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ON THE COVER

Kids Cafe® Program

Children attending the Boys and Girls Club of the Mississippi Delta afterschool programs in Greenwood, Grenada, Yazoo City and Itta Bena now enjoy a hot, nutritious meal each evening before going home. A grant from Morgan Stanley helped to fund the remodel of kitchen facilities at these locations. Approximately 190 children are benefitting from this program daily.

The mission of the Kids Cafe® Program is to help alleviate child hunger in America by providing nutritious meals and snacks to children at-risk of hunger in safe, accessible sites. This program provides free meals and snacks to low-income children through a variety of existing community locations where children congregate such as Boys and Girls Clubs, churches or public schools. The Kids Cafe Program also includes nutrition education and enrichment activities.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of Mississippi Food Network, we are pleased to provide you with our 2018-19 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 2019 Report on Charitable Organizations in Mississippi (for fiscal year 2018), which indicates that 95.96% 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.

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REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT

Contributions of money	\$ 1,266,418
Contributions of food	31,594,829
Grants and government revenues	2,531,992
Shared maintenance fees	243,050
Food purchase revenues	63,260
Investment and other income	60,675
TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT	<u>35,760,224</u>

EXPENSES

Food distribution program	31,744,802
Management and general	450,664
Fund-raising	680,033
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>32,875,499</u>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	<u>2,884,725</u>
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>6,583,170</u>
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 9,467,895</u>

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalent	\$ 2,004,286
Accounts receivable	21,446
Grants and pledges receivable	327,816
Board designated interest bearing funds held for:	
Investments	888,286
Food inventory	5,177,793
Prepaid expenses	70,968
Property, buildings and equipment, net	1,202,957
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 9,693,552</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**LIABILITIES**

Accounts payable	\$ 135,473
Accrued expenses	52,873
Deferred revenue	37,311
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>225,657</u>

NET ASSETS

Without Donor Restrictions	
Board designated for emergency operations reserve	1,212,836
Undesignated	<u>1,470,554</u>

Total without donor restrictions	2,683,390
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With donor restrictions	<u>6,784,505</u>
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TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>9,467,895</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 9,693,552</u>
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Annual Audit: Our financial statements are audited annually by BKD, LLP. The audit for the year ended June 30, 2019, 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.



2018 Spirit of Service Awards

We have approximately 430 member agencies helping us here at Mississippi Food Network reach our mission to relieve poverty-related hunger by serving the needy families within their communities. We work with the staff and volunteers at each of these agencies on a daily basis and applaud their hard work. But, sometimes there are agencies that go the extra mile; and, we honor two very special people to Mississippi Food Network. Sadly, both of our selected honorees are deceased, but we take this time to salute them for their hard work and devotion to service.

Rose Bingham – We Care Services, Vicksburg

Do you know people who will always take on one more challenge even when their plate is full? Well, one of those people was Rose Bingham. Rose worked tirelessly at We Care Services in Vicksburg for those she served – she had a food pantry, children's afterschool and summer program, helped families navigate through paperwork when trying to buy a house, and much more. But, when Mississippi Food Network asked Rose to host one of our first Nutrition Education programs, become one of the first partners in our summer feeding program, participate in the Hunter's Harvest Program, pick up from Walmart, and distribute CSFP boxes...all in addition to her other programs...she agreed without any reservation because she knew it would help the children and families she served. Rose had a big heart and was such a joy to work with because of her contagious, positive attitude. For that reason, we chose to honor her, posthumously, with the Spirit of Service Award. Thank you Rose.

Dannie White – Parkview Church of Christ, Jackson

We work with many food pantries and often refer people in need to these agencies for help. One of these agencies, Parkview Church of Christ, was managed by their pastor, Dannie White. There wasn't a time when we referred a family to this agency that Dannie didn't take the time to go to the pantry and make sure the family received food. One time that will never be forgotten was on a cold, rainy day when a family did not have food, nor did they have transportation. But, what did Dannie White do? He went to the pantry, picked up food and delivered it to this family. He was going to make sure this mom and her children got what they needed. Dannie was someone on whom you could depend. He would pick up food from Target, Up In Farms, and other groups that donated food all because it helped the clients he served, most of whom were senior citizens. He was such a pleasure to work with and always had such a big loving smile on his face. For these reasons and more, we also honor Dannie White, posthumously, with a Spirit of Service Award. Thank you Rev. White.



