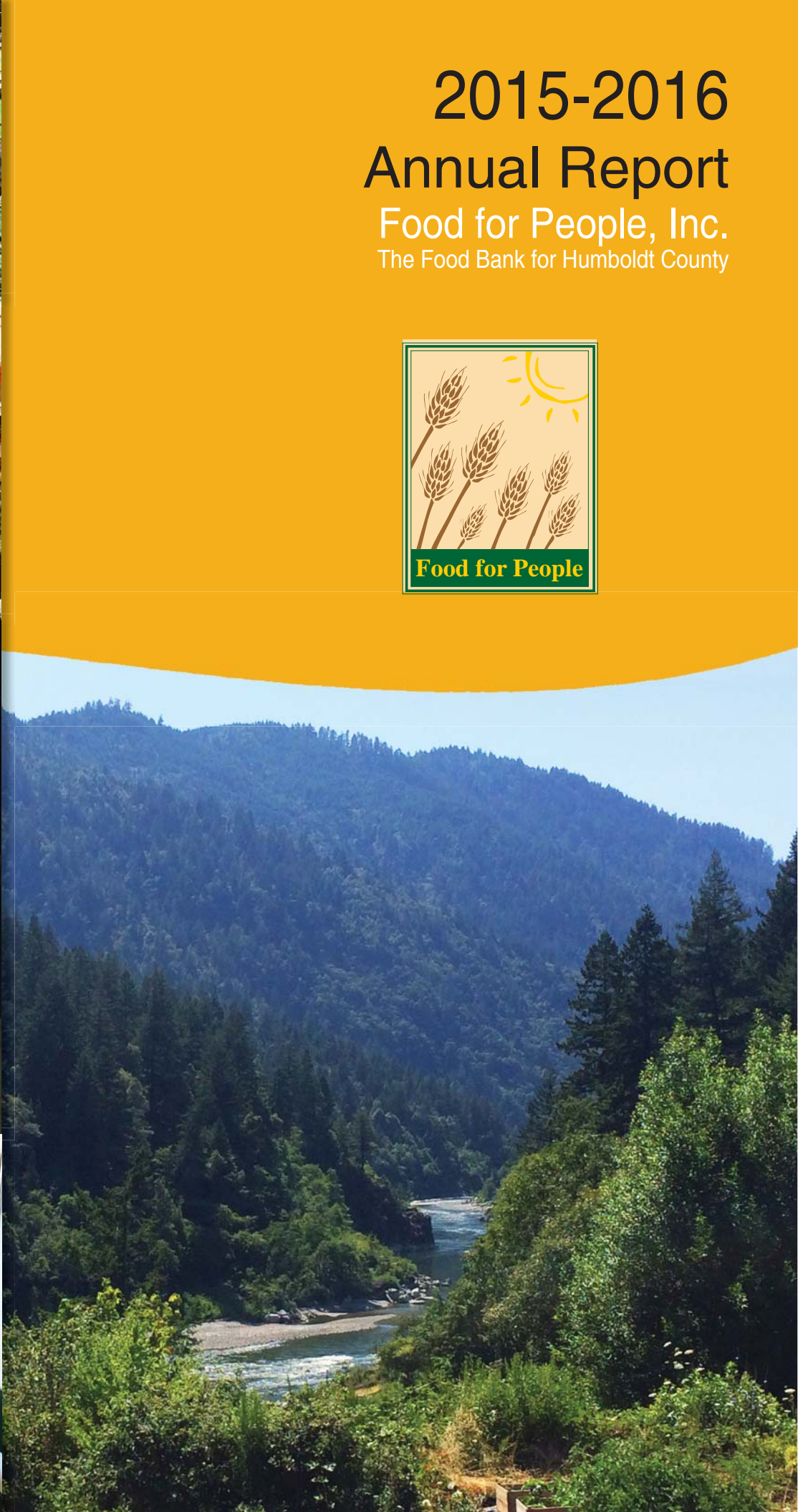


2015-2016 Annual Report

Food for People, Inc.
The Food Bank for Humboldt County



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Food for People is a non-profit organization working to eliminate hunger and improve the health and well-being of our community through access to healthy and nutritious foods, community education and advocacy.

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Food for People, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit as referenced by EIN 94-2772549.

Our Vision

We envision a community where everyone has access to good quality, nutritious food, understands the consequences of hunger and poor nutrition and is committed to creating a stronger, healthier Humboldt County.



