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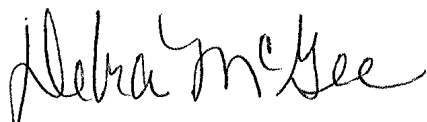
On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of Mississippi Food Network, we are pleased to provide you with our 2015-16 Annual Report. Working with our member agencies, volunteers, community organizations, Feeding America, and hundreds of generous people and businesses, we are making a difference in the lives of our fellow Mississippians. We hope this report will help show you the extent of our efforts to serve the hungry and those who are food insecure, as well as to accomplish our vision to eliminate poverty-related hunger in our service area through our programs and the dedicated efforts of the people who work at Mississippi Food Network.

The scope of this task is massive, and it grows each year. Statistics continue to show that Mississippi has the worst hunger problem of all the states of the Union. Of our 379,814 seniors, 100,000 (26.3%) do not always have enough food to eat. Of the 767,742 children living here, 265,693 (34.7%) are in poverty, and 220,341 (28.7%) face food insecurity (do not know from where their next meal may be coming).

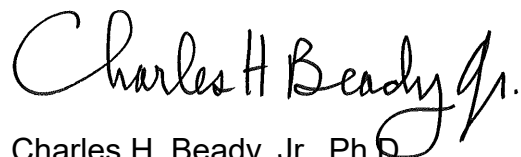
Mississippi Food Network and our member agencies are dedicated to providing effective and far-reaching assistance to needy families. The Board of Directors and our staff are dedicated to a proactive approach, and we continue to look for innovative ways to provide better service. We are proud that our annual, independent financial audits continue to show no deficiencies in internal control over compliance or any material weaknesses. Additionally, those audits, including this year's audit, continue to show that over 95% of our funds go toward the operation of our programs. This is also supported by the Secretary of State's 2016 Report on Charitable Organizations in Mississippi, which indicates that 95.36% of our funds go back to our programs.

We are always mindful of our mission to relieve poverty-related hunger in our service area, providing nutrition education and emphasizing advocacy. As you look over this Annual Report, remember that our friends and donors play a critical role in enabling this organization to provide so much support to so many. Our mission can only be accomplished through the generosity of others, and for all of those who contribute to the work we do, we are very grateful.

Sincerely,



Debra McGee  
Chairman of the Board  
2015-2016



Charles H. Beady, Jr., Ph.D.  
Chief Executive Officer



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**REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT**

|  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| Contributions of money                         | \$ 1,311,629             |
| Contributions of food                          | 18,017,845               |
| Grants and government revenues                 | 2,046,644                |
| Shared maintenance fees                        | 359,750                  |
| Food purchase revenues                         | 54,553                   |
| Interest and other income                      | 39,451                   |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT</b> | <b><u>21,829,872</u></b> |

**EXPENSES**

|                        |                          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Food distribution      | 21,314,678               |
| Management and general | 469,427                  |
| Fund-raising           | 565,701                  |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>  | <b><u>22,349,806</u></b> |

**INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS** (519,934)

**NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR** 6,197,222

**NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR** \$ **5,677,288**

**ASSETS**

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| Cash  | \$ 2,075,826               |
| Accounts receivable                               | 31,088                     |
| Grants and pledges receivable                     | 204,133                    |
| Board designated interest bearing funds held for: |                            |
| Investments                                       | 874,167                    |
| Food inventory                                    | 1,521,262                  |
| Prepaid expenses                                  | 67,734                     |
| Property, buildings and equipment, net            | 1,085,812                  |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                               | <b><u>\$ 5,860,022</u></b> |

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS****LIABILITIES**

|                          |                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Accounts payable         | \$ 100,068            |
| Accrued expenses         | 34,976                |
| Deferred revenue         | 47,690                |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b> | <b><u>182,734</u></b> |

**NET ASSETS**

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| Unrestricted:                           |                            |
| Board designated                        | 1,201,206                  |
| Undesignated                            | 2,113,555                  |
| Total unrestricted                      | 3,314,761                  |
| Temporarily restricted                  | 2,362,527                  |
| <b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>                 | <b><u>5,677,288</u></b>    |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b> | <b><u>\$ 5,860,022</u></b> |

Annual Audit: Our financial statements are audited annually by BKD, LLP. The audit for the year ended June 30, 2016, resulted in an unmodified opinion on the financial statements. For a complete copy of Mississippi Food Network's audited financial statements with accompanying notes, please contact our business office.

