HUNGER ACTION MONTH
Promotes Awareness
And Encourages Participation

BUT I CAN
____________________
collect food for MFN
TO HELP END HUNGER

BUT I CAN
____________________
donate
TO HELP END HUNGER

BUT I CAN
____________________
Fight!
TO HELP END HUNGER

ON AN EMPTY STOMACH, I CAN'T
____________________
run

BUT I CAN
____________________
give
TO HELP END HUNGER

ON AN EMPTY STOMACH, I CAN'T
____________________
concentrate

BUT I CAN
____________________
volunteer
TO HELP END HUNGER

ON AN EMPTY STOMACH, I CAN'T
____________________
sleep

BUT I CAN
____________________
serve
TO HELP END HUNGER

ON AN EMPTY STOMACH, I CAN'T
____________________
inspire

ON AN EMPTY STOMACH, I CAN'T
____________________
function!

ON AN EMPTY STOMACH, I CAN'T
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July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Anniversary

ANNUAL REPORT

MISISSIPPI FOOD NETWORK

MFN
2017 Hunger Action Month™!

Feeding America designates the entire month of September each year as its nationwide awareness driver, designed to mobilize the public to take action on the issue of hunger. The 2017 campaign brought attention to the reality of food insecurity in the United States and promoted ways for individuals to get involved in the movement to help end hunger.

Many of our volunteers here at Mississippi Food Network, whether bringing food to help feed the hungry or helping to pack food boxes for distribution, are always eager and enthusiastic about lending a hand.

The 2017 Hunger Action Month campaign challenged all food bank volunteers nationwide to “imagine” what it would be like to not only be hungry but also not know when they would get their next meal and how this “hunger” would make them feel. Then, they were further asked to think about ways they could help to fight hunger.

Pictured on the cover are just a few of our young volunteers and their responses to these two challenges.
On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of Mississippi Food Network, we are pleased to provide you with our 2017-18 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 in 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 2018 Report on Charitable Organizations in Mississippi (for fiscal year 2017), which indicates that 95.47% 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.

Shannon McMillan     Charles H. Beady, Jr., Ph.D.
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2017-2018
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### REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT

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### INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS

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### ASSETS

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### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

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#### NET ASSETS

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<td>1,844,252</td>
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Annual Audit: Our financial statements are audited annually by BKD, LLP. The audit for the year ended June 30, 2018, 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.
Our Mission, Vision and Statement of Values

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.
2017 Spirit of Service

The budgets for most nonprofit organizations often do not include advertising costs for magazines like *eat.drink.MISSISSIPPI*. But, thanks to the generosity of J. J. Carney and her team, Mississippi Food Network is featured in the magazine six times a year—in each edition—at no cost. What a great benefit this is for our organization. This helps “spread” the word about Mississippi Food Network, as well as gives us credibility by association with the magazine. And, not only does J.J. help us with this welcomed in-kind donation, but she also supports our efforts financially, and as a volunteer. She fits all the categories—time, talent and treasure! Thank you J. J. for being such a great partner of Mississippi Food Network in our fight against hunger. If you haven’t seen J.J.’s magazine, we encourage you to check it out . . . *eat.drink.MISSISSIPPI*.


2017 Hunger’s Hero

While many families have a lack of nutritious protein in their diets, venison provides one of the leanest proteins available, and is also a healthy option. Mississippi sportsmen have been helping to provide this welcomed dietary supplement to needy Mississippian through the Mississippi Hunter’s Harvest Program. This partnership allows us to distribute the donated venison through our network of member agencies. Since 2011, the Hunter’s Harvest Program has donated 71,429 pounds or 250,000+ servings of healthy protein to help feed our fellow Mississipians. Thank you Hunter’s Harvest!

pictured: Paul Davis, Development Director, Mississippi Wildlife Federation

2017 Volunteers of the Year

Once a month from September through May, we host our Volunteer Saturday; and, each month, like clockwork, the men of Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc. from the two local alumni chapters (Jackson and Madison/Canton) and the undergraduate chapter at Jackson State University (Delta/Delta) come to help us pack food boxes to provide to our agencies that, in turn, distribute them to our neighbors in need throughout the state. We have enjoyed this relationship with Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc. for many years and appreciate their continued service in helping others. Thank you Kappas for your volunteer service.

pictured: (l-r) Kyren Garel, president, and Gregory Pindexter, vice president, Delta Delta undergraduate chapter, Jackson State University; Kalvin Robinson, president, Jackson Alumni Chapter; Robert Locke, president, Madison/Canton Chapter; Barry Dixon; vice president, Jackson Alumni Chapter; Dr. Andre Samuel, immediate past president, Jackson Alumni Chapter
Agencies

Member

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These member agencies.

