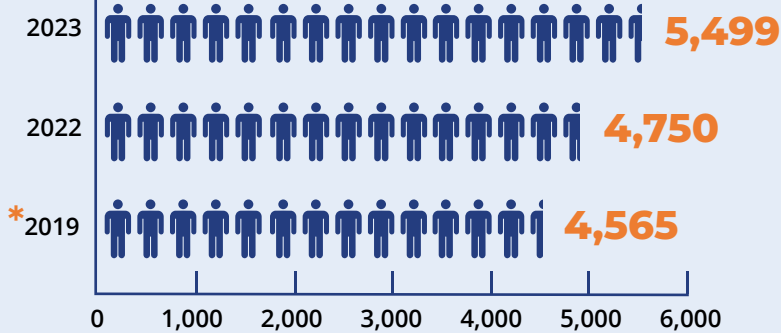


2023

ANNUAL REPORT

YOUR IMPACT ON FOOD SECURITY

Total People Served



*Last full year before pandemic impacts

2,842 households served

1,209 children served

1,401 seniors served

↑ 53% New People Seeking Help

FOOD ON THE TABLE

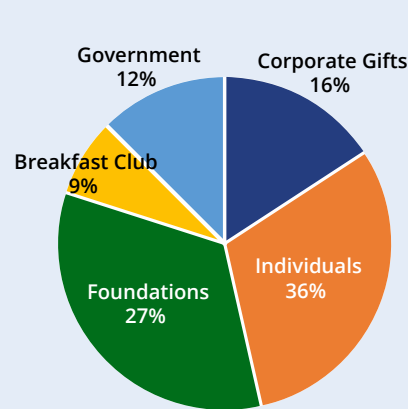
18,570 prepared dinners

1,261,729 pounds of groceries

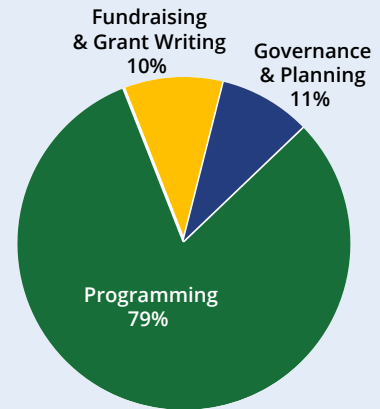
\$112,423 in SNAP dollars provided for our neighbors and the local economy

YOUR INVESTMENTS IN FOOD SECURITY

Revenue By Source



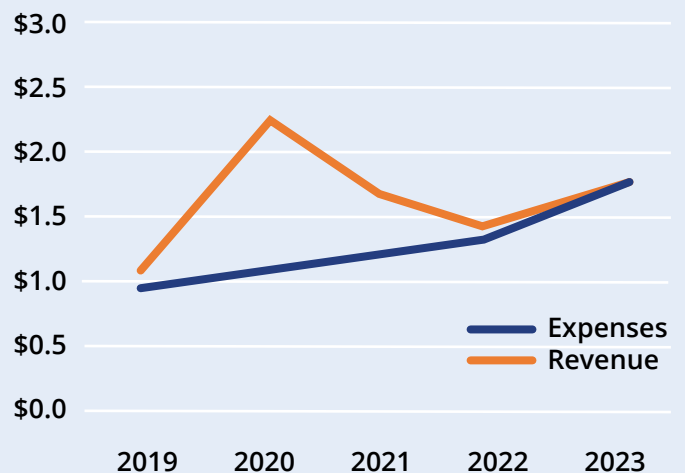
Expense Categories



\$708,750
Value of 2023 Volunteer Service

\$1,361,901
Value of Food Procured at No Cost

Historical Financial Trends



NOTE: FIGURES DO NOT REFLECT CAPITAL CAMPAIGN OR IN-KIND REVENUE.

Operational Reserves
\$300,000

Capital Reserves
\$442,492

OUR MISSION

Hunger comes in many forms. Our Neighbors' Table is committed to establishing a community that provides for the whole person with nourishing food, kindness and dignity.



The year 2023 was one of transition for Our Neighbors' Table as the pandemic waned, masks came off and our programs could operate to their full potential.

- In June, our markets returned to in-person shopping after 3 years of relying on a curbside model.
- In July, the Community Meal welcomed back in-person dining.

At the same time, economic challenges for our most vulnerable neighbors grew significantly.

- COVID-era funding for SNAP ended, slashing thousands of households' weekly food budgets.
- In the summer, families lost access to free school meals.

As a result of the expanded access and rising demand, ONT served more guests than ever in its 32-year history.

SERVICE WITH DIGNITY

How does ONT meet rising demand?

FREE MARKETS

The market re-opening confirmed for ONT that our in-person, free shopping model is the best way to serve our guests. Behind a hybrid model that blended some curbside with a return to in-person shopping, the number of households served surged more than 30%.

INTEGRATED MARKETS

ONT supports four integrated markets in the region – at Amesbury's Heritage Towers and Councils on Aging in Merrimac, Groveland and Salisbury. **Local community seniors shopped at these markets 4,705 times in 2023.**

COMMUNITY MEAL

After more than two years of serving just take-out meals, our weekly meal in Amesbury once again offered in-person dining in July, bringing back the sense of community the meal was founded on in 1992.

SCHOOL LUNCH GROCERIES

The fastest growing demographic for ONT in 2023 was households with children, rising 20%. Our Summer Lunch Program helped more than 400 families keep their kids full without free school lunch.

SNAP SUPPORT

Our SNAP coordinator filed 112 applications, helping those people receive and maximize their public assistance, while putting **more than \$100,000 back into the local economy.**

"I feel so fortunate to have you looking out for my best interests with the SNAP program. It's hard to navigate alone without the help of someone like you."

BUILDING A COMMUNITY

In ONT's Stable Table™ Model, one of the three legs that supports food security is community support.

VOLUNTEERS

In 2023, ONT rebuilt its volunteer corps, adding **200 new active volunteers**. More than 600 community members donated **22,000 hours of service**.

"It's such a great group of people, and I look forward to volunteering every week."

Volunteer Diane Casey, of Amesbury



Longtime Community Meal volunteer cook Bill Ginivan received his own ONT apron as a thank you for his commitment to serving our neighbors.

INVESTMENT

One way donors contributed to our mission is through the **Breakfast Club**, through which 248 donors show their commitment to food security by making recurring contributions.

Donors who give more than \$1,000 become part of our **Spoon Platoon**. A total of 220 donors are in that club, including an additional 25 in the past year.

THE FUTURE OF FOOD SECURITY



ONT continued its work toward creating a food secure region by 2029.

In 2023, we took several steps forward, including:

- 🍴 Construction began and a capital campaign was launched to create the Seacoast Regional Food Hub, which will provide the infrastructure needed to capture and store more food for people in need.
- 🍴 Deepening collaboration among the Seacoast Food Providers and establishing the Lower Merrimack Valley Food Coalition to maximize the impact of the Food Hub.
- 🍴 Working with key stakeholders to secure funding for food security in our region, including advocacy for free school meals for all statewide.

Working with our board and partners, we also developed a new Strategic Plan to guide our work through 2026. The goals are:

- 🍴 Amesbury, Newburyport, Salisbury and Merrimac achieve a Stable Table™.
- 🍴 Leaders, frontline food providers, individuals and businesses are adequately educated and mobilized to address food insecurity.
- 🍴 Lower Merrimack Valley will have a collective strategy and infrastructure to support more equitable access to food.
- 🍴 ONT is equipped to lead a collective approach to food security.

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