**Mission:** To relieve poverty-related hunger in our service area by distributing donated and purchased food and grocery products through a network of member churches and nonprofit organizations. We provide nutrition education to our needy clients. We also emphasize advocacy and related needs.

**Vision:** To eliminate poverty-related hunger in our service area.

## Statement of Values:

In carrying out our mission, the work of Mississippi Food Network revolves around a core set of values that provide the framework within which we declare commitments, operating principles and accountability.

**Respect:** We respect the inherent worth and dignity of every person and treat all with justice, equity and compassion.

**Stewardship and Accountability:** We keep faith with the public trust through the efficient, effective and compassionate use of resources entrusted to us and are mindful that our mission is accomplished through the generosity of others. We maintain and communicate accurate and timely information. We evaluate and account regularly for how resources are used to implement and achieve our mission.

**Collaboration:** We believe in the power of mutual effort. We collaborate and build strong relationships with our agencies and the public. These are based on trust, with and among those who share our vision.

**Urgency:** We operate in an acute sense of urgency that reflects the immediate needs of those living in poverty. We challenge our employees, volunteers and agencies to embrace the same urgency to accomplish our shared vision.

**Service:** We believe service is fundamental. We strive to serve with excellence, fairness, compassion and responsiveness to meet the needs of those with whom we work.

**Integrity:** We will act with honesty, trust and openness and deliver on commitments. We act within the spirit of agreements, contracts and the law. Our intentions and actions will be transparent and above reproach.

## 2015 Hunger Hero →

This year we are pleased to announce Nissan North America–Canton as our Hunger Hero for 2015.

Nissan became one of our corporate partners in 2006. They have helped us with food drives, monetary donations for our produce initiative and in 2011 became a backpack sponsor with a grant each year. They have provided more than 15,000 backpacks to children who otherwise would not have food to eat on the weekends and holidays. Thank you to Nissan for your continued partnership in our fight against hunger.

pictured: Pam Confer, Director, Community and Public Relations, Nissan North America



## ↓ 2015 Spirit of Service



16-WAPT has been a partner of Mississippi Food Network for many years – in 1992, they had the idea and started the 16-WAPT Food for Families Food Drive held each fall. The 16-WAPT Food for Families Food Drive challenges rival high school football teams to see who can collect the most canned food items during the week they are playing. And, to keep it fair, the winners are based on cans per student. Each week David Hartman or one of his weather team members announces the winners during halftime at the ballgame. Since the beginning of this food drive, 3,663,961 cans of food have been collected and provided more than 3,053,300 meals!

In 2012, 16-WAPT began their Annual Turkey Drive to help provide turkeys each Thanksgiving for our member agencies. Beginning at 4:30 a.m. different news anchors, reporters, weather men/women, general manager, sales people and other WAPT staff members are collecting turkeys. Since 2012, they have raised 4,876 turkeys.