Mississippi Food Network distributes all of 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 430 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
A.M.E.N. Food Pantry
Aberdeen Loaves & Fishes
AIDS Service Coalition
Alex Waiies Senior Apartments
Alta Woods United Methodist Church
Amite River Baptist Assn.
Amory Food Pantry
Anderson United Methodist Church
Anguila United Methodist Church
Azalea Christian Manor
Belmont United Methodist Church
Berean Seventh Day Adventist
Bethel A.M.E. Church
Bethesda United Methodist Church
Bethlehem Baptist Church
Bible Barn, Inc.
Bibieway Church FP
BMA SDA Church
Boys & Girls Club - Covington County
Boys & Girls Club - Greenwood
Boys & Girls Club - Grenada
Boys & Girls Club - Lexington
Boys & Girls Club - MVSU
Boys & Girls Club - Yazoo
BP - Armstrong Middle-School
BP - Barr Elementary
BP - Boyd E.S./Crossroads
BP - Brown Elem.School
BP - Canton Elementary School
BP - Cook Elementary School
BP - Covington County
BP - East Flora Elementary
BP - Franklin Academy
BP - George Elementary School
BP - Henderson Elementary School
BP - Highland Elem. School
BP - Hinds County School District
BP - Kosciusko Middle Elem.
BP - Lamar County Schools
BP - Midtown Charter School
BP - Morton Schools
BP - Overstreet Alternative School
BP - Peerman Elementary School
BP - Riverside Elementary School
BP - South Delta Elementary School
BP - South Rankin/McLaurin
BP - SRV Richland Elementary School
BP - Sudduth Elementary School
BP - Threadgill Elementary
BP - Ward Stewart ES
BP - West Elementary School
BP - Woodley Parkway
BP - Yazoos Schools
Brookhaven Outreach Ministries
Buford Yerger Senior Housing
Calhoun Baptist Association
Calvary Chapel Baptist Church
Care Lodge Domestic Violence Shelter
Caring Hands of Sweet Home
Carroll-Montgomery Baptist Assn.
Cary Christian Center
Center and Mars Hill
Center C.M.E. Church
Center for Family Life Ext.
Center Hill Baptist Church
Center Ridge Baptist Church
Central Mississippi Food Pantry
Central United Methodist Church
Charity Full Gospel
Charley Patton Estates
China Lee Christ Ministry FP
Chotaw County Food Ministry
Christian Fellowship Church
Christian Fellowship Outreach
Christian Liberty M.B Church
Christian Services, Inc.
Christians In Action
Christians United M.B.C.
Chunky United Methodist Church
Churches United Food Bank Pontotoc
Clarke Co. Assoc. For Needy
College Hill B.C. Food Pantry
Columbus Church of Christ
Compassion Food Ministries
Copiah County Human Resources
Cornerstone Church
Cornerstone Church Food Pantry
Counties of MS Baptist District
Country Woods Baptist Church
Covenant Presbyterian Church
Crossgates Baptist Church
Crudup-Ward Center
CSFP A/JFC Community Action Agency
CSFP Anderson U.M.C. Hinds
CSFP Anderson U.M.C. Rankin
CSFP Berean SDA
CSFP Bonanza Buying Center
CSFP Center Ridge Baptist Church
CSFP Central United Methodist Church
CSFP Copiah County Human Resources
CSFP Crossgates Baptist Church
CSFP Deliver Me
CSFP Doddsville Area
CSFP Downtown Jackson CDC
CSFP Drew Area
CSFP Durant M.B.C.
CSFP Emmanuel M.B.Church
CSFP First Hyde M.B.C.
CSFP Golden Key Senior/Housing
CSFP Golden Triangle Ping Dev.
CSFP Heavenly Manna
CSFP Helping Hands Cleveland
CSFP Helping Hands Humphreys
CSFP Highland View Senior Apts.
CSFP inerness
CSFP Jackson Revival
CSFP MCCA - Clarke Co
CSFP MCCA - Jasper Co.
CSFP MCCA - Kemper County
CSFP MCCA - Wayne County
CSFP Moorhead Area
CSFP New Morning Star Church
CSFP New White Stone M.B.C.
CSFP Oakland (YCAA)
CSFP Planting Seeds Ministry
CSFP PRVO, Inc. - Jeff Davis
CSFP Reveals U.M.C.
CSFP Ruleville Area
CSFP Shiloh SDA Comm. Serv.
CSFP St. James C.O.G.I.C.
CSFP Sunflower County
CSFP We Care Community Ser.
CSFP Wesley Youth Foundation
CSFP Word Of Truth World Ctr.
Deliver Me Sr. Support Svc
Disaster Relief - Forrest County
Downtown Jackson Comm. Dev.
Dream Kids-Operation Upward
Durant M.B.Church
E.E.Rogers SDA Christian School
Ebenezer Apostolic Ministries
Edwards Street Fellowship Center
Emmanuel Church of God
Emmanuel M.B.Church
Endless Charities
Ephesus Baptist Church
Eternity Prep. Ministries
Evangelical Crusade for Christ
Ever Reaching Comm. Outreach
Faith Assembly Daycare Center
Faith Baptist Church
Faith Food Pantry
Faith Haven, Inc.
Fayette First New Life SDA
Feed by Faith
Feeding Hearts
First Assembly Food Pantry
First Assembly of God
First Assembly of God Care Center
First Baptist Church Coldwater
First Baptist Church Flora
First Baptist Church Taylorsville
First Church of Deliverance
First Hyde M. B. Church
First U.M.C. of Magee
First United Methodist Church
Free Mission Baptist Church
French Camp Academy
Friends of Alcoholics
Friends of the Environment
Fulton United Methodist Church
Gateway Rescue Mission
Gleaners, Inc.
Golden Triangle Planning & Dev.
Good Samaritan Center, Inc
Good Shepherd Ctr. Daycare
Grace Episcopal Church
Grace House, Inc
Greater Beaver Meadow Baptist
Greater Fairview M.B. Church
Greater Hope Foundation
Greater Mt. Calvary
Greater New Jerusalem
Grenada Food Pantry
Harbor Houses of Jackson, Inc.
Harmony M.B. Church
Haven House Family Shelter
Healing Place
Hearts & Hands Food Pantry
Hearty Helpings Food Pantry
Heavenly Manna Ministries