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Executive Director's Message

Food for People is grateful for this opportunity to share the highlights of our accomplishments for fiscal year 2015- 2016, which encompasses the period from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016. It represents our 37th year of service to our community, providing food assistance for an average of 12,000 individuals of all ages each month. The majority of our 14 programs have been in operation for anywhere from 10 to 35 years and they include food distributions for children, families, seniors and people with disabilities; a variety of nutrition education activities; CalFresh outreach and application assistance; and job training programs for individuals enrolled in the WEX and CalWORKS programs. Although our operations are based at our facility in Eureka, we connect with people at locations throughout Humboldt County with food distribution sites that extend from Garberville in the south to Orick in the north and from Eureka on the coast to Hoopa and points east.



As you read through this annual report, you will see that we piece together a wide variety of funding sources to help our programs function as efficiently and cost-effectively as possible. We are constantly exploring grant and government funding opportunities that fit our mission, but the biggest impact clearly comes from the generosity of our local food and financial donors and our volunteers. Their donations of time, money, food and resources make it possible for us to help when needed most and represent a significant investment in the long term health of our community. We appreciate their continued support and their willingness to help us maintain a strong focus on good nutrition as a pathway to good health.

One of the things that is a bit more difficult to quantify in an annual report format is the value of having a dedicated, hardworking staff and teams of amazing volunteers that work shoulder to shoulder each and every day. Their creativity, resourcefulness and compassion-in-action attitude play a crucial role in helping us achieve our mission. Their commitment to providing excellent service for people who are experiencing poverty and food insecurity, and doing so in an atmosphere of dignity and respect, is nothing short of inspirational. This also applies to the wonderful spirit of collaboration that touches each one of our programs in a significant way. Our program partners include Family and Community Resource Centers, faith-based groups, nonprofit organizations, businesses, government entities, civic groups, schools, families and interested individuals who work together and share limited resources to make our community a better place to live.

In closing, I would like to extend our warmest thanks to all who are partnering with us to create a healthy, hunger-free Humboldt County. We couldn't be more grateful for your support!

With gratitude,

Anne Holcomb
Executive Director

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A WORLD WITHOUT HUNGER.. WE DO



Food for People, Inc.
Statement of Financial Position
 As of September 30, 2016

	Sep 30, '16
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	568,479.00
Accounts Receivable	268,465.00
Food Inventory	76,615.00
Prepaid Expenses	4,404.00
Total Current Assets	917,963.00
Fixed Assets	
Property, Equipment and Improvements	385,417.00
Total Fixed Assets	386,734.00
TOTAL ASSETS	1,303,380.00
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	23,573.00
Note Payable	3,429.00
Accrued Expenses	38,028.00
Total Liabilities	65,030.00
Net Assets	
Unrestricted Net Assets	1,004,429.00
Temporarily Restricted	233,921.00
Total Net Assets	1,238,350.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	1,303,380.00



History of Food for People, Inc.

Food for People first opened its doors in 1979 as a small food closet, designed to fill a void in the County's social service programs. Our programs and services have grown and matured over the past 37 years, thanks to the generous support of the local community and the various grant making foundations that have provided funding for new and existing projects.

Federal and state contracts specific to the distribution of USDA, FEMA and other purchased or donated foods, combined with grants and generous local donations, make it possible for us to provide food for more than **12,000 low income children, seniors, people with disabilities and other individuals each month.**



According to data provided through the California Health Interview Survey, Humboldt County has one of the highest rates of hunger and food insecurity statewide.

Food for People is a member of the California Association of Food Banks and is designated as a partner distribution organization by Feeding America, a nationwide network of food banks. We are also members of the Northern California Association of Nonprofits, which helps to build and strengthen our focus on local partnerships and collaborations.

