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The latest figures on hunger in Rhode Island from the USDA show that the number of people identifying as food insecure is decreasing. That’s the good news.

Among the 54,000 Rhode Island households that remain food insecure, however, are some of the most vulnerable members of our society: families with children and senior adults.

As the economy improves, more people are working, but wages remain stagnant. And household expenses continue to skyrocket: rent, utilities, healthcare among them. Where extended families once helped one another to overcome these challenges, there are now no reserves left to lend a hand.

Even when employed full-time (or more), many individuals earn below the poverty level and require supplemental assistance from food pantries and government programs.

At the Food Bank, the number of clients we serve remains high at 60,000 per month. By comparison, we were serving 33,000 people per month before the recession in 2007.

We continue to perform as the state’s center for food acquisition and distribution, last year delivering 9.7 million pounds of food to people in need through our network of 160 member agencies. More than 2 million pounds of that food was fresh produce. We are determined to increase that amount as part of our commitment to delivering healthy, nutritious food.

None of our efforts would be possible without the commitment and dedication of our donors, volunteers and supporters. Throughout the year, we are fortunate that so many of you collect and donate food as well as funds, attend our events and spend your time sorting food in our Production Room.

Our Annual Report serves as a thank you to everyone engaged in our work to end hunger in our state as well as a record of our accomplishments over the past year. We are accountable to each and every Rhode Islander to efficiently and effectively deliver food assistance to anyone in need.

Together, we can ensure that no one goes hungry in Rhode Island.
Getting Food to Where It’s Needed Most

Every day, the Food Bank works to distribute nutritious and healthy food to our 160 member agencies to ensure that no one in Rhode Island goes hungry. Our drivers are on the road across the state making deliveries or our customer service and warehouse staff are helping pantries load up their supplies to bring food back to clients in the community.

Last year, the Food Bank and its network of member agencies distributed enough food for families to have 18 million meals. Each week, 200,000 pounds of food are moved out of the Food Bank to directly serve Rhode Islanders in need.

Committed to providing nutritious food, 89 percent of the food distributed by the Food Bank is considered “core food”—healthy foods, including vegetables and fruits, grains, protein, beans and dairy, which can be used to prepare a nutritious meal for a family.

The Food Bank receives food from a variety of sources, including local supermarkets and food companies, food producers and distributors, individuals and organizations, regional and national growers, local community farms and gardens, in addition to community food drives.

We also purchase one-third of our food supply to meet the continued high need for food assistance. Purchasing items with donated funds is necessary to make up for the continuing lack of surplus food: a result of the implementation of more efficient and streamlined systems in the supermarket industry.

MAJOR FOOD DRIVES

Summer Food Drive
During the summer months, the amount of food and funds donated to the Food Bank decreases. As a reminder that hunger doesn’t take a vacation, our Summer Food Drive Kick-Off in June brought together donors with our Chair, First Gentleman Andy Moffit, to ask Rhode Islanders to continue to give to help make sure no one went hungry.

Stamping Out Hunger with the Letter Carriers
On Saturday, May 9, letter carriers across the state collected more than 97,000 pounds of food from generous residents who donated non-perishables by leaving them at their mailbox that morning. We thank all of the letter carriers and food donors for making Stamp Out Hunger a success as well as the volunteers who sorted food at post offices throughout the area.

Boy Scouts Go Scouting for Food
Once again in November, the Narragansett Council, Boy Scouts of America did an incredible job, collecting more than 190,000 pounds of food for the Food Bank from generous neighbors and friends. For the 28th year, the Scouting for Food Drive helped stock the shelves for the long winter months ahead.
n and around Rhode Island, local farms donated approximately 335,000 pounds of fresh produce to the Food Bank last year. Our network of community farms alone contributed more than 55,000 pounds of food. Run completely by volunteers, these six sites include: Charlestown Community Garden, Franklin Farm in Cumberland, God’s Little Acre in Smithfield, Magaziner Farm in Bristol, McCoy Community Farm in Bristol and the University of Rhode Island College of the Environment and Life Sciences. Throughout the growing season, the farms rely on schools, businesses and civic groups as well as families and individuals for everything from planting to picking to cleaning up at the end of the year.