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Helping Hands Ministries
Helping Hands Ministry
Helping Hands of Cleveland
Helping Hands of Humphreys Co.
Hickory Baptist Church FP
Higher Dimensions of Mt. Olive
Holy Family Community FP
Hope Christian Home/Academy
Hope Village for Children
Hosanna F.W.C. Food Pantry
House of Blessings Outreach
House of Hope Min./Outreach
Interfaith Food Pantry
Itawamba U.M.C. FP
Jackson Manor Senior Living
Jackson Revival Center Church
Jackson Run Senior Apts.
Jackson Street M.B. Church
Jasper County Baptist Assoc.
Jericho Baptist Church
Jerusalem Baptist Church-P.F.F.
Jerusalem Baptist Church
Jerusalem Temple COGIC
Jones Chapel M.B. Church
Jordan Rivers
Joseph's Food Pantry
Jubilee Mennonite Church
Kids Cafe-Afternoon Adventure
Kids Cafe-Cary Christian Center
Kids Cafe-Community Learning Ctr.
Kids Cafe-D.M. Smith Middle Sch.
Kids Cafe-Frank Phillips YMCA
Kids Cafe-Genesis & Light North
Kids Cafe-Greenville
Kids Cafe-Jeff Davis Outreach Min.
Kids Cafe-OMYD Hattiesburg
Kids Cafe-Operation Reach
Kids Cafe-Margaret Green Jr. High
Kemper Springs Comm. Center
Lake Elementary School
Lauderdale Baptist Crisis Center
Lefleur Haven Senior Apts.
Leland Food Pantry
Lighthouse Manna Food Pantry
Lintonia Chapel Seventh Day Adv.
Living Manna Food Pantry
Love's Incorporated
Loving Kindness Outreach
Lucedale C.O.G.I.C.
M.I.C.A. McComb In-dom Care
MACDAPP Food Pantry
Madison County CSA
Madonna Manor Senior Apts.
Magee's Creek M.B. Church
Mallory Comm. Health/Leflore
Mallory Community Health Center
Manna Food Pantry
Manna House
Maranatha Fellowship Church
Marion County Food Pantry
Masjid Muhammad
Matt's House
McHenry First Baptist Church
McLaurin Heights U.M.C.
Mercy House of Georgetown-TC
Messiah SDA Church
Mid-State Opportunity, Inc.
Miles Memorial C.M.E. Church
Mission Okolona
Morrison Heights Baptist Church
Mothers Love Daycare
Mount Charity M.B. Church
Mount Elam M.B. Church
MS Center P & S. (Hope Home)
MTS Delta Council
Mt. Carmel M.B. Church
Mt. Zion Food Pantry
Multi-County CSA
Multi-County CSA - Neshoba Co.
Multi-County CSA Food Pantry
Mustard Tree Missions
My Brother's Keeper
My Father's House Of Freedom
Natchez Community Stewpot
NCBA Estates
New Covenant Baptist Church FP
New Dimensions Dev. Foundation
New Vision Outreach Ministry
New Way Mississippi
North Pleasant Hill Food Pantry
Novusbee Co. HR Agency
Oak Forest Baptist Church Pantry
Oak Grove M.B. Church
Oak Grove U.M.C. Food Pantry
Odessia Grant Food Pantry
OMYD - CSFP
One Way International Ministry
Operation Upward
Operation: UPWARD (Back Pack)
Orange Hill M.B. Church
Our Daily Bread
Our Daily Bread of Calhoun
Overlook Apts Springboard Opps
Oxford Food Pantry
P.B.M. Ministries, Inc.
Panola County Food Pantry
Parkway Pentecostal Church
Paul Trust Memorial Baptist
Pearl Street Comm. Dev. Corp.
Pentecostal Church of God
Petal Children's Task Force
Peter's Rock C.O.G.I.C.
Phenix Baptist Church
Pine Grove Baptist Church
Pine Lake Care Ctr.-Clinton
Pine Lake Care Ctr.-Starkville
Pinecrest SnackPacks - Pantry
Pine Lake Care Center
Piney Grove Church
Planting Seeds Ministry
Pleasant Grove U.M.C.
Pleasant Home Baptist Church
Pleasant Ridge U.M.C.
Positive Living, Inc. Utokia