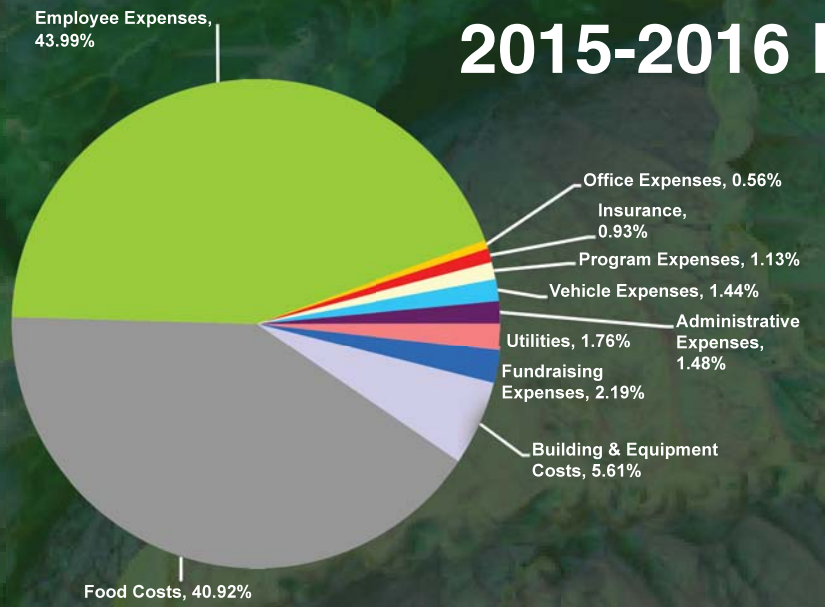


The programs offered by Food for People are intended to serve as a safety net for those whose circumstances have left them at risk for hunger and food insecurity. Our goal is to provide individuals and households with the emergency and supplemental food they need, while working to address the root causes of hunger in our county.

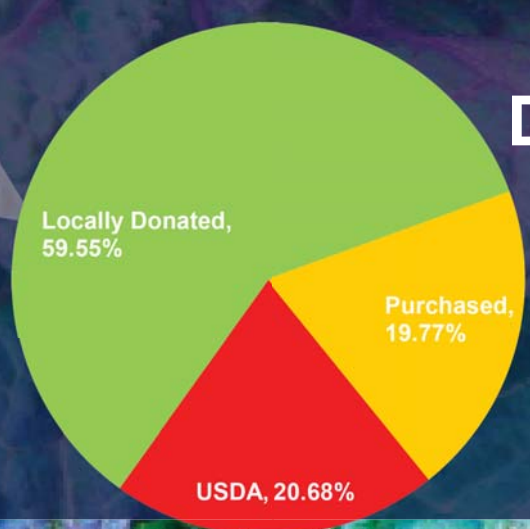
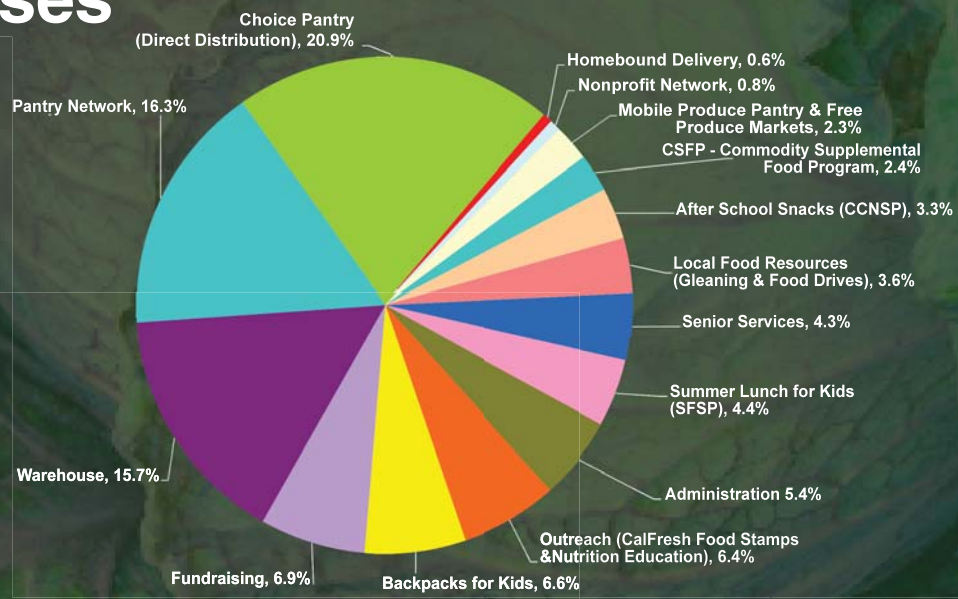
Food for People, Inc. is designated as the Food Bank for Humboldt County.

Top: Food for People is the official food bank for Humboldt County working to eliminate hunger and improve the health and well-being of our community through access to healthy and nutritious foods, community education and advocacy. Bottom: Volunteers help unload and sort donations during the 2017 Letter Carriers Food Drive at Food for People in Eureka, CA.

