

2023-2024

WASTE NOT

# ANNUAL REPORT



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# OUR ORIGINS

Waste Not was born in 1987 from one woman's simple yet profound observation. She saw perfectly good food being discarded, while just steps away, people in need went hungry. What began as a small effort to bridge that gap has grown into a powerful movement with a clear mission: to put a stop to food waste and feed our community.

For the past 37 years, that spark of kindness has fueled our journey. Today, Waste Not partners with over 55 food donors and delivers fresh food to more than 85 nonprofit organizations across Maricopa County. By keeping food out of landfills and placing it into the hands of those who need it most, we're helping people and the planet flourish.

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By eliminating food waste and hunger through innovative community partnerships, we're creating sustainable food systems that help people and the planet flourish.

## OUR MISSION AND PURPOSE



# A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD



This year has been defined by incredible growth and the pursuit of new opportunities.

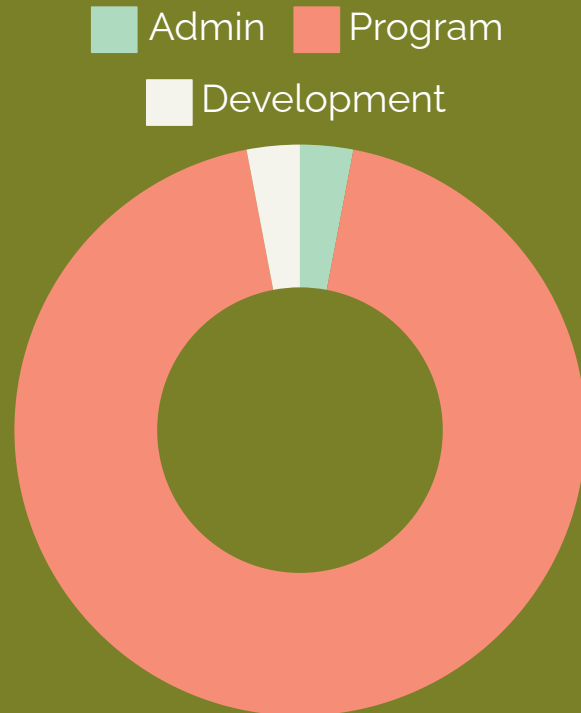
From rescuing food at the WM Phoenix Open to forging a new partnership with Chase Field during the World Series, and even diving into the Final Four, our team has actively engaged with the sporting community to make a difference. These high-profile events allowed us to not only rescue substantial amounts of food but also bring greater visibility to our mission of keeping good food out of landfills to fight food insecurity.

In addition to our work in the sports arena, we've also grown our internal capacity. We expanded our team to provide more dedicated focus on donor relations and fundraising, while simultaneously enhancing our food sourcing program.

As we reflect on another successful year, we are deeply grateful for the unwavering support of our donors, partners, and community. Your generosity continues to drive our mission forward, allowing us to make a lasting impact on both people and the planet through our food rescue efforts.

Thank you for standing with us in this journey of growth and service.

-Christopher Wodarczyk, Board President of Waste Not



**ADMIN COSTS: 3% (\$166,544)**

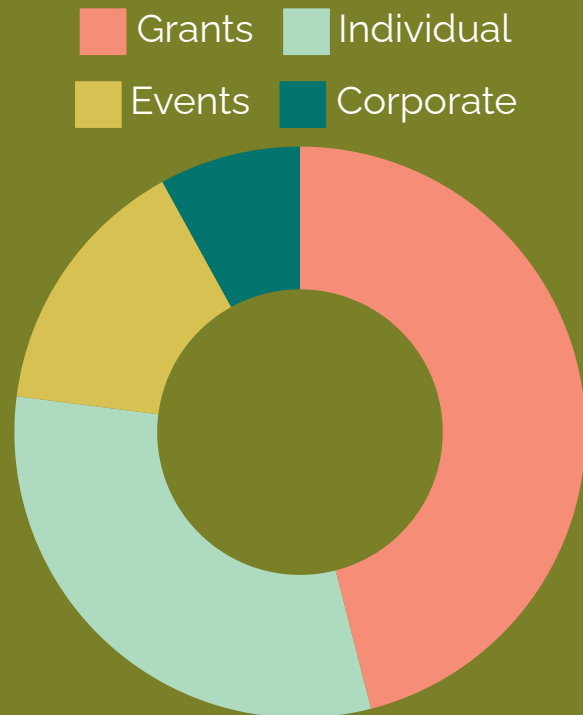
**PROGRAM COSTS: 94% (\$5,684,371)**

**DEVELOPMENT (MARKETING & FUNDRAISING): 3% (\$163,337)**

*\*Numbers are unaudited - 11.13.24\**

# FINANCIALS - COSTS





**GRANTS: 46% (\$355,986)**

**INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS: 31%**  
**(\$241,028)**

**SPECIAL EVENTS: 15% (\$117,880)**

**CORPORATE & ASSOCIATIONS: 8%**  
**(\$62,334)**

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# FINANCIALS - REVENUE

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# DELIVERING MORE THAN MEALS

## WASTE NOT

Waste Not partners with Native American Connections across five locations, supporting their vital work in providing shelter, healthcare, addiction recovery, and nourishment for thousands of Arizonans in need. Over the past year, we've delivered enough fresh food to provide 131,918 meals to the residents of Native American Connections. Together with Native American Connections, we're not just offering meals—we're delivering hope, healing, and a path toward brighter futures for some of the most vulnerable members of our community.