Potters House Family Service Ctr.
Power House of Deliverance
Project Homestead
 Providence M.B. Church
PRVO - Covington County
PRVO - Lamar County
PRVO - Marion County
PRVO - Perry County
PRVO - Jeff Davis
PRVO, Inc. - Forrest County
PRVO, Inc.- Jones County
PURVIS Church of God
Quitman County Food Pantry
River City Mission FP
River City Missions
River Of Life Fellowship
Rose Hill M.B. Church
Rose Hill M.B.C Food Pantry
Rose Hill M.B.C. Soup Kitchen
Rosemont Human Services FP
S.A.F.E., Inc.
Sacred Heart Family Center
Sacred Heart F.C. Soup Kitchen
Sacred Heart Southern Mission
Safe Haven, Inc.
Salvation Army - Jackson
Salvation Army - Vicksburg
Salvation Army- Columbus
Sam Estes Estates
Sam Quinn C.O.G.I.C.
Samaritan's Closet FP
Samaritans, Inc.
Scott Co. Baptist Assoc.Crisis
Seminary Baptist Church
SFSP - CTC Summer Camp
SFSP - Estes & Bank Park
SFSP - Farris Municipal Park
SFSP - Genesis & Light South
SFSP - S.H.M. Nailor E.S.
SFSP - His Harvest Ministries
SFSP - MEGA
SFSP - MS Cultural Crossroads
SFSP - Mt. Zion Saving Lives
SFSP - New Hope YMCA
SFSP - Operation Shoestring
SFSP - Payton Garden Apts.
SFSP - Ridgewood Estates
SFSP - Walton E.S.
SFSP - We Care Comm. Services
SFSP - Wilmat&kay
SFSP - Winona Comm. Pavilion
SFSP - YMCA Camp Henry Pratt
Shekinah Glory BC Food Pantry
Shepherds Tent Food Pantry
Shiloh SDA Comm. Service Center
SHSM Garden Cafe Holly Springs
SHSM Holly Springs Food Pantry
Smith County Baptist Assoc.
Smithville Helping Hands
SMO, Inc. - Walthal Co.
SMO, Inc. - Amite County
SMO, Inc. - Wilkinson County
Society of St. Andrew
Society of St. Vincent DePaul
Solid Rock Assembly of God FP
SOS Crystal Springs FP, Inc.
South Jackson SDA
South Lake Food Pantry
South Pleasant Hill M.B. Church
Southside Baptist Church
Southwest Miss. Opportunity
Senior Grocery Prog - Adams Co.
St. Andrews Mission S/k
St. Andrews Mission, Inc.
St. Columbus Iona House FP
St. Gabriel Mercy Center
St. James Bethel
St. James Temple COGIC/Outreach
Ste Wm Jn'spt Church
St. Joseph's Food Pantry
St. Luke U.M.Church Food Pantry
St. Mark C.O.G.I.C.
St. Vincent DePaul
Starkville Church Of God
State Line Baptist Church FP
Stephen Chapel M.B. Church
Stewpot Community Food Pantry
Stewpot Community Soup Kitchen
Stewpot Community After School
Stewpot Community Snack Program
Sturgis Baptist Church
TEAM Inc.
The Food Depot of Tishomingo Co.
The Pointe Church FP
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 Ctc.
Tippah County Good Samaritan North
Town of Bolton Dev. Corp.
Town of Cary
Triumphant Baptist Church
True Light Ministry
True Vine M.B. Church FP
True Word Ministries
Union County Baptist Assoc.
Union Hill M.B. Church
United Community Dev. Outreach
Unity M.B. Church
Village of Dreams
Voice of Calvary
Walden Chapel United Methodist
Walthall County Food Pantry
Wattkins Elementary School
We Together Creating Change
We Care Community Services
We Care Mission
Webster County Baptist Assn.
Wesley House Community Center
Wesley Youth Foundation
Windsong Senior Apartments
Wingard Home, Inc.
Word Of Truth Wor. Ctr.
World Overcomers Food Outreach
Wynddale Baptist Church
Yabouasha County Action Agency
Zion Hill CME Church
AGENCY RELATIONS & PROGRAMS