Accepting the award in Rose's honor are her sister, Jackie (l), who continues to run We Care, and her daughter, Crystal



Members of Rev. White's family are in attendance for the recognition; his wife, Glenda (second from left), accepted the award in his honor.

2018 *Hunger's Hero* Award

We all know Tyson Foods by their great products, but what many may not know about is their commitment to fight hunger by helping food banks and other hunger relief organizations like Mississippi Food Network. Through a great partnership with Tyson Foods, Mississippi Food Network has been fortunate to be the recipient of funds and products from them to help in our fight against hunger in central Mississippi. That is why we were proud to honor them as our 2018 Hunger's Hero.

Through grant funding, Tyson has helped us to achieve: 1) a capital improvements grant which provided LED lighting in both of our warehouses and our office building, new refrigeration on our ride-in cooler/freezer, and refurbishing the ride-in cooler/freezer; 2) a mobile pantry grant that provided approximately 50 pounds of staple food and protein to 250-300 families each month in the Vicksburg/Warren County area; 3) great volunteers at mobile pantries in Forest, Kosciusko, Magee and Vicksburg; 4) in-kind donations of product (at the time of this presentation) totalling 235,651 pounds of chicken to our food bank, which equated to 942,604 four-ounce servings of protein; 5) an educational grant for tuition and travel for a fundraising staff member to attend the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy in Indiana; 6) donations through the Mississippi Poultry Association to the Mississippi Governor, from which we benefit. Thank you Tyson Foods.



pictured above (l-r):
Mack Walker, Stan Varner, Ray Ables, and Leon Collier

2018 *Volunteer of the Year* Award

We have many great volunteers, and they provide a valuable service to Mississippi Food Network with their time and efforts, but sometimes there is that special person . . . the one who keeps coming back . . . the one who is willing to take on any project, large or small no matter how boring or tedious . . . the one who puts up with all the craziness of the folks here at MFN. She always seems to appear when we need her the most! The fact that she often shows up bearing homemade cookies does not in any way have anything to do with being chosen for this award! We are so pleased to recognize Carrie Jackson for her hard work, great attitude and big heart!