Thank you 16-WAPT for your Spirit of Service to Mississippi Food Network.

pictured: David Hartman, 16-WAPT Chief Meteorologist

## 2015 Volunteers of the Year →

Mississippi Food Network is fortunate to have volunteers who believe in our mission as much as we do. Jerry and Joyce Ellis are a standard sight at our Volunteer Saturdays and can usually be found packing food boxes on the CSFP line. But, they have also helped with our November food drives and know all about standing in front of a Kroger store collecting food. When we asked for help on a Friday night at 7:00 p.m. to unload a bus from a food drive, who do you think volunteered? Jerry, of course! That's dedication. Jerry and Joyce have volunteered more than 100 hours since 2013. Thanks to both of you for volunteering and helping to achieve our mission.

pictured (l-r): Jerry and Joyce Ellis



Mississippi Food Network distributes all its food through member agencies. Those agencies are either churches or 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, which must qualify through our application process. Once approved as an agency, they select recipients within their communities, based on need and in accordance with qualifying guidelines. There is never a cost assessed to the individual and/or family for food obtained through Mississippi Food Network. Currently we have some 415 member agencies that distribute food through food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, day care centers, senior citizen programs, and afterschool programs. We serve more than 150,000 people each month through these member agencies.

|                                   |  |                                   |                                       |
|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 100 Black Men of Jackson          | Calhoun Baptist Association            | Emmanuel M.B.Church               | Harbor House of Jackson, Inc.         |
| A.M.E.N. Food Pantry              | Calvary Chapel Baptist Church          | Ephesus Baptist Church            | Harmony M.B. Church                   |
| Aberdeen Loaves & Fishes          | Care Lodge Dom. Viol. Shelter          | Epiphany Lutheran Church          | Haven House Family Shelter            |
| Abundant Life Faith Ministry      | Caring Hands of Sweet Home             | Eternity Prep. Ministries         | Healing Place                         |
| AIDS Service Coalition            | Carroll-Montgomery Bap. Assn.          | Evangelical Crusade for Christ    | Heartland Hands                       |
| AJFC Community Action Agency      | Cary Christian Center                  | Ever Reaching Community Outreach  | Hearths & Hands Food Pantry           |
| Alabaster C.O.G.I.C. Food Pantry  | Center and Mars Hill                   | F.E.E.D.                          | Hearty Helpings Food Pantry           |
| Alex Waites Senior Apartments     | Center C.M.E. Church                   | Faith Assembly Daycare Center     | Hearty Helpings Soup Kitchen          |
| Alpha & Omega                     | Center for Family Life Ext.            | Faith Baptist Church              | Heavenly Manna Ministries             |
| Alta Woods U.M.C.                 | Center Hill Baptist Church             | Faith Fellowship Church           | Helping Hands Ministries              |
| Amite River Baptist Assn.         | Center Ridge Baptist Church            | FAITH Food Pantry                 | Helping Hands Ministry                |
| Amory Food Pantry                 | Central MS Prevention Services - Grove | Faith Haven, Inc.                 | Helping Hands of Cleveland            |
| Anderson U.M.C.                   | Central U.M.C.                         | Fayette Helping Hands             | Helping Hands of Humphreys Co.        |
| Anguila U.M.C.                    | Charity Full Gospel                    | Feed by Faith                     | Heritage Baptist Church Food Pantry   |
| Apostolic Faith Tabernacle        | Choctaw County Food Ministry           | Feeding Hearts                    | Hickory Baptist Church Food Pantry    |
| Azalea Christian Manor            | Christian Fellowship Church            | First Assembly Child Care         | Higher Dimensions of Mt. Olive        |
| Baptist Children's Village        | Christian Fellowship Outreach          | First Assembly Food Pantry        | Highland View Sen/Apts.-CSFP          |
| Belmont U.M.C. Food Pantry        | Christian Liberty M.B. Church          | First Assembly of God             | Hope Christian Home & Academy         |