In the 56-county area MFN serves, we partner with 430 partner agencies that consist of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, group homes, residential facilities, senior citizen action agencies, schools and day cares. Each of these organizations is either a non-profit organization or a church. These partner agencies are the distributing organizations that provide the local communities with supplemental food for families at risk for hunger. Mississippi Food Network distributes all food acquired whether donated or purchased through these local agencies.

In 2017-2018 MFN added 19 new agencies in Wayne, Warren, Rankin, Lincoln, Lawrence, Lauderdale, Lamar, Hinds and Jefferson counties. Of the new agencies, 15 are Food Pantries offering families food boxes consisting of shelf-stable foods as well as fresh produce to take home and prepare. Two of the new agencies are soup kitchens serving hot lunches five days a week. Two of the new agencies are non-profit group homes and residential facilities.

Mississippi Food Network’s two Kids Cafés and Afterschool “At Risk” Snack Programs provided a total of 7,268 supper meals and 27,332 after-school snacks at 13 sites. The programs are located in the following counties, Leflore, Grenada, Yazoo, Washington, Warren, Sharkey, Hinds, Lowndes, Holmes, Jefferson Davis.

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 38,435 meals to children at 27 feeding sites in 20 counties, namely: Newton, Leflore, Grenada, Yazoo, Holmes, Lowndes, Noxubee, Rankin, Montgomery, Marion, Washington, Sharkey, Clarke, Bolivar, Lincoln, Jefferson Davis, Claiborne, Forrest, Warren and Hinds.

MFN’s BackPack Program provided 33,640 backpacks at 43 different sites during the school year in 13 counties, Hinds, Madison, Forrest, Lowndes, Lamar, Scott, Rankin, Sharkey, Covington, Washington, Bolivar, Leflore, and Oktibbeha.

In addition to the weekly backpack meals distributed, Mississippi Food Network operated one School Pantry in Hinds County. The School Pantry provided food to families of students at the school as well as the local community. This program provided 12,453 pounds of food which equates to 10,378 meals. Shelf stable foods as well as fresh produce was provided.