pictured (r): Carrie Jackson



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	Calvary Chapel Baptist Church	CSFP MCCSA - Jasper County	Friends of the Environment
A.M.E.N. Food Pantry	Care Center Ministries MS	CSFP MCCSA - Kemper County	Fulton United Methodist Church
Aberdeen Loaves & Fishes	Care Lodge Domestic Violence Shelter	CSFP MCCSA - Wayne County	Gateway Rescue Mission
Agency Express Admin Account	Caring Hands of Sweet Home	CSFP Midtown Partners	Gleaners, Inc
AIDS Service Coalition	Carroll County Mobile Pantry	CSFP Moorhead Area	Golden Key Apt (Deliver Me)
AJFC Community Action Agency	Carroll-Montgomery Baptist Assn.	CSFP New Morning Star Church	Good Samaritan Center
Alex Waites Senior Apartments	Cary Christian Center	CSFP New White Stone M.B.C.	Good Samaritan Center, Inc
Alta Woods UMC	Center C.M.E. Church	CSFP Oakland (YCAA)	Good Samaritan Soup Kitchen
Amite River Baptist Assn.	Center Hill Baptist Church	CSFP OMYD	Good Shepherd Center Daycare
Amory Food Pantry	Center Ridge Baptist Church	CSFP Planting Seeds Ministry	Grace Episcopal Church
Anderson United Methodist Church	Central MS Food Pantry	CSFP PRVO, Inc. - Jeff Davis	Grace House, Inc
Anguila United Methodist Church	Central United Methodist Church	CSFP Revels United Methodist Church	Greater Beaver Meadow Baptist
Azalea Christian Manor	Changing Your World Ministries	CSFP Ruleville Area	Greater Fairview M.B. Church
Belmont UMC Food Pantry	Charity Full Gospel	CSFP Shiloh SDA Comm. Serv.	Greater Hope Foundation
Berean Seventh Day Adventist	Charley Patton Estates	CSFP St. James C.O.G.I.C.	Greater Mt. Calvary
Bethel A.M.E. Church	China Lee Christ Ministry FP	CSFP Sunflower Area	Greenwood Interfaith Ministries
Bethesda United Methodist Church	Choctaw County Food Ministry	CSFP We Care Community Services	Grenada Food Pantry
Bethlehem Baptist Church FP	Christian Fellowship Church	CSFP Wesley Youth Foundation	GTPDD - Lowndes Co.
Bible Barn, Inc.	Christian Fellowship Outreach	CSFP Word of Truth Worship Center	Happiness Hills Christian Home
Bibleway Church FP	Christian Food Mission	Deliver Me Senior Support Services	Harbor Houses of Jackson, Inc.
BMA SDA Church	Christian Liberty M.B. Church	Disaster Relief - Forrest County	Harmony M.B. Church
Boys & Girls Club (KC Snack)	Christian Services, Inc.	Downtown Jackson Community Dev.	Haven House Family Shelter
Boys & Girls Club of Leflore County	Christians United M.B. Church	Durant M.B. Church FP	Heartland Hands
Boys & Girls Club - MVSU Unit 19	Chunky U.M.C. Food Pantry	E.E.Rogers SDA Christian/School	Hearts & Hands Food Pantry
BP - Ann Smith Elementary School	Churches United Food Bank of Pontotoc	East Louisville Baptist Church	Hearty Helpings Food Pantry
BP - Armstrong Middle School	Clarke Co. Assoc. For Needy	Ebenezer Apostolic Ministries	Heavenly Manna Ministries
BP - Barr Elementary	CMP5 - Grove	Edwards Street Fellowship Center	Heavens Manna/Heart Hidden Min.
BP - Boyd E.S./Crossroads	College Hill Baptist Church Food Pantry	Embrace Church	Helping Hands Ministries
BP - Caledonia Elementary	Compassion Food Ministries	Emmanuel Church of God	Helping Hands Ministry
BP - Chastain Middle School	Copiah County Human Resources	Emmanuel M.B.Church	Helping Hands of Cleveland
BP - Cook Elementary	Cornerstone Church Food Pantry	Endless Charities	Helping Hands of Humphreys Co.
BP - Covington County	Country Woods Baptist Church	Ephesus Baptist Church	Hickory Bapt. Church Food Pantry
BP - Durant Elementary School	Covenant Presbyterian Church	Ephesus SDA Church	Higher Dimensions of Mt. Olive
BP - East Flora Elem.	Crossgates Baptist Church	Eternity Prep. Ministries	Hinds CC Single Stop
BP - Franklin Academy	Crudup-Ward Center	Evangelical Crusade for Christ	Holy Family Community FP
BP - Goodloe Elementary	CSFP Anderson UMC - Hinds	Ever Reaching Comm. Outreach	Hope Village for Children
BP - Henderson Elementary	CSFP Anderson UMC - Rankin	Evers Care/MS Urban League	Hosanna FWC Food Pantry
BP - Highland Elem. School	CSFP Berean SDA	Faith Assembly Daycare Center	House of Blessings Outreach FP
BP - Hinds County School District	CSFP Bonanza Buying Center	Faith Baptist Church	House Of Hope Min/Outreach
BP - Kosciusko Middle Elementary	CSFP Center Ridge BC	FAITH Food Pantry	Interfaith Food Pantry
BP - Lamar County Schools	CSFP Central U.M.C.	Faith Haven, Inc.	Itawamba UMC FP
BP - Lanier High School	CSFP Copiah County HR	Fayette First New Life SDA	Jackson Manor Senior Living
BP - Midtown/JLJ	CSFP Crossgates Baptist Church	Feed by Faith	Jackson Revival Center Church
BP - Operation: UPWARD	CSFP Deliver Me	Feeding Hearts	Jackson Run Senior Apts.
BP - Overstreet Alt. School	CSFP Doddsville Area	First Assembly Food Pantry	Jackson Street M.B. Church
BP - Riverside Elementary	CSFP Downtown Jackson CDC	First Assembly of God	Jasper County Baptist Assoc.
BP - South Delta Elementary	CSFP Drew Area	First Assembly Of God Care Center	Jefferson Compreh. Health Ctr.
BP - South Rankin/McLaurin	CSFP Durant M.B. Church	First Baptist Church Coldwater	Jericho Baptist Church Food Pantry
BP - SR/ Richland Elementary	CSFP Emmanuel M.B.Church	First Baptist Church Flora	Jerusalem Bapt. Church-P.F.F.
BP - Stokes Beard Elementary	CSFP Golden Triangle Planning Dev.	First Baptist Church Taylorsville	Jerusalem MB Church FP
BP - Sudduth Elementary School	CSFP First Hyde M. B. Church	First Church of Deliverance	Jerusalem Temple C.O.G.I.C.
BP - Threadgill Elementary	CSFP Heavenly Manna	First Church of the Nazarene	Jones Chapel M.B. Church
BP - Ward Stewart Elementry	CSFP Helping Hands Humphreys	First Hyde M. B. Church	Jordan Rivers
BP - West Elementary	CSFP Highland View Senior Apts.	First U.M.C. of Magee	Joseph's Food Pantry
BP - W. Lowndes Elementary	CSFP Indianola Area	First United Methodist Church	Jubilee Mennonite Church
Brookhaven Outreach Ministries	CSFP Inverness	Free Mission Baptist Church	Kemper Springs Comm. Center
Buford Yerger/Sen/Housing	CSFP Jackson Revival	French Camp Academy	Kids Cafe - Afternoon Adventure
Calhoun Baptist Association	CSFP MCCSA - Clarke County	Friends of Alcoholics	Kids Cafe - Boys & Girls Club Delta