| Berean Seventh Day Adventist      | Christian Services, Inc.               | First Assembly Of God Care Center | Hope Village for Children             |
| Bethel A.M.E. Church              | Christians In Action                   | First Baptist Church Coldwater    | Hosanna FWC Food Pantry               |
| Bethesda U.M.C.                   | Christians U.M.C.                      | First Baptist Church Flora        | House of Hope Ministry Outreach       |
| Bethlehem Baptist Ch/Food/Pan.    | Chunky U.M.C. Food Pantry              | First Baptist Church Taylorsville | I Challenge You, Inc.                 |
| Bethlehem M.B. Church             | Churches United Food Bank of Pontotoc  | First Church of Deliverance       | Ignite Church                         |
| Boys & Girls Club - Covington Co. | College Hill B.C. Food Pantry          | First Hyde M. B. Church           | Interfaith Food Pantry                |
| Boys & Girls Club - Lexington     | Columbus Church of Christ              | First U.M.C. of Magee             | Inverness - CSFP                      |
| Boys & Girls Club - MVSU Unit 19  | Compassion Food Ministries             | First U.M.C.                      | Itawamba U.M.C. Food Pantry           |
| Bible Barn, Inc.                  | Copiah County Human Resources          | Flowers Shelter                   | Jackson Manor Senior Living           |
| Bibleway Church FP                | Cornerstone Church                     | Free Mission Baptist Church       | Jackson Revival Center Church         |
| Bass Memorial Seventh Day Adv.    | Cornerstone Church Food Pantry         | French Camp Academy               | Jackson Run Senior Apts.              |
| Bonanza Buying Center, Inc.       | Country Woods Baptist Church           | Friends of the Environment        | Jasper County Baptist Assoc.          |
| Boys & Girls Club (KC Snack)      | Covenant Presbyterian Church           | Fulton U.M.C.                     | Jefferson Compreh./Health/Ctr.        |
| Back Pack- Armstrong Middle Sch.  | Crossgates Baptist Church              | Gateway Rescue Mission-Jackson    | Jeremiah's Bread                      |
| Back Pack - Barr Elementary       | Crossroads Outreach Ministries         | Gateway Rescue Mission-Mendenhall | Jericho Baptist Church Food Pantry    |
| Back Pack - Brown Elem.School     | Crudup-Ward Center                     | Golden Key Senior/Housing-CSFP    | Jerusalem Baptist Church              |
| Back Pack - East Flora Elem.      | Deliver Me Senior Support Services     | Golden Triangle Planning & Dev.   | Jerusalem Temple C.O.G.I.C.           |
| Back Pack - Franklin Academy      | Delta Streets Academy                  | Good Samaritan Center             | Jones Chapel M.B. Church              |
| Back Pack - Henderson Elem. Sch.  | Doddsville Area - CSFP                 | Good Samaritan Center, Inc.       | Jordan Rivers                         |
| Back Pack - Hinds County Schools  | Doers of the Word Outreach             | Good Samaritan Soup Kitchen       | Joseph's Food Pantry                  |
| Back Pack - Lamar County Schools  | Doors of Hope Center                   | Good Shepherd Center Daycare      | Jubilee Mennonite Church              |
| Back Pack - McLaurin              | Dotty' Daycare Center, Inc             | Grace House, Inc.                 | Kids Cafe - B. B. King Museum         |
| Back Pack - Operation Upward      | Downtown Jackson Comm/Dev.             | Greater Beaver Meadow Baptist     | Kids Cafe - Boys & Girls Club Delta   |
| Back Pack - Richland Elementary   | Dream Kids-Operation Upward            | Greater Fairview M.B. Church      | Kids Cafe - Cary Christian Center     |
| Back Pack - Sudduth Elementary    | Drew Area - CSFP                       | Greater Hope Foundation           | Kids Cafe - Community Learning Center |
| Back Pack - Ward Stewart Elem.    | Durant Miss. Baptist Church            | Greater Mt.Calvary                | Kids Cafe - D.M. Smith Middle School  |
| Back Pack - Woodley/Parkway       | Durant Missionary Baptist Church       | Greater New Jerusalem             | Kids Cafe - E Laurel Church of Christ |
| Brookhaven Outreach Ministries    | E.E.Rogers Seventh Day Adv.            | Greater Springfield Church        | Kids Cafe - Frank Phillips YMCA       |
| Buford Yerger/Sen/Housing         | Edwards Street Fellowship Center       | Greenwood Interfaith Ministries   | Kids Cafe - Greenville                |
| Buried Treasures Food Pantry      | Emmanuel Church of God                 | Grenada Food Pantry               | Kids Cafe - Jeff Davis Outreach Min.  |