# AGENCIES IMPACTED

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*"Without Waste Not, we would have no meals to serve."*

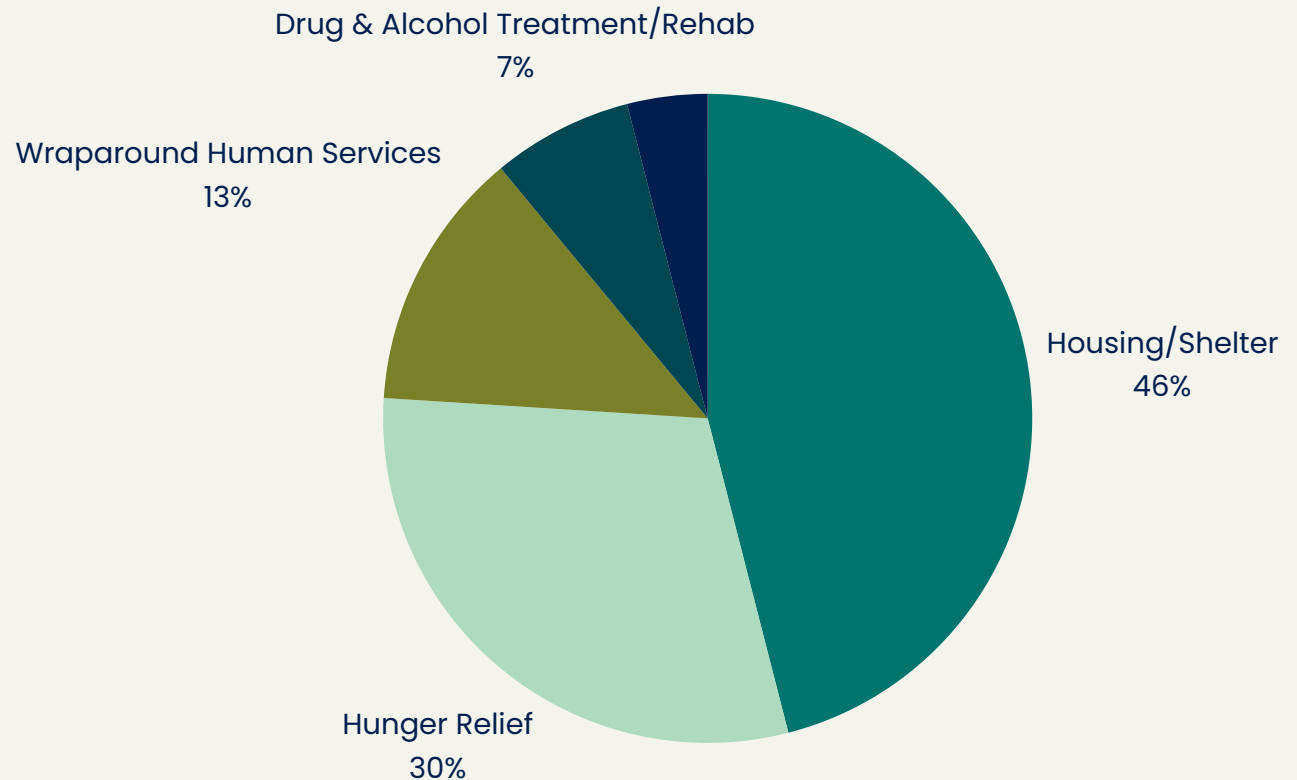
*Steve Tepper, Executive Director*

*Arizona Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired*

**In 2023-2024, we partnered  
with 85 nonprofit partners.**

Our partners are amazing at meeting the needs of our community. The work they do impacts the community today and tomorrow, and together, we keep our community fed and flourishing all year long.