Kids Cafe - Cary Christian Center	New Covenant Community FP	Sacred Heart F.C. Soup Kitchen	St. Joseph's Food Pantry
Kids Cafe - Community Learning Ctr.	New Dimensions Dev. Foundation	Sacred Heart Southern Mission	St. Luke UMC Food Pantry
Kids Cafe - Frank Phillips YMCA	New Vision Outreach Ministry	Safe Haven, Inc.	St. Mark C.O.G.I.C.
Kids Cafe - Genesis & Light North	New Way Mississippi	Salvation Army - Jackson	St. Vincent DePaul
Kids Cafe - Greenville	Newman Services Foundation	Salvation Army - Vicksburg	Starkville Church Of God
Kids Cafe - OMYD Hattiesburg	North Pleasant Hill Food Pantry	Salvation Army- Columbus	State Line Baptist Food Pantry
Lake Elementary School	Noxubee Co. Human Resource Age	Salvation Army FP- Hattiesburg	Stephen Chapel M.B. Church
Lauderdale Baptist Crisis Center	Oak Forest Bapt. Church FP	Sam Quinn C.O.G.I.C.	Stewpot Comm Svc Food Pantry
Leake County Mobile Pantry	Oak Grove M.B. Church	Samaritan's Closet Food Pantry	Stewpot Comm Svc Soup Kitchen
Lefleur Haven Senior Apts.	Oak Grove U.M.C. Food Pantry	Samaritans, Inc.	Stewpot Comm. Svc After School
Leland Food Pantry	Odessa Grant Food Pantry	Scott Co. Baptist Assoc.Crisis	Stewpot Comm. Svc. SN Program
Lighthouse Manna Food Pantry	Operation Upward	Second Chance Life Center, Inc	Sturgis Baptist Church
Lintonia Chapel 7th Day Adventists	Our Daily Bread	Seminary Baptist Church	Sumrall U.M.C. Food Pantry
Living Manna Food Pantry	Our Daily Bread of Calhoun	SFSP - Cleveland Middle	T.E.A.M. Inc.
Love's Incorporated (Kitchen)	Oxford Food Pantry	SFSP - Farris Municipal Park	The Food Depot of Tishomingo County
Loving Kindness Outreach	P.B.M. Ministries, Inc.	SFSP - New Hope YMCA	The Pointe Church Food Pantry
Lucedale C.O.G.I.C.	Panola County Food Pantry	SFSP - Payton Garden Apts.	The Salvation Army Food Pantry
M.I.C.A. McComb In-dom Care	Parkway Pentecostal Church	SFSP - Ridgewood Estates	The Salvation Army Men's Shelter
MADCAPP Food Pantry	Paul Truitt Memorial Baptist	SFSP - We Care Comm. Services	The Salvation Army-Laurel
Madison County CSA	Pearl Street Comm. Dev. Corp.	SFSP - Winona Comm. Pavilion	The Word Full Gospel Baptist Church
Madonna Manor Senior Apts.	Pentecostal Church of God	SFSP - Caledonia YMCA	Tilton U.M.C. Outreach Ministry
Magee's Creek M.B. Church	Petal Children's Task Force	SFSP - College Drive School	Tinnin Road Church Of Christ
Mallory Comm. Health Leflore	Peter's Rock C.O.G.I.C.	SFSP - Genesis Church	Tippah Co. Good Samaritan Ctr.
Mallory Community Health Cente	Pilgrim Baptist Church	SFSP - George Covington Lib	Tippah Good Samaritan North
Manna Food Pantry	Pine Grove Baptist Church	SFSP - Jefferson County Lib	Town of Bolton Dev. Corp.
Manna House	Pine Lake Care Center Clinton	SFSP - JT Biggs Lib	Town of Cary
Maranatha Fellowship Church	Pine Lake Care Center Starkville	SFSP - Longie Dale Lib	Triumph Church Food Pantry
Marion County Food Pantry	Pinecrest SnackPacks Food Pantry	SFSP - Methodist Children's	Triumphant Baptist Church