To obtain enough food to support 60,000 clients each month, the Food Bank relies on a variety of sources. Nearly 33% of food is purchased through wholesalers to meet the high demand. As a result, the Food Bank is able to acquire healthy, nutritious food rather than relying on the unpredictable supply of donated food. Fresh fruits and vegetables account for more than 2 million of the 9.7 million pounds of distributed food. Eighty-nine percent of the food we distribute is considered “core food”—healthy food that can be used to make a meal for a family.
Expanding Access to Summer Meals

Every summer, thousands of children lose access to the free and reduced meals they receive during the school year. The federal Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) provides meals all summer long but many families are unaware. The Food Bank, along with a number of community partners, promoted the program and increased participation by 21%, reaching more children than previous years. In addition, the Food Bank supplied vacation meal boxes to feed kids between the end of the school year and the beginning of the summer program.

School Pantries

The Food Bank currently supports ten food pantries located throughout the state at local elementary and high schools. The sites serve hundreds of young people each month, delivering healthy, nutritious food and snacks that students can eat at school or at home. School-based pantries are located on the grounds of the school to provide an easily accessible source of food assistance to low-income students and their families.

Making Your Dollars Work for Struggling Families

The Food Bank spends 88 cents of every dollar you give on the acquisition and distribution of healthy food and programs like Community Cooking, nutrition education for food pantry clients and Community Kitchen culinary job training for low-income and unemployed adults. Funding and administrative costs are just 12% of our total expenses.

Donations of food have decreased over the past several years. To meet the need in the community, we now purchase one third of our food supply (or 3.1 million pounds). The remaining two thirds is donated.

Government funding accounts for just 3% of our revenue. For that reason, we rely on the generous support of businesses, organizations, foundations, and individuals who are committed to providing food assistance for Rhode Island’s most vulnerable citizens.
A Family Struggles to Make Ends Meet

Working to make ends meet is a struggle for so many Rhode Island families due to a combination of low wages, especially for unskilled laborers, and the high cost of rent, utilities, and healthcare. As a result, many workers rely on food pantries for supplemental support.

With a toddler in the family, the challenges increase, as there are constant needs and expenses. Take Georgino, who is just 15 months old, and lives with his mother, Pamela, and grandmother, Salsia.

Pamela, 23, works two food manufacturing jobs to support her family. Salsia is only employed part-time, also in food manufacturing, since she is needed to take care of the baby. At 44 years old, Salsia did not expect to be the full-time caretaker for her grandson, but with Pamela so frequently working, there is little choice.

The family receives a small amount of assistance through SNAP benefits—about $175 per month—but most of the responsibility for rent and other expenses falls squarely on Pamela and Salsia.

Recently, Salsia came to the PICA Olneyville Food Center for assistance. The pantry, run by Lorraine Burns, has been a blessing to Salsia and her family.

At the pantry, they are able to receive “a little bit of everything for the baby,” said Salsia. Only on her second visit, she has benefited from fresh vegetables, bread, and pastry as well as formula. The pantry is even able to provide diapers when they have them in stock.

“This family needs so much help,” said Lorraine. “When you have a baby, you need everything: clothes, a crib, a car seat, shoes. And they grow out of everything so quickly. Our staff do what they can to find these items for them or connect them with other resources in the community.”

Now that Salsia knows about the PICA Food Pantry, she plans to return as often as she’s allowed, twice per month. She brings Georgino with her, since she has no other option even though she knows there is always a wait since the pantry is so busy. He patiently sits in his grandmother’s lap in the lobby watching other clients come and go.

“I am so happy that they are here to help me. Before I came here, I didn’t know what to do, but now we have food, we have diapers. We have these things for the baby.”