Kids Cafe - Margaret Green Jr. High  
 Kids Cafe - Operation Reach  
 Kids Cafe - Oseola McCarty Youth Dev.  
 Kelley's Kinder Kare, Inc.  
 Kemper Springs Community Center  
 Lake Elementary School  
 Lamar Educational Enhancement  
 Lamar Ed. Enhancement/Daycare  
 Lauderdale Baptist Crisis Center  
 Lefleur Haven Senior Apts.  
 Leland Food Pantry  
 Lighthouse Outreach Ministry, Inc.  
 Lintonia Chapel Seventh Day Adv.  
 Living Manna Food Pantry  
 Love's Incorporated  
 Loving Kindness Outreach  
 M.E.G.A.  
 M.I.C.A. McComb In-dom Care  
 Macedonia Seventh Day Adv.  
 MADCAAP Food Pantry  
 Madison County CSA  
 Madonna Manor Senior Apts.  
 Magee's Creek M.B. Church  
 Magnolia Terrace Apartments  
 Mallory Community Health Center  
 Manna Food Pantry  
 Manna House  
 Maranatha Fellowship Church  
 Marion County Food Pantry  
 Marshall County Dev.  
 Masjid Muhammad  
 Matt's House  
 MC Community Development Corp.  
 Multi-County Community Service  
   Agency (MCCSA)  
 MCCSA - Jasper Co. Service Agency  
 MCCSA - Kemper County  
 MCCSA - Neshoba County  
 MCCSA - Wayne County  
 McLaurin Heights U.M.C.  
 Mid-State Opportunity, Inc.  
 Midtown Partners Inc.  
 Midway Freewill Baptist Church  
 Miles Memorial C.M.E. Church  
 Mission Okolona  
 Moorehead Area - CSFP  
 Morrison Heights Baptist Church  
 Mothers Love Daycare  
 Mount Charity M.B. Church  
 Mount Elam M. B. Church  
 MS Ctr./ Police & Sheriffs (Hope Home)  
 MS Delta Council  
 Mt. Carmel M.B. Church  
 Mt. Zion Food Ministry  
 Mt. Zion Food Pantry

Mustard Tree Missions  
 My Brother's Keeper  
 My Father's House of Freedom  
 Natchez Community Stewpot  
 NCBA Estates  
 New Covenant Community  
 New Dimensions Dev. Foundation  
 New Life Center  
 New Morning Star Church  
 New White Stone M. B. Church  
 Noah's Ark Christian Center  
 North Pleasant Hill Food Pantry  
 Noxubee Co. Human Resource  
 Oak Grove M.B. Church  
 Oakland CSFP (YCAA)  
 Odessa Grant Food Pantry  
 One Way International Ministries  
 Operation Upward  
 Orange Hill M.B. Church  
 Oxford Food Pantry  
 Oxford Pre-School Academy  
 P.B.M. Ministries, Inc.  
 Panola County Food Pantry  
 Parkview Church of Christ  
 Parkway Pentecostal Church  
 Paul Truitt Memorial Baptist  
 Pearl Street Community Dev. Corp.  
 Pentecostal Church of God  
 Petal Children's Task Force  
 Peter's Rock C.O.G.I.C.  
 Pilgrim Baptist Church  
 Pine Grove Baptist Church  
 Pine Grove Neighborhood Assoc.  
 Pine Lake Care Center-Clinton  
 Pine Lake Care Center-Starkville  
 Pinecrest SnackPacks - Pantry  
 Pinelake Care Center  
 Pinelake Care Center  
 Piney Grove Church  
 Planting Seeds Ministry  
 Pleasant Green M.B. Church  
 Pleasant Grove U.M.C.  
 Pleasant Home Baptist Church  
 Pleasant Valley U.M.C.  
 Plum Street Soup Kitchen  
 Positive Living, Inc./Utopia  
 Potters House  
 Project Homestead  
 Providence M.B. Church  
 PRVO - Covington County  
 PRVO - Lamar County  
 PRVO - Marion County  
 PRVO, Inc. - Forrest County  
 PRVO, Inc. - Jefferson Davis County  
 PRVO, Inc.- Jones County

