyBank
Austin E. Knowlton Foundation
Kohnen Family Foundation
Lynn Marmer
Barb and Dan Molloy
Todd and Leslie Omais
Cindy Panning
REVERB
Richard Roebuck
Michelle Strutz
Neil and Sally Tilow
Tito's Handmade Vodka
Dick and Debbie Westheimer

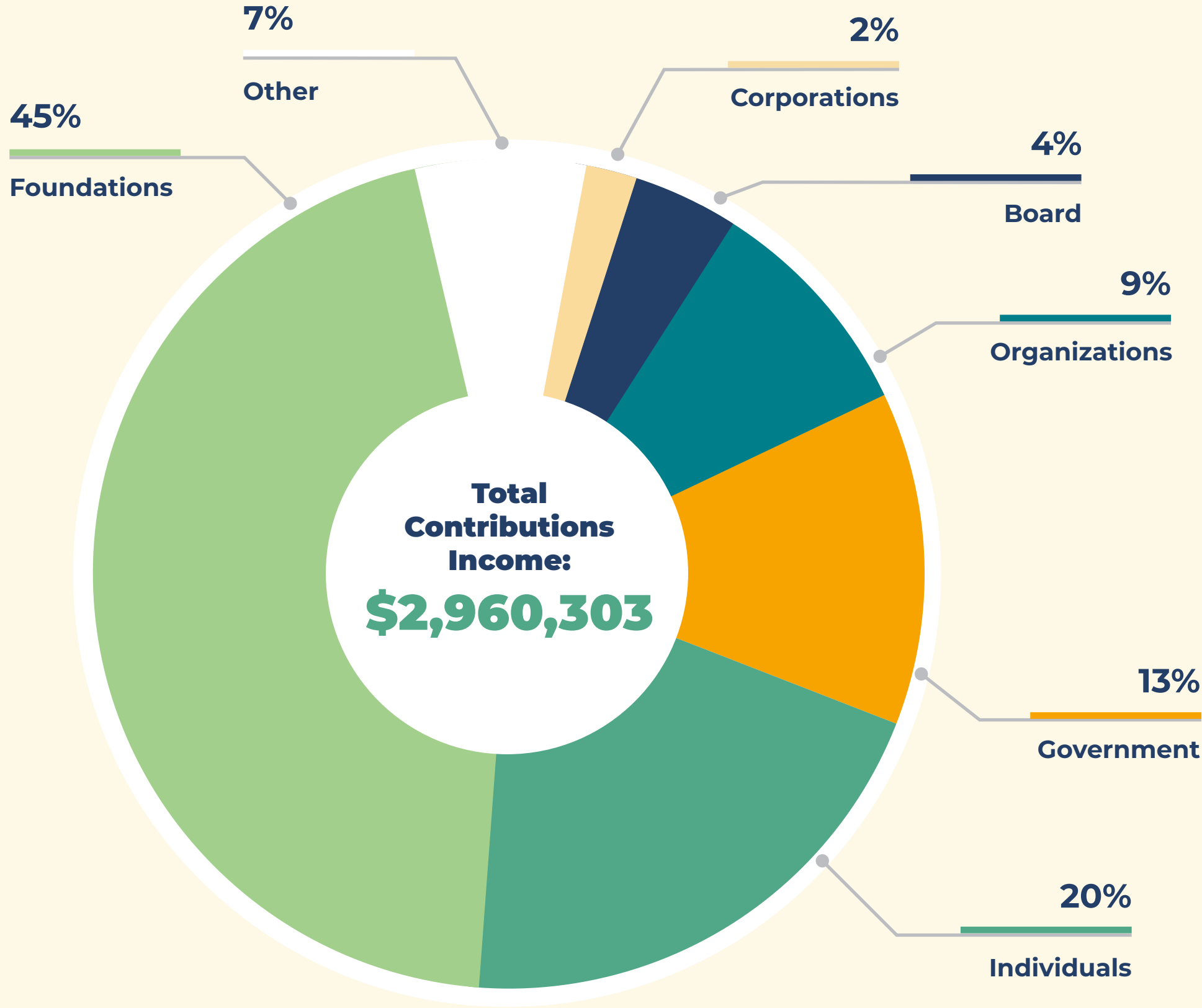
Hunger Hero (\$1,000-\$4,999)

Bahl & Gaynor
Be Concerned
Doug Bell
Jim and Jenny Berg
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce J. Berno
Eileen and Ed Budo
Barbara and John Fillion
The Capital Grille
Barbara J. Conrad
Carol Covello
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Jim Crosset
E. Craig Dauer
Nita Dotson
Beth Emanuelson
Martha Feller
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Bill and Suzy Goldberg
James Goldman
Beth Guttman
James Hagerty
Mary Hais
Haven and Reynard Families
Patricia Hawkins
Fred and Patti Heldman
Herschend Family Entertainment -
Newport Aquarium
Home City Ice
Impacting Tomorrow
IPM Food Pantry
Mary Ann Jacobs
Jay and Shirley Joyce
JTM
Kellanova
John and Therese Kendall
Hank Kerschen
Dan and Mary Lou Krohn
Life Learning Center