— Salsia, PICA client

They were fortunate to have a neighbor drive them to the pantry and back home with all of their supplies.

“I am so happy that they are here to help me,” said Salsia. “Before I came here, I didn’t know what to do, but now we have food, we have diapers. We have these things for the baby.”

Although her family will face more challenges on their journey, they know that there is a place where they can go for support and assistance during these difficult times.
Rhode Island has been so good to us,” says Top This! Pizza Crust Owner Roger Dwyer explaining why he is so committed to have his business help others in the community.

In 2008, after retiring from a career as a culinary arts instructor at Johnson & Wales University, Roger decided to launch his own company selling ready-made grilled pizza crusts and Top This! was born.

“The idea was to make it easier for busy families to make pizza for dinner,” as Roger describes his plan. “Pick up a crust and toppings and you’re all set.”

Top This! started selling crusts in markets and stores in Rhode Island and, from there, the business took off, now selling 12,000 crusts per week from a small facility in Providence.

“We’re doing well now and we want to give back to the community that supported us.”

Top This! donates thousands of pizza crusts to the Food Bank each year. The crusts are used at afterschool meal sites where the kids love them and they are also distributed through the Food Bank’s network of 160 member agencies.

“I couldn’t afford to give the dollar amount of these contributions, but I can donate my company’s most valuable asset—food.”

Roger also visits the Food Bank to speak with Community Kitchen students about the food industry and even provides pizza-making demonstrations as part of the curriculum.

Recently, Roger donated TV segments that he purchased on two local shows, both produced by Joe Zito, TV Maitre’d and Fresh & Local. The clips increased visibility for the Food Bank and raised awareness of the unique partnerships between the organization and local businesses like Top This! Pizza Crust.

Roger and his wife both make financial contributions to the Food Bank as well. He shares: “I’m very lucky in life so I can think about what I can do for other people.”

“Very few charities say ‘Rhode Island’ like the Food Bank. And even fewer have the impact that this organization has. It’s a perfect fit for Top This! and we’re glad to help.”
At the Food Bank we are fortunate to have so many friends and supporters who come out to support us at fundraisers, events and activities. Here are a few highlights from the past year.

Robert Kraft Visit
The Food Bank welcomed Robert Kraft, Chairman and CEO of the New England Patriots, for a tour of our Community Kitchen. Mr. Kraft offered the Food Bank a $100,000 challenge grant—which we successfully matched—to help fund this culinary job training program for low-income and unemployed adults. In addition to the Challenge Grant, Mr. Kraft also connected Community Kitchen students with the head of Corporate Dining Services at Gillette Stadium. Program graduates are now interning and working there and we hope to grow this relationship to provide more opportunities in the future.

Holiday Open House
Food Bank friends visited the facility to celebrate during the Holiday Open House. They enjoyed musical performances from Voices of Christmas, singer/songwriter Emeline Easton and the Wheeler Jazz Ensemble along with samplings of healthy foods and a nutrition education project. Guests took tours of the Food Bank and even had the opportunity to practice sorting produce. And, most importantly, the Food Bank collected hundreds of pounds of food for our Holiday Food Drive.

RI Public Radio Pledge Drive
The Food Bank teamed up with RI Public Radio for a one-day pledge drive that helped raise funds for both organizations. Thanks to a generous match from the Rhode Island Foundation and an anonymous donor, listeners who made a pledge or a donation to RIPR received a gift of a matching donation to the Food Bank instead of the traditional NPR thank you merchandise. Through the generosity of RIPR’s audience, RIPR raised $14,000 in just a few hours triggering the matching funds for the Food Bank. Plus, we were able to share our mission of ending hunger in Rhode Island with public radio listeners across the state.

Empty Bowls
The first ever Empty Bowls event held by the Rhode Island Community Food Bank was a huge success, raising over $85,000 to help address hunger in Rhode Island. Nearly 1,000 people came out to show their support for the Food Bank, enjoyed delicious food donated by 36 local restaurants, and chose a handcrafted artisanal bowl to take home, reminding them how they helped fill the empty bowls in their community. The event would not have been possible without our presenting sponsor Citizens Bank and their incredible corps of volunteers.