2015-2016 Expenses



2015-2016 Program Expenses



2015-2016 Distributed Food - By Source

Meeting the Need in Humboldt County



Food for People, Inc. currently operates a total of 14 programs, each of which is designed to address the needs of those who are experiencing hunger and food insecurity.

Last year, our food bank distributed more than 2 million pounds of food.

An average of 385 volunteers per month donated 27,957 hours of their time last year—equivalent to 18 full-time staff positions.

The Food Bank coordinates the distribution of food through all designated program areas, and also oversees the direct distribution of food through our **Choice Pantry** to an average of 1,115 households each month. The Choice Pantry style of food distribution invites people to shop through our pantry and select the foods they want and need, so none goes to waste. Shopping is based on a nutritional point system to ensure that everyone gets a balance of foods from every food group (protein, grain, fruits, vegetables, dairy). Last year we provided a total of 13,383 shopping trips in the Choice Pantry and an additional 2,209 Emergency Food Boxes.



Our **Emergency Food Pantry Network** provides food for 17 pantries and 3 congregate meal programs (soup kitchens) located throughout Humboldt County. An average of 2,746 households were served each month through all pantries last year, and an average of 12,761 meals were served each month by congregate meal sites in our network. Food for People monitors each site, and provides technical assistance, as needed.



The Senior Brown Bag Program

has been operating since 1987, and currently provides a bag of groceries for more than 300 low-income senior households county-wide each month. Volunteer drivers deliver bags to those who are unable to pick up their own food.

The **Commodity Supplemental Food Program** for seniors provides a 30-40 pound box of nutritious food monthly for more than 300 program participants at six locations.

Our **Homebound Delivery Program** provides a monthly bag of groceries for up to 100 adults under age 60 who are too ill or disabled to leave their homes. Some recipients are recovering from surgery, while others may be coping with a terminal illness. Referrals are accepted from hospital discharge planners, social workers, home health workers, etc.



Top: Longtime volunteer Gordon Leppig picks up bags to deliver for Food for People Senior & Homebound Delivery Program.
Bottom: Clients visit Food for People's Senior Brown Bag distribution in Fortuna.

The **Summer Food Service Program**, also known as the Children's Summer Lunch Program, distributed 17,554 lunches at 23 community sites in summer 2016. Free sack lunches are provided to low-income children whose families cannot afford the additional cost of the extra meals once school is out. The majority of the children served qualify for free or reduced-cost breakfast and lunch during the school year.



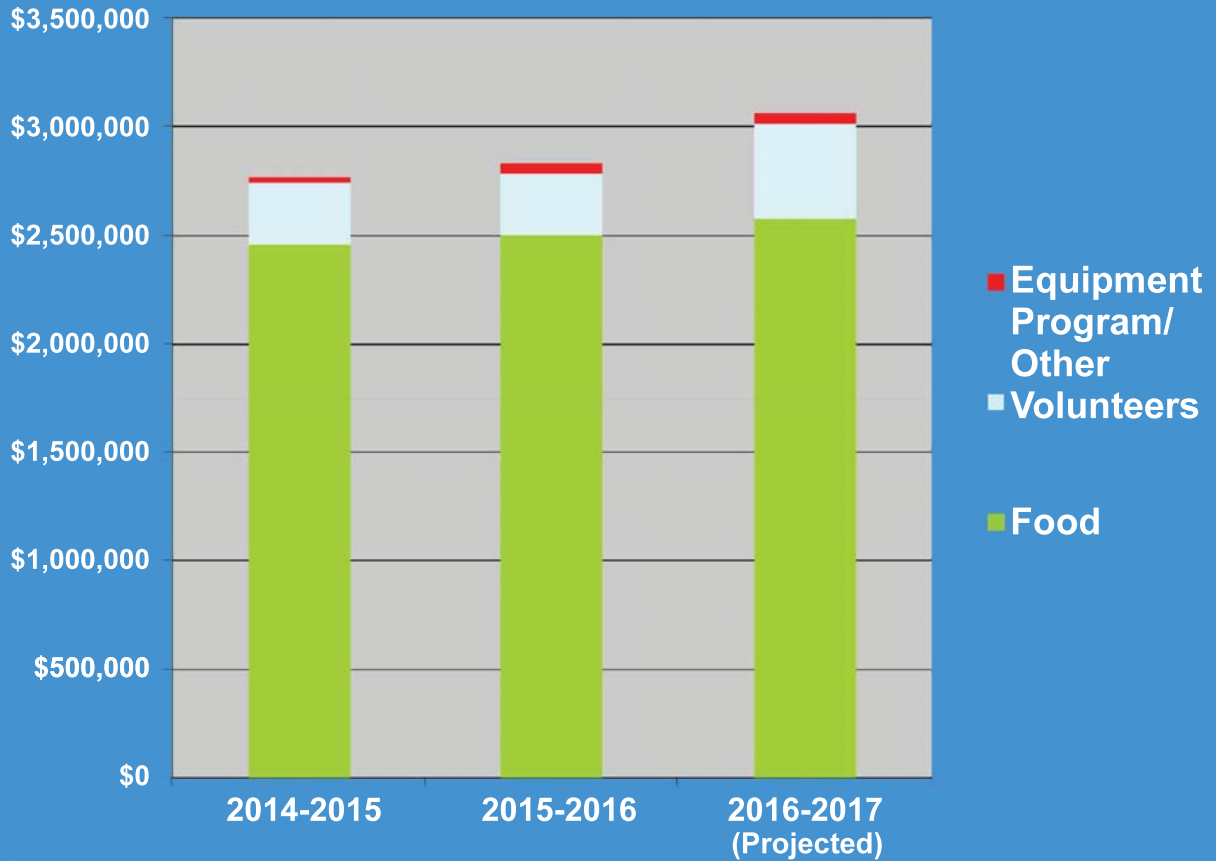
The **After School Snack Program** was initiated in October 2006 and provides healthy snacks in after school settings at various schools and youth programs for up to 400 children per day. Last year we distributed 47,733 snacks at 11 sites. Many of the sites are also partners in our Summer Lunch program.