\*Pie chart reflects primary service provided by Waste Not Agencies.\*



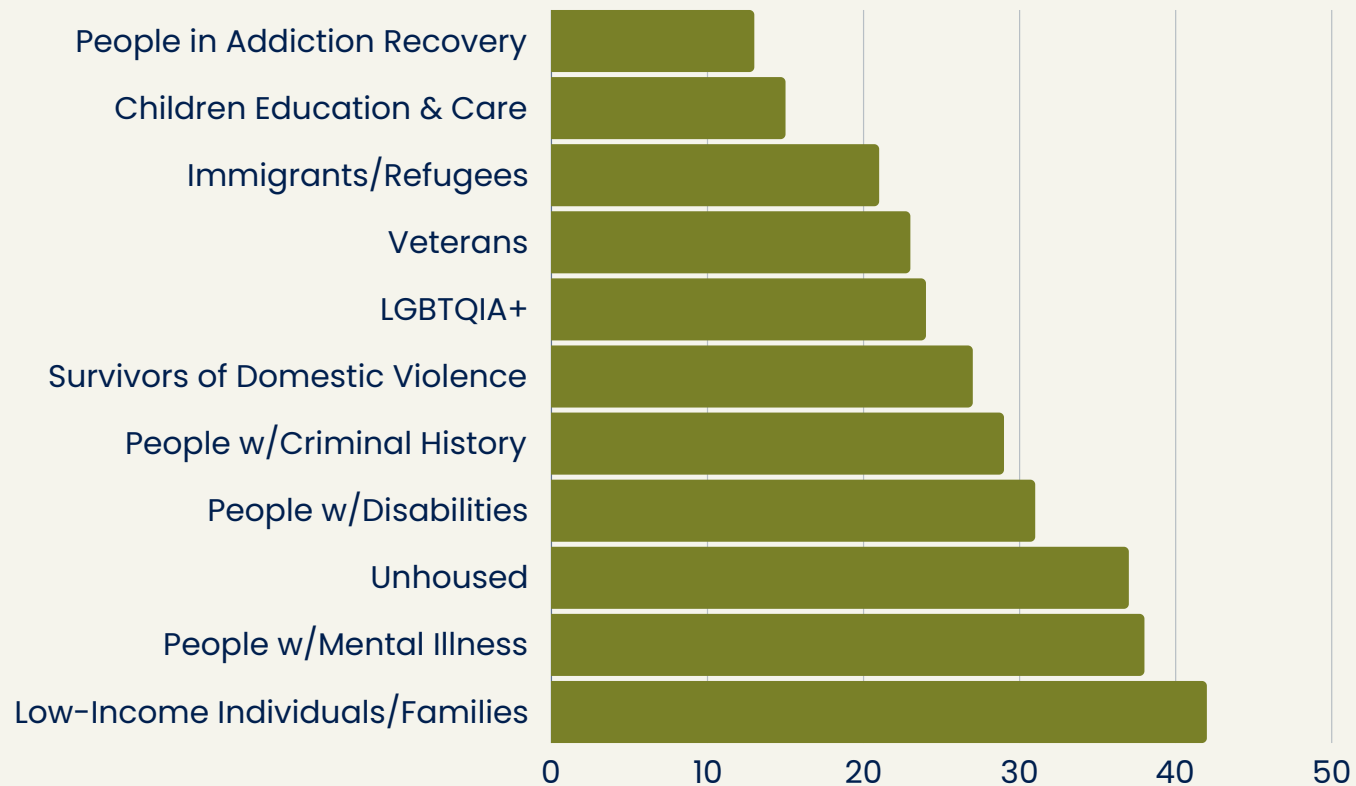
# PEOPLE IMPACTED

*In 2023-2024, we provided **2.7 million meals** worth of food to our community.*

Some of the most vulnerable in our community are facing harsh realities. **89% of the population our agency partners serve, live at or below the 138% Federal Poverty Level.**

Waste Not helps people flourish even in hard times by delivering fresh, nutritious food on a daily basis.

\*This chart shows the population served by the number of agencies.\*





# A BEACON OF HOPE

In 1998, Diane Silk, then living at a domestic violence shelter, found hope in the fresh food Waste Not delivered. That simple act of nourishment during a difficult time became a lifeline for her. Twenty-five years later, Diane remains profoundly impacted by Waste Not's mission. Grateful for the help she received, she's now giving back to the community that once supported her as a member and volunteer at Hope Lives-Vive La'Esperanzã.



Diane is in the center with her fellow volunteers and members of Hope Lives.



# IT'S A TEAM EFFORT

Huddle up! This year, Waste Not has embraced the excitement around sports and scored big for our community. We've rescued over 43,000 pounds of fresh and prepared food from major events like the World Series at Chase Field, the WM Phoenix Open, and the Final Four at State Farm Stadium. These ready-to-eat meals and pre-cooked food are a game-changer, especially for those without access to fully-equipped kitchens, providing immediate nourishment where it's needed most.





# MEALCONNECT

MealConnect is an app that connects food donations to nearby agencies in need. Primarily ran and operated by volunteers, MealConnect helps Waste Not capture sporadic or one-time food donations that are not a part of our regular routes.



## **21,614 Pounds**

We collected enough pounds of food to provide over 20,000 meals in the last year.



## **44 Active Volunteers**

We could not capture this extra excess food without our team of volunteers who very literally drive out hunger.



## **304 Connections made**

This is the number of times our app was used in the past year with successful pick up and drops offs by our volunteers.

2,035

metric tons of CH<sub>4</sub> (methane) reduced in the last year. That's the equivalent of keeping 484 cars off the road for a year.

332

million gallons of water conserved. This amount of water could fill up 503 Olympic-sized swimming pools!



Waste Not helps both people and the planet flourish. As a pillar of change in a broken global food system, we not only close the gap between hunger and food insecurity, but also between food waste and sustainability.

By rescuing surplus food, we reduce waste, conserve resources like water and energy, and prevent harmful methane emissions—creating a more sustainable future for all. Through our operations we support international goals to halve food waste by 2030.

**FOOD RESCUE  
IS A CLIMATE  
SOLUTION**

# THANK YOU