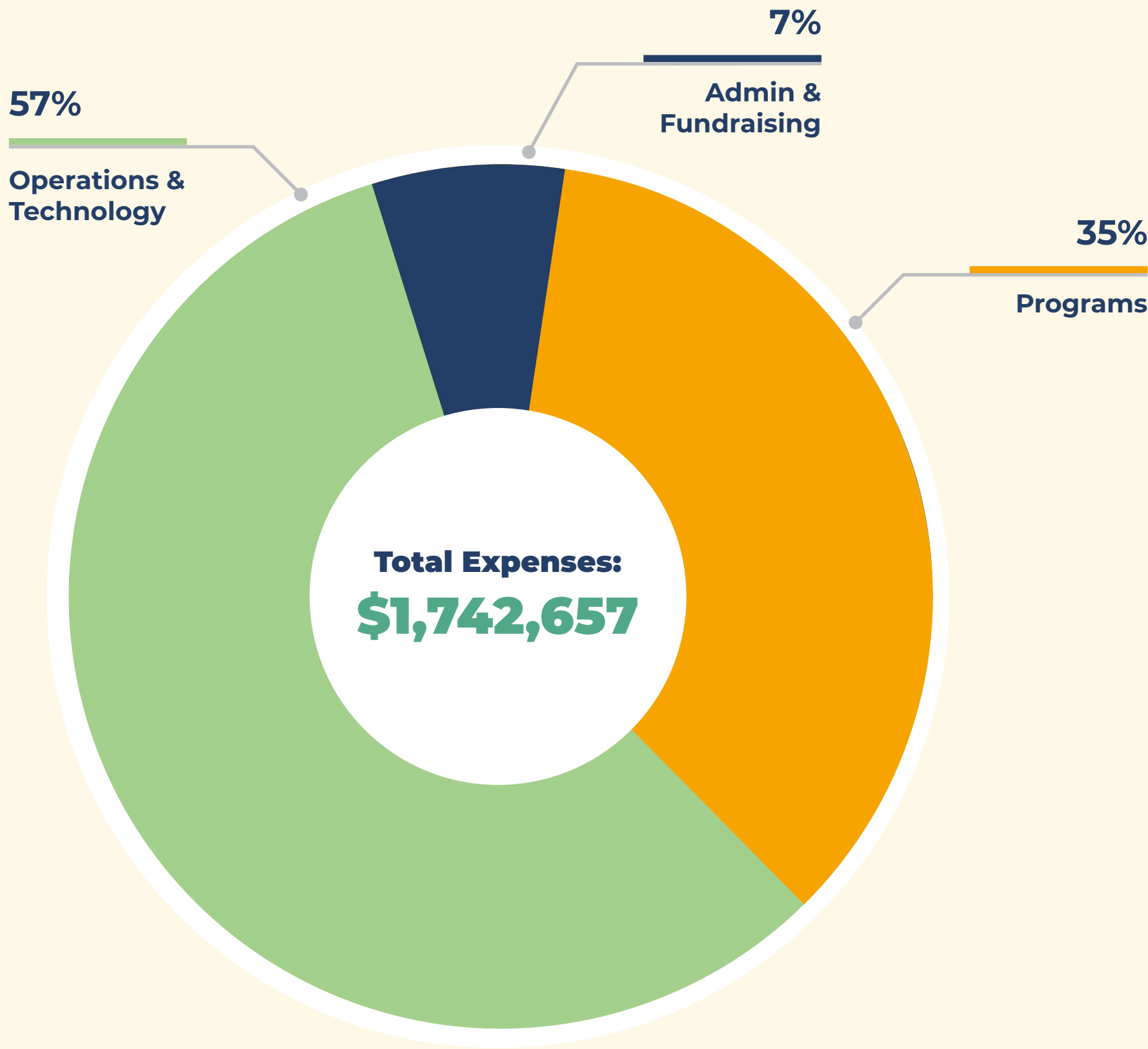
Avery Lindner
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Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
Matthew 25 Event Center
Karen Meyer and Richard Michelman
The Mission Cincinnati
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The Greater Cincinnati Penn State Alumni Association
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financials

Revenue



Expenses



board & staff

OUR LEADERSHIP

Eileen Budo, CEO

Julie Shifman, Co-Founder & VP of External Relations

Donna Thompson, COO

OUR TEAM

Greg Calhoun, Driver

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Crystal Cottrill, Director of Distribution
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& Food Donations

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Avery Swanson, Fleet Manager

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Thank you for helping us end food waste and hunger!

5.4 million

pounds of food rescued in 2025!

Solving the Logistics of Hunger

Together, we—staff, volunteers, food donors, non-profit agencies—are building a better city, one with fewer hungry people.