The **Backpacks for Kids program** provides a backpack filled with kid-friendly food every Friday during the school year for children who are considered at risk for hunger over the weekend. Last year, the program served 509 children at 26 schools.



The **Nonprofit Food Network** allows local nonprofit organizations providing residential, rehabilitation or after-school programs to access foods in our warehouse at a low, per pound cost. Programs must specifically serve low-income children and adults.

2015-2016 Dollar Value of In-Kind Donations



Free Produce Market programs include our **free farmers' market-style** produce distributions at 4 locations monthly, May through October, which served 2,731 households in the 2016 season, and the **Mobile Produce Pantry** which served 6,465 households last year in remote communities that lack access to fresh produce.



Top: Weitchpec resident Wayne smiles as he picks up the beautiful fresh produce during Food for People's Mobile Produce Pantry distribution in Weitchpec, CA. Bottom: Local residents line up on a sunny day for a Free Produce Market at Food for People in Eureka.

The **Emergency Food and Disaster Program** links Food for People with our local chapter of VOAD, Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster. Should a disaster strike Humboldt County, Food for People would work with other local groups to make food available to any community experiencing hardship.



Community Education and Outreach Programs

include Hunger 101, a hands-on curriculum designed for children and adults of all ages which provides insight into the tough decisions low-income households face daily when trying to obtain adequate nutrition. We offer cooking and nutrition classes regularly at the Eureka Co-op demonstration kitchen and other community locations.