Masjid Muhammad	Pinelake Care Center	SFSP - MS Urban League	True Light Ministry
Matt's House	Pinelake Care Center	SFSP - Robert Windom Lib	True Vine M.B.C. Food Pantry
McHenry First Baptist Church	Planting Seeds Ministry	SFSP - Sacred Heart	True Word Ministries
McLaurin Heights U.M.C.	Pleasant Grove U.M.C.	Shekinah Glory Baptist Church FP	Twelve Baskets Food Bank
Mercy House of Georgetown-TC	Pleasant Home Baptist Church	Shepherds Tent Food Pantry	Union Co. Baptist Assoc.
Meridian Maranatha SDA Church	Pleasant Ridge U.M.C.	Shiloh SDA Comm. Service Cente	Union Hill M.B. Church
Mid-State Opportunity, Inc.	Plum Street Soup Kitchen	SHSM Garden Cafe Holly Springs	United Community Dev. Outreach
Miles Memorial CME Church	Positive Living, Inc./Utopia	SHSM Holly Springs Food Pantry	Unity M.B. Church
Mission Okolona	Potters House Family Services Ctr.	Siloam M.B. Church Food Pantry	V A Medical Center Food Pantry
Mississippi River Ministry	Power House of Deliverance	Smith County Baptist Assoc.	Village of Dreams
MORE, Inc.	Project Homestead	SMO Inc. - Walthall Co.	Voice of Calvary
Morrison Heights Baptist Churc	Providence M.B. Church	SMO, Inc. - Amite County	Walden Chapel U.M.C.
Mount Charity M.B. Church	PRVO - Covington County	SMO, Inc. - Wilkinson County	Walthall County Food Pantry
Mount Elam M.B. Church	PRVO - Lamar County	Society of St. Andrew	Warren County Mobile Pantry
MS Ctr./Police & Sheriffs (Hope Home)	PRVO - Marion County	Society of St. Vincent DePaul	We 2gether Creating Change
MS Delta Council	PRVO - Perry County	Solid Rock Assembly of God FP	We Care Community Services
MS Dept. of Human Services	PRVO, Inc. - Forrest County	SOS Crystal Springs FP, Inc.	We Care Mission
Mt. Carmel MB Church	PRVO, Inc.- Jones County	South Jackson SDA	We Will Go Ministries
Mt. Zion Food Ministry	Purvis Church of God	South Lake Food Pantry	Webster Co Baptist Association
Mt. Zion Food Pantry	Quitman County Food Pantry	South Pleasant Hill M.B. Church	Wesley House Community Center
Multi-County CSA	Residence of Hope	Southside Assembly Of God	Wesley Youth Foundation
Multi-County CSA - Neshoba Co.	River City Mission Food Pantry	Southside Baptist Church	Windsong Senior Apartments
Multi-County CSA Food Pantry	River City Mission Soup Kitchen	Southwest Miss. Opportunity	Wingard Home, Inc.
Mustard Tree Missions	River Of Life Fellowship	St. Andrews Mission Soup Kitchen	Woodley/Parkway Back Pack
MUTEH	Rose Hill M B Church	St. Andrews Mission, Inc.	Word Of Truth Worship Center
My Brother's Keeper	Rose Hill M.B.C Food Pantry	St. Columb's Iona House FP	World Overcomers Food Outreach
My Father's House Of Freedom	Rose Hill M.B.C. Soup Kitchen	St. Gabriel Mercy Center	Wynndale Baptist Church
Natchez Community Stewpot	Rosemont Human Services FP	St. James Bethel	Yalobusha County Action Agency
NCBA Estates	S.A.F.E., Inc.	St. James Temple C.O.G.I.C./Outreach	Zion Hill C.M.E. Church
New Beginning Church in Christ	Sacred Heart Family Center	St. John M.B. Church Food Pantry	