Truck Stop: A Festival of Street Eats
Truck Stop: A Festival of Street Eats exceeded expectations with 600 guests joining us at the Providence Rink at the ALEX AND ANI City Center. Mother Nature provided a beautiful night as 15 food trucks offered delicious samples of their fare. Thanks to festival sponsor Stop & Shop, Eat Drink RI and a dedicated and hardworking crew of volunteers who helped pull it all together. The event raised more than $110,000 toward ending hunger in Rhode Island.

Real Swell Feed
Hosted by Josh and Nancy Miller at Local 121, the Real Swell Feed brought together friends and supporters of the Food Bank for a special meal based on the free meals served by the Dreyfus Hotel in Providence during the Great Depression. Guests participated in the “pay-what-you-can” experience and raised more than $8,000 to support the Food Bank’s Community Cooking nutrition education program which teaches clients how to create healthy meals on a tight budget.
A FAMILY AFFAIR

Teaching Children the Importance of Giving Back

When Lisa and Lee Wesner moved to Rhode Island more than ten years ago, they decided to find a way to give back to the new community that had welcomed them. As successful professionals, they felt it was important to support a local organization that had a direct impact on people in need.

Lisa doesn’t remember exactly how her family first became connected to the Food Bank. She said, “I think it was as simple as getting a flyer (about the Food Bank) in the mail and we decided to look into it.”

The Rhode Island Community Food Bank was an easy choice for the Wesners. After researching the organization’s finances, they took a tour and decided that it was the right fit for their charitable giving.

As Lisa explained, “Every dollar we give has such a direct impact in such a tangible way. The operation is so well run. We value how efficiently the Food Bank is able to take food in and allocate it to people in need.”

Ten years later the Wesners are parents and they want to instill in their two children, Lila, 8 and Luke, 6, a sense of giving back to the community through the Food Bank. “We want our children to understand what we’re doing. Even if it’s as simple as explaining that we’re helping to make sure that everyone has food. Hunger is something that they get. They can really understand it.”

The children have visited the Food Bank to drop off food and donations and they have attended events like the Sing Away Hunger Concert and the Holiday Open House where Luke remembers “taking food and sorting it into bins.” At school, they participate in the holiday food drive and they are taught how important it is for everyone to have access to healthy, nutritious food.

“When we talk about the Food Bank,” said Lisa, “they take away the sense that there is an opportunity for us to do something different to help others. That message is important to us and it’s reinforced in their school.”

On their recent visit to the Food Bank, they were having fun weighing themselves on the giant scales, but there was much more going on. When asked about his family’s support of the Food Bank, Luke explained: “I feel happy because I am donating.”

The Wesners hope that they have laid the groundwork for their children to continue to volunteer and give back to the community. It seems like they’re off to a great start.

ONE KID CAN

Children want to help make the world a better place. But where can they begin? Our One Kid Can! kit contains age-appropriate food and fund drive ideas for young people, including tools and tips to help them succeed. The Food Bank created this booklet in response to the impressive projects already being conducted by Rhode Island youth on behalf of the Food Bank. Visit our website to download a copy.
For years, the staff at M-F Athletic/Perform Better have been holding an annual food drive to benefit the Rhode Island Community Food Bank.

President Eric Falk decided that, this year, he wanted to find a new way to encourage participation and increase the amount of food collected, so he challenged everyone to participate in a competition.

“My wife actually suggested it,” said Falk. “She said ‘You’re an athletic-based company so make it a competition.’ From there the idea just took off.” Located in West Warwick, M-F Athletic/Perform Better develops and sells equipment to enhance and improve the performance of athletes.

Staff were divided into two teams with the members of the winning team receiving a half day of vacation time that they could use whenever they wanted. With that incentive, the teams mapped out their strategies and took the challenge seriously. The competition was fierce.