Quitman County Food Pantry  
 Restoration Home  
 Revels U.M.C. - CSFP  
 River City Mission Food Pantry  
 River City Mission Soup Kitchen  
 River of Life Fellowship  
 Rose Hill M.B. Church  
 Ruleville Area - CSFP  
 S.A.F.E., Inc.  
 Sacred Heart Family Center  
 Sacred Heart F.C. Soup Kitchen  
 Sacred Heart Southern Mission  
 Safe Haven, Inc.  
 Salvation Army - Greenville  
 Salvation Army - Jackson  
 Salvation Army - Vicksburg  
 Salvation Army - Columbus  
 Salvation Army - Hattiesburg  
 Sam Quinn C.O.G.I.C.  
 Samaritans, Inc.  
 Sand Creek Chapel  
 Scott County Baptist Assoc. Crisis  
 Seminary Baptist Church  
 SFSP - CTC Summer Camp  
 SFSP - Farris Municipal Park  
 SFSP - H.M. Nailor Elementary  
 SFSP - Kingdom Vision I.C.  
 SFSP - M.E.G.A.  
 SFSP - MS Cultural Crossroads  
 SFSP - Mt. Zion Saving Lives  
 SFSP - Operation Shoestring  
 SFSP - Walton Elementary  
 SFSP - We Care Community Serv.  
 Shekinah Glory Baptist Church  
 Shepherds Tent Food Pantry  
 Shiloh SDA Community Services  
 Sims House Transitional Ministry  
 Smith County Baptist Assoc.  
 Smithville Helping Hands  
 SMO, Inc. - Amite County  
 SMO, Inc. - Wilkinson County  
 Society of St. Vincent DePaul  
 Solid Rock Assembly of God  
 SOS Crystal Springs, Inc.  
 South Delta Charities  
 South Jackson SDA  
 South Lake Food Pantry  
 South Pleasant Hill M. B. Church  
 South Rankin Food Res. Center  
 Southside Assembly Of God  
 Southside Baptist Church  
 Southwest Miss. Opportunity  
 Sr. Grocery Program-Issaquena Co.  
 St. Andrews Mission Soup Kitchen  
 St. Andrews Mission, Inc.

St. Columb's Iona House  
 St. Gabriel Mercy Center  
 St. James Bethel  
 St. James C.O.G.I.C.  
 St. James Temple C.O.G.I.C.  
 St. John M.B. Church  
 St. Joseph's Food Pantry  
 St. Luke the Evang. Cathedral  
 St. Luke U.M.C. Food Pantry  
 St. Mark C.O.G.I.C.  
 St. Paul M.B. Church  
 St. Vincent DePaul  
 Star of David  
 Starkville Church Of God  
 State Line Baptist Food Pantry  
 Stephen Chapel M.B. Church  
 Stewpot Community Services  
 Street Reach Ministries  
 Sturgis Baptist Church  
 Sunbelt Christian Youth Ranch  
 Sunflower Area - CSFP  
 Sunflower County - CSFP  
 T.E.A.M., Inc.  
 The Food Depot of Tishomingo County  
 The Salvation Army - Tupelo  
 The Salvation Army Food Pantry  
 The Salvation Army Men's Shelter  
 The Salvation Army-Laurel  
 Tilton U.M.C. Outreach Ministry  
 Tinnin Road Church of Christ  
 Tippah County Good Samaritan Ctr.  
 Tippah Good Samaritan North  
 Town of Bolton Dev. Corp.  
 Town of Cary  
 Triumphant Baptist Church  
 True Light Ministry  
 Union County Baptist Assoc.  
 Union Hill M.B. Church  
 United Community Dev. Outreach  
 Unity M.B. Church  
 Village of Dreams  
 Voice of Calvary Food Pantry  
 Walden Chapel United Methodist  
 Walthall County Food Pantry  
 Watkins Elementary School  
 We 2gether Creating Change  
 We Care Community Services  
 We Care Mission  
 Webster County Baptist Assoc.  
 Wesley Youth Foundation  
 Windsong Senior Apartments  
 Word Of Truth Worship Center  
 World Overcomers Food Outreach  
 Wynnndale Baptist Church  
 Yalobusha County Action Agency  
 Zion Hill C.M.E. Church