AGENCY RELATIONS & PROGRAMS

Our partner agencies are the distributing organizations that provide the local communities with supplemental food for families at risk for hunger. Mississippi Food Network (MFN) distributes all food acquired whether donated or purchased through these agencies. In the 56-county area MFN serves, we partner with 430 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.

In 2018-2019 MFN added 16 new agencies. Of the new agencies, 12 are Food Pantries offering families food boxes consisting of shelf-stable foods as well as fresh produce to take home and prepare. Four of the new agencies are non-profit group homes and residential facilities.

Mississippi Food Network served as a Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Sponsor in order to provide meals during the summer for children in low-income rural areas with few resources. This past year, we provided 40,352 meals to children at 25 feeding sites in 16 counties, namely: Leflore, Grenada, Yazoo, Holmes, Lowndes, Rankin, Montgomery, Washington, Sharkey, Bolivar, Forrest, Warren, Hinds, Madison, Jefferson, Copiah.

MFN's Backpack Program provided 48,331 backpacks at 45 different sites during the school year in 14 counties: Hinds, Madison, Forrest, Lowndes, Lamar, Scott, Rankin, Sharkey, Covington, Washington, Bolivar, Leflore, Oktibbeha, and Holmes.

In addition to the weekly backpack meals distributed, Mississippi Food Network operated two School Pantries in Hinds and Madison counties. The School Pantries provided food to families of students at the school. This program provided 17,507 pounds of food which equates to 14,589 meals. Shelf stable foods as well as fresh produce was provided.

Mississippi Food Network's 5 Kids Cafés and Afterschool "At Risk" Snack Programs provided a total of 26,604 supper meals and 13,801 after-school snacks at 5 sites. The programs are located in the following counties: Hinds, Leflore, Grenada, Yazoo, Warren, Sharkey, Lowndes, Washington.

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 2018-19 fiscal year, Mississippi Food Network distributed 25,751,620 pounds of food, which equals to 21,459,683 meals for 1,347,950 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 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.



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 5th Annual Moonlight Market was held in March 2019 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 Coblenz. 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 products into pantry boxes helps us to better serve our member agencies and their clients. During the 2019 fiscal year, we had 2,045 community volunteers providing 6,639 hours of volunteer service. A volunteer hour of service has a value of \$19.70 in Mississippi.

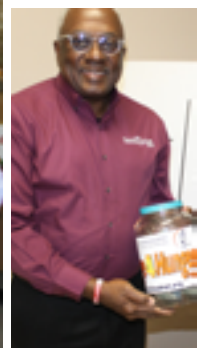
The 16-WAPT Food for Families Food Drive continues to be our largest food drive and provided 213,349 meals during the FY19 period. We also partner with 16-WAPT on the Annual Turkey Drive, raising 2,134 turkeys which were distributed through our member agencies. The UPS-iHeartMedia-WJTV *You Can Make A Difference* Food Drive raised 16,869 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.

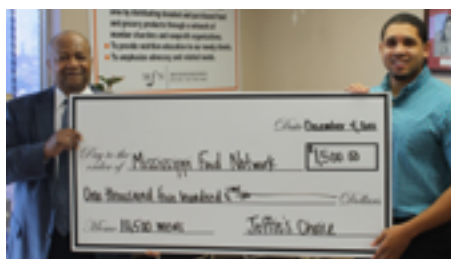
Communications is another important area in our non-profit arena and we continually strive to keep our donors, volunteers, and other community partners informed through our website (www.msfoodnet.org), Facebook (www.facebook.com/MSFoodNetwork), and Twitter (@MSFoodNet) accounts. Please like our Facebook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





Mississippi Food Network is recognized as one of Mississippi's Top Nonprofits by *Mississippi Business Journal* (MBJ); pictured are Tami Jones, MBJ publisher; and, Dr. Charles Beady, Jr., MFN CEO.





Thanks to you, our friends, donors, agencies, staff, and volunteers, these statistics are a reflection of the hard work and dedication put forth daily to fulfill our mission . . . to relieve poverty-related hunger throughout the state of Mississippi.

25,751,620

pounds of food were distributed to

1,347,950

people

12,503

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

48,331

backpacks filled with nutritious food were provided to 1,832 needy children at 45 sites

6,639

volunteer hours were logged in by 2,045 community volunteers

40,352

meals were provided to 1,359 children at 25 sites in 16 counties through Summer Feeding Program

26,604

meals were provided to children at 5 supper sites and 13,081 snacks at 5 snack sites in the Kids Cafe' Afterschool At-Risk Program

17,507

pounds of shelf-stable food and fresh produce were distributed at 2 School Pantry sites to 182 families (average) per month

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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