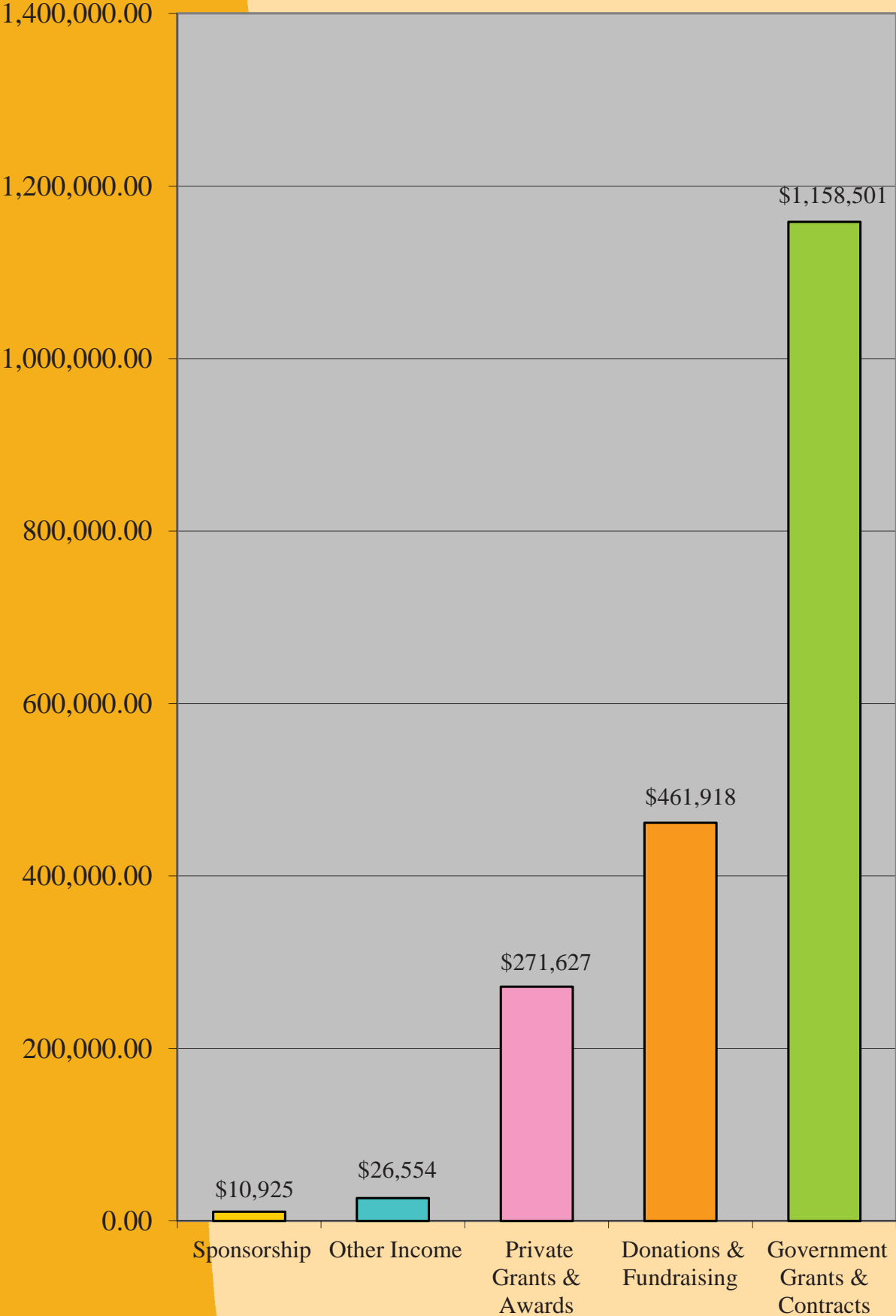
Our **CalFresh Outreach Program** advocates for the elimination of bureaucratic barriers to CalFresh (formerly food stamps) for working families and seniors and helps to enroll them in CalFresh.

Local Food Resources Programs include the **Gleaning Program**, which accessed 95,463 lbs of donated fresh local produce and meat from commercial farms, orchards, backyard gardens and ranches this year; the **“Plant a Row for the Hungry”** campaign, which encourages backyard gardeners to plant an extra row of food to donate to a local food pantry; and community **Food Drives** through which our community donated 163,060 lbs this year.