## AGENCY RELATIONS & PROGRAMS

Agency Relations added twelve (12) new agencies in the following counties: Amite, Rankin, Hinds, Sharkey, Bolivar, Warren and Wayne. These new agencies consist of 11 food pantries and 1 soup kitchen.

Mississippi Food Network's two Kids Café sites provided 10,362 supper meals to children attending the Boys & Girls Clubs of Washington County in Greenville and the Oseola McCarty Youth Development Program in Hattiesburg. Through the afterschool program, we also provided 45,209 snacks to children attending the 18 sites participating in our Afterschool "At-Risk" Snack Program in Hinds, Warren, Jones, Grenada, Jefferson Davis, Sunflower, Sharkey, Yazoo, Bolivar, Lowndes, Leflore, and Holmes counties.

Mississippi Food Network served as a Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Sponsor in order to provide meals for children in low-income rural areas with few resources for meals during the summer. This past year, we provided 50,524 meals to children at 25 feeding sites in Bolivar, Washington, Yazoo, Madison, Forrest, Noxubee, Warren and Lowndes, Jones, Jefferson Davis, Leflore, Clarke, Hinds, Marion, Sharkey, Claiborne, Scott, Holmes, and Grenada counties.

MFN's Backpack Program provided 22,522 backpacks at 29 different sites during the school year. These programs were located in Madison, Forrest, Yazoo, Lowndes, Rankin, Oktibbeha, Hinds, Lamar, Jones, and Scott counties. Through these child feeding programs, we are touching the lives of many children who would otherwise be hungry.

The School Pantry Program provided 15,274 pounds of food to families through two pantries located in Hinds and Oktibbeha counties.



## OPERATIONS

The Operations Department works daily to collect, warehouse and distribute food through the 415 member agencies that make up our network. These member agencies, in turn, provide for the people in their communities who are facing food insecurity and/or hunger. In the 2015-16 fiscal year, we distributed 18,763,739 pounds of food, equating to 15,636,449 meals for 1,800,000 people served through our network.

Our fleet of trucks, consisting of two (2) 18-wheeler tractor trailers, one (1) 24-foot box truck, and one (1) 14-foot box truck, all refrigerated, are on the road daily collecting and distributing food. Many of our member agencies come to our warehouse location in Jackson to pick up their orders, but those in the outlying areas rely on our rural truck delivery system.

We continue to contract with the Mississippi Department of Human Services for distribution of The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) and with the Mississippi Department of Health for distribution of 10,503 Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) food boxes every month to senior citizens over 60 years of age.

The food we distribute comes from many sources, both purchased and donated, as well as TEFAP and CSFP. We receive donations from national vendors such as Kellogg, Nabisco and others through our affiliation with Feeding America. In addition, we have in-store pickups from Wal-Mart, Sam's, Kroger, and other national chains. We also raise funds to purchase fresh produce, an item we often do not receive through our other food channels.



## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

The External Affairs Department helps raise funds to promote the programs and services of Mississippi Food Network. We raise these funds through a diverse revenue stream. Our direct mail program solicits donations from individuals through our acquisition and cultivation program. Grant funds from private and corporate foundations and our corporate partners are also an important part of the fundraising efforts of Mississippi Food Network. We appreciate the support of our individual and corporate partners in our fight against hunger.