“The food drive exceeded my wildest estimates. We had a great response,” said Falk, “and there was a lot of energy. We made it easy for people to participate and they could give as little or as much as they wanted.”

One team ordered a delivery from Peapod to increase their contribution while other staff snuck in food at the last minute to try to increase their chances of winning without alerting the competition.

And the Food Bank benefited from the increased response with nearly 4,000 pounds of food collected. In addition, the company made a financial contribution that more than matched the amount of food delivered.

“The food drive was fun for everyone,” said Falk, “but more importantly, we provided a way for people to do something that they wanted to do but might have put off. It gave them a call to action. It was a win-win for everyone.”

Falk and his family’s business have been supporting the Food Bank as far back as he can remember, “I inherited my desire to help the Food Bank from my mother. It was always one of her chosen charities so we continue to give.”

“It’s very important for Eric and his family to give back to the community,” said Robyn DiRaffaele, one of the employees who helped coordinate the effort. “And it’s great to see them encourage their employees to participate as well.”

With the success of this year’s food drive, Falk said that he’ll keep the competition going and he’ll keep looking for new and innovative ways to get people involved.

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**ONE COMPANY CAN**

Your company or business can help end hunger in Rhode Island. Our One Company Can booklet will provide you with information on how to organize a food or fund drive while building teamwork and boosting your reputation as a good corporate citizen. The booklet contains best practices, tips and case studies highlighting successful drives. Visit our website to download a copy.
When the company he was working for announced that layoffs were coming, Shawn knew he needed to find a better way to take care of himself, his wife and four sons.

“No matter where I worked, it happened every few years,” he explained. “I just couldn’t take it anymore. I needed a job that was steady and consistent.”

To stay afloat, he tried a number of low-paying jobs as a courier and as overnight kitchen staff at a local school. But it still wasn’t enough to make ends meet. And it was even harder to keep his spirits up.

He called on family members to help, but he knew he needed to do something different. He had to break this pattern of unemployment and maybe even find a profession that he enjoyed.

Preparing food in the school kitchen, he was reminded that he had always loved to cook.

That’s when he remembered the Community Kitchen culinary job training program at the Rhode Island Community Food Bank. Shawn had heard about the free 14-week Community Kitchen program at the Food Bank when he attended a family member’s graduation.

Now that he no longer had a full-time job and was seriously underemployed, Shawn decided to give it a chance and take the challenge. He explains, “I had to go hard and learn as much as I could.”

“I always had a passion for cooking,” Shawn says, “but going to school was not an option for me when I was younger and I got on a different path.”

He applied and was accepted into the Community Kitchen program along with 12 other students.

Participating in the program was hard and his family had to make sacrifices since he wouldn’t be able to work full time for the 14-weeks. Near the end of the program, he didn’t work at all. They relied on food from the Food Bank to help them get through the lean times.

In the end, it was worth it. Shawn is working in the field he loves. He has a full-time job preparing foods at Dave’s Marketplace along with seasonal work at Gillette Stadium cooking during football games, soccer matches, and a whole range of special events. He actually has to turn down opportunities because his plate is so full.

He puts it all into perspective when he philosophizes, “As an African-American male growing up in Boston, your life expectancy was 21. Here I am now at 43 doing what I love and taking care of my family.” And the Community Kitchen was the key to that opportunity.

Shawn and his wife, Tanisha, who serves on the Food Bank’s Board of Directors representing member agency Westbay Community Action, are among the most steadfast supporters of the Community Kitchen and its students.
Changing Lives Through Education

Job Training in the Community Kitchen

The Community Kitchen program at the Rhode Island Community Food Bank is a free 14-week program that provides culinary and job skills training to low-income and unemployed adults who are ready to make a change in their lives.

