



**PIERCE COUNTY
HUNGER PREVENTION COUNCIL**
WE GO BEYOND THE FOOD

Annual Report

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Message from the BOARD PRESIDENT and PANTRY COORDINATOR

Dear Friends:

As the 2023 year comes to a close, we reflect on some of the struggles and many successes of the past year. We are humbled and thankful for the wonderful community support, volunteers, and many donations we receive to help families in Pierce County.

With increased food prices and rising need in the community our pantry's annual household visits increased by 17%. Over 205,000 pounds of food were distributed, and the pantry had 2,129 total visits. We continued to convene our council monthly to discuss ways we could share resources and improve food access. Our garden had another successful growing season, and we continued our efforts to educate the community about local food access concerns and opportunities.

Thank you for helping The Hunger Prevention Council continue to flow with food, resources, and partnerships that build a stronger community.

Sincerely,

Trent Nyhus and Heidi Albarado



Trenton Nyhus
Board President



Heidi Albarado
Pantry Coordinator



Repairs to the exterior of our building and new siding were installed to address water leaks from the rain and melting snow. These improvements were made possible with funding from the St. Croix Valley Foundation Infrastructure grant.

About Us

The Hunger Prevention Council of Pierce County, Inc. (HPC) is an independent, non-profit organization formed in 1999 to address inconsistent responses to hunger across Pierce County.

Board of Directors

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Pierce County Food Pantry Volunteer



HPC meets regularly working towards reducing hunger and providing access to healthy foods across Pierce County. While the Pierce County Food Pantry, located in Ellsworth, is a program of HPC, the other food pantries located in Pierce County remain independent. The Council offers these food pantries and other organizations working to alleviate hunger in Pierce County the unique opportunity to work as a group to attract donations, enact programming and pool resources.

HPC Programs, Events, and Outreach

Pierce County Food Pantry

Our food pantry serves residents from all Pierce County school districts even if they do not live in Ellsworth. This gives families additional open hour options and the extra level of privacy that comes from going outside their hometown.

Facilitate Monthly Council Meetings

An opportunity for all food pantries serving Pierce County residents, concerned citizens, and other food program representatives to gather and discuss food access challenges, brainstorm solutions, and plan for community education and outreach events.

Ron Campbell Garden

Since 2019, we've grown over 750 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables that are distributed to our community through the food pantry. Pantry participants appreciate the quality and selection; volunteers note a higher quality of produce from the garden compared to other sources. Education sessions that include nutrition and gardening information are held in the garden. We are thankful for our funders UW-Madison Division of Extension Growing Together, St. Croix Valley Master Gardener Association and the Henkel Foundation.



Empty to full fridge thanks to food rescue!



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Pantry Inclusion Training

Because food is a vital resource and we want to make sure people of all lived experiences can access the pantries, HPC hosted Pierce County Public Health and University of Wisconsin Madison-Division of Extension staff as they facilitated a 2-day workshop to guide pantries in their reflection of ways they could improve pantry visits for people of diverse backgrounds. Pantries were encouraged to send at least 2 people from their organization to attend the events.

Diaper Distribution

Free diapers are distributed from the Pierce County Food Pantry in partnership with United Way St. Croix Valley.

Poverty Simulation Event

HPC Members joined community members in an interactive simulation about the challenges faced by 1 in 3 households. The event was hosted by UW-River Falls and provided education about our community's ALICE (Asset, Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) rates and experiences. HPC hosted a booth at the event and manned a table during the simulation.

“Meet River Falls” Booth Fair

HPC Board Members provided community outreach about local food resources and education about ALICE rates and experiences.

Cheese Curd Festival

Pierce County Food Pantry volunteers and HPC members volunteered at the annual event in Ellsworth through their volunteer program. Donations from the event were used to support the food pantry.

Email us if you are interested in joining the council:
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Financial Highlights

The Hunger Prevention Council of Pierce County, Inc. (HPC) is a non-profit organization formed in 1999 to address inconsistent responses to hunger across Pierce County.

All donations made to the Hunger Prevention Council are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Support and Revenue	2023	2022
Direct Public Support and Fundraising	\$71,266	\$77,252
Government Contributions	\$16,910	\$15,000
Grants	\$39,883	\$36,327
Miscellaneous	\$1,123	\$2.79
Total Income	\$129,182	\$128,582
Expenses		
Food	\$44,440	\$28,977
Operations	\$13,496	\$19,004
Staff and Contractors	\$36,784	\$38,278
Facilities and Equipment	\$39,162	\$36,167
Distributed to other Pierce County Food Pantries	\$9,798	\$17,556
Total Expenses	\$143,680	\$139,983



2023 Fiscal Year Donors

We want to especially thank all the individuals, businesses, organizations, and foundations in our community who provided financial support to the Hunger Prevention Council and our Pierce County Food Pantry!



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TODAY**

Become a Business Sponsor
Become a 'Go Beyond' Monthly Giver
Give a One-Time Donation
Donate Fresh Garden Produce
Host a Food Drive