The 3rd Annual Feed Our Neighbors 5K was held in September 2015 at St. Andrews Cathedral in downtown Jackson. This special event is held during Hunger Action Month and helps to raise awareness about the issue of hunger/food insecurity, along with funds to be used in our services and programs. On 2nd Annual Moonlight Market was held in March 2016 at the Farmer's Market. Attendees enjoyed shopping with different farmers and other vendors, a delicious dinner and a spectacular cooking demonstration with Deborah Hunter aka Cooking with Honey and Nick Wallace.

Community volunteers continue to be an important part of the operations of Mississippi Food Network. Their assistance in packing the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) boxes for senior citizens and sorting and repacking food drive and donated product into pantry boxes helps us better serve our member agencies and their clients. This year we had more than 1,820 community volunteers providing 4,096 hours.

We have several major media driven food drives that are important to our food distribution, especially around the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. The 16-WAPT Food for Families Food Drive is our largest food drive and provided 176,970 meals. Other media food drive events are the UPS-iHeartMedia Share Your Holidays that raised 35,467 meals, WJTV Pack the Pickup raising 6,748 meals, and the US96.3 Stuff the Bus raising 2,604 meals. The 16-WAPT Turkey Drive collected 1,152 turkeys that were distributed to member agencies and their clients. In addition to the media food drives, we also partner with many agencies such as State Bank and Trust, Mississippi Braves, United State Post Office with their annual Stamp Out Hunger, agencies of the federal government and other community groups. We appreciate each of these great partners who work with us in our fight against food insecurity and hunger.

5-K Run



16-WAPT Food For Families winners - Madison Central High School





Chefs Deborah Hunter (aka Cooking with Honey) and Nick Wallace entertained with cooking demonstrations for the audience at the 2nd Annual Moonlight Market.



MFN CEO Charles Beady (right) is greeted by Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant at a Salvation Army public relations event.



Marshall Fisher, Commissioner for the Mississippi Department of Corrections, and members of his staff, visited MFN. Male and female inmate volunteers play a vital role in helping us to provide food to the needy.



Jackson, MS, Mayor Tony Yarber attends MFN board meeting and brings greetings on behalf of the city.





**18,763,739**  
*pounds of food were distributed*



**10,503**

*food boxes went out every month to senior citizens through our Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)*



**22,522**

*backpacks filled with nutritious food were provided to needy children at 29 sites*



**45,209**

*snacks were provided to children in Afterschool At-Risk Program at 18 sites*



**50,524**

*meals were provided to children at 25 sites through Summer Food Service Program*



The Mississippi Food Network strives to reflect in its staff, board, and agencies the diversity of Mississippi and the cultural groups served. We respect people of all races, religions, ethnicities, genders, ages, sexual orientations, or physical disabilities, and will not allow differences to affect services and will be sensitive to the diverse cultures served in the acquisition and allocation of grocery products. Mississippi Food Network has a responsibility to present the diverse face of hunger to donors and the general public in its information about hunger.





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The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), works to improve the health of low-income seniors by supplementing their diets with nutritious USDA foods. Mississippi Food Network oversees the distribution of CSFP boxes in 29 Mississippi counties through the Department of Health. Boxes, weighing approximately 30 pounds, are prepared specifically for senior adults with at least nine types of nutritious foods purchased by USDA, including ready-to-eat cereal; fruit juice; canned meat; 1% milk and instant dry milk; peanut butter or dry beans; macaroni, spaghetti, or rice; American cheese blend; canned fruits; and canned vegetables.

Through CSFP, Mississippi Food Network distributed 10,503 boxes of food every month to senior citizens throughout Mississippi.

The young man pictured (who is a twin), along with his father, mother, and brothers, are among the many volunteers who come to help pack boxes for the needy.

Thanks to all our volunteers!