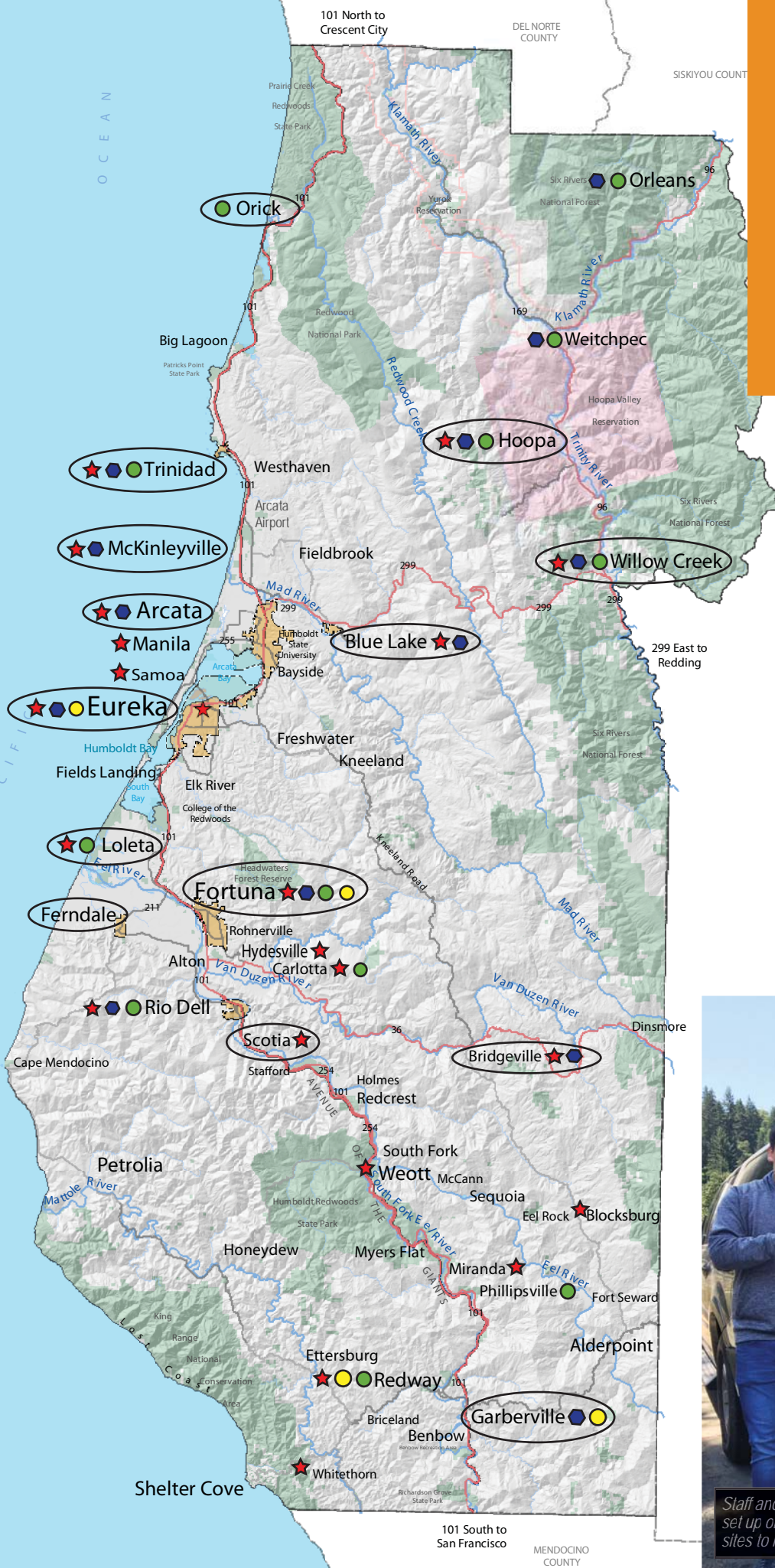
*Top: A local letter carrier unloads nonperishable food donations during the 25th annual Letter Carriers' "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive at Food for People in Eureka, CA.
Bottom: Liz Nagle, Food for People's Local Food Resources Intern for 2016, harvests greens from Redwood Roots Farm for Food for People's Gleaning Program.*





2015-2016 Funding Sources



Food for People Map of County Services

Currently, we operate a total of 14 community food programs, each of which is designed to address the needs of those who are experiencing hunger and food insecurity.



-  Pantries in our Pantry Network
-  Towns with Backpacks for Kids, Summer Lunch, and/or After School Snack Programs
-  Towns with Senior Brown Bag, Homebound Delivery and/or CSFP Programs
-  Towns with Free Farmers' Market-Style Produce Distributions
-  Towns Visited by Mobile Produce Pantry



Staff and volunteers from the Tribal Education Office in Hoopa set up one of multiple satellite Children's Free Summer Lunch sites to reach children in the widespread Hoopa area.



Happy children enjoy a healthy sack lunch provided by Food for People's Summer Lunch Program.

Our Values

Integrity — We will demonstrate the highest ethical standards in all interactions.

Stewardship — We will be accountable to all through the efficient and environmentally responsible use of resources.

Teamwork — We will foster cooperation and a sense of empowerment amongst our diverse staff, volunteers, and community partners.

Respect — We will treat all of our relationships with respect.

Innovation — We will continually seek to provide excellent service through the development of new and improved methods to reduce hunger.

Empathy, Passion, Empowerment — We encourage and support the best in ourselves and those we serve and provide opportunities for everyone to participate in fulfilling our mission.

We believe hunger can be eliminated.



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