Through these child feeding programs, we are touching the lives of many families and children who are at risk of not knowing when or where their next meal will be.
OPERATIONS

The Operations branch of Mississippi Food Network (MFN) works daily to collect, warehouse and distribute food statewide in a safe and efficient manner to our 430 member agencies. These agencies, in turn, make this food available to hungry and/or food insecure individuals who live within their communities. In the 2017-18 fiscal year, Mississippi Food Network distributed 21,181,582 pounds of food, which equals to 17,651,318 meals for 1,414,809 people served through our network.

Many of MFN’s member agencies pick up directly from our warehouse here on Beatty Street. Agencies located in outlying areas of the state rely on us to make deliveries to them at strategic drop-off sites around the state. Our delivery fleet consists of: one (1) 24-foot box truck; one (1) 14-foot box truck; one (1) tractor with a 48-foot trailer; and, one (1) tractor with two 53-foot trailers. All of these vehicles are refrigerated, and are on the road most days either picking up donations or making deliveries to member agencies.

MFN remains contracted with the Mississippi Department of Human Services to warehouse and distribute food through The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). MFN is also contracted to distribute 12,503 food boxes each month to senior citizens (over the age of 60) through its Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP).

The food MFN distributes not only comes through the federal and state agencies named above, but also from other sources, such as national donations through our affiliation with Feeding America from such vendors as Kellogg, Nabisco, Conagra, etc. Local donations are also received from in-store pickups from Wal-Mart, Sam’s, Kroger, etc. Various grants allow MFN to purchase fresh produce and shelf-stable items we don’t normally receive through our usual sources.

Tyson funded a Capital Improvement Grant which provided for the much-needed refurbishing of our coolers and freezer. The grant also provided not only for a new cooling unit and cooler entry doors, but also the replacement of all lighting in both warehouses and offices with LED. Tyson and MFN staff were on hand for the ribbon-cutting ceremony.
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

The External Affairs Department helps raise funds and awareness to promote the programs and services of Mississippi Food Network. We raise 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 4th Annual Moonlight Market was held in March 2018 at the Farmer’s Market in Jackson. Attendees enjoyed shopping with Mississippi farmers and vendors, along with delicious food prepared by Chef Nick Wallace and Chef Mark Coblentz. This is an annual event held in March to benefit the programs and services of Mississippi Food Network.

Community volunteers continue to be an important part of the operations of Mississippi Food Network. Their assistance in packing the Commodity Supplemental Food Program 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. During the 2018 fiscal year, we had 2,020 community volunteers providing 5,606 hours of volunteer service. In 2017, a volunteer hour of service had a value of $19.85 in Mississippi.

The 16-WAPT Food for Families Food Drive continues to be our largest food drive and provided 310,850 meals during the FY18 period. We also partner with 16-WAPT on the Annual Turkey Drive which raised 1,863 turkeys which were distributed through our member agencies. The WJTV Pack the Pickup Food Drive provided 4,837 meals and the UPS-iHeartMedia Food Drive raised an additional 26,686 meals. In addition to these media food drives held in the fall, we also partner with other groups such as Members Exchange, USPS Stamp Out Hunger, agencies of the federal government, local banks, boy scout troops and many other community groups. These food drives provide a great variety of shelf-stable food for distribution to the member agencies.

Communications is another important area in our non-profit arena, and we continually strive to keep our donors, volunteers, and other community partners informed through our website (www.msfoodnet.org), Facebook (www.facebook.com/MSFoodNetwork), and Twitter (@MSFoodNet) accounts. Please like our Facebook page, follow us on Twitter and visit our website for information.

The 16-WAPT Food for Families Football Challenge first place winner for 2017 was Pearl High School, with Madison Central capturing second place and Puckett High School in third place. Thank you to all the participating schools for raising 310,850 meals.

Representing Pearl High School are: (l-r) Principal Chris Chism, Erin Jostes, Jake Watts, Kyle Morgigno, Victoria Lawrence and Suzie Channell.

We appreciate the continued support of 16-WAPT, Sanderson Farms, Piggly Wiggly Stores, and St. Dominic Health Services for sponsoring this food drive.
PHOTO GALLERY
21,181,582 pounds of food were distributed

12,503 food boxes went to senior citizens through our Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

33,640 backpacks filled with nutritious food were provided to needy children at 43 sites

27,332 snacks were provided to children in Afterschool At-Risk Program at 13 sites

38,435 meals were provided to children at 27 sites in 20 counties 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.