Up to 13 students participate full-time, Monday through Friday, learning skills like knife handling, food safety, resume writing and job interviewing to prepare them to work in the food industry. Successful participants acquire work and life skills to help them succeed in a competitive market while earning their ServSafe food safety certification.

Within a year of graduation, over 80% of students secure employment in the food and hospitality industry. Many of them are employed by some of the state’s best restaurants as well as hospitals, colleges, and corporations.

In addition to their classwork, students attend on-the-job training at locations throughout the state. On the right is a list of sites that provide valuable practical experience to our students.

Helping Clients with Community Cooking

At the Food Bank, we strive to give clients access to healthy, nutritious food. But having access to food doesn’t always mean knowing the best way to prepare it. Through Community Cooking: Wholesome Eating on a Budget, our education staff bring cooking and nutrition lessons to people who need it most: clients of our food pantries. Held on site at our member agencies, the program is designed to show clients how to create healthier meals on a tight budget. More than 2,100 clients benefited from recipe demonstrations and health information last year. And by training agency staff, the program is reaching an even larger audience.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN ON-THE-JOB TRAINING SITES

During their 14-week training, students of the Food Bank’s Community Kitchen culinary job training program earn practical experience at a number of local businesses and organizations. We appreciate the partnership and support of the following sites:

CUMBERLAND
Dave’s Marketplace

EAST GREENWICH
Dave’s Marketplace

EAST PROVIDENCE
Tockwotton on the Waterfront

EXETER
Phoenix House

FOXBOROUGH, MA
Gillette Stadium

NORTH ATTLEBORO, MA
TGI Fridays

NORTH PROVIDENCE
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Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island
Capital Grille
Eastside Marketplace
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Fire Works Catering
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IGT
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Kitchen Bar
Local 121
McAuley House
Mill’s Tavern
Pizzeria Uno
Renaissance Providence Hotel
Rhode Island Hospital
Rhode Island School of Design

SMITHFIELD
Dave’s Marketplace

WARWICK
Bertucci’s
Dave’s Marketplace
Kent Hospital
Over the past year, the Rhode Island Community Food Bank served 60,000 people in need of food assistance each month through our statewide network of 160 member agencies. This map shows the number of member agencies (not including domestic shelters) located in the cities and towns we serve as of March 31, 2016. These agencies include food pantries, meal programs, shelters, transitional housing, group homes, senior centers, day care and after-school programs. For a complete list of Food Bank member agencies, see next page or visit our website at rifoodbank.org.
OUR NETWORK OF FOOD PANTRIES

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St. Patrick Food Closet  
St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP)  
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RI Center Assisting those in Need  
**Coventry**  
Coventry Friends of Human Services  
**Cranston**  
AccessPoint RI Glen View Group Home Food Center (GHFC)  
Comprehensive Community Action Program  
Edgewood Pawtuxet Food Closet: Transfiguration Church  
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SVDP Emergency Food Center  
**Cumberland**  
Boys & Girls Club of Cumberland-Lincoln Kids Cafe  
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Northern Rhode Island Food Pantry  
**East Greenwich**  
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Kent Center Group Home Food Center  
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<td>Other current liability</td>
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<td>–</td>
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<td>Inventory held for Department of Human Services</td>
<td>–</td>
<td>78,400</td>
<td>–</td>
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<td><strong>Total current liabilities</strong></td>
<td>$311,837</td>
<td>78,400</td>
<td>10,397</td>
<td>$400,634</td>
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<td><strong>Total liabilities</strong></td>
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<td>78,400</td>
<td>17,146</td>
<td>$407,383</td>
<td>434,010</td>
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<td><strong>NET ASSETS:</strong></td>
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<td>Unrestricted:</td>
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<td>Undesignated</td>
<td>2,251,661</td>
<td>–</td>
<td>10,791</td>
<td>2,262,452</td>
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<td>Board-designated:</td>
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<td>Contingency reserve</td>
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<td>–</td>
<td>3,624,371</td>
<td>3,125,124</td>
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<td>Property &amp; equipment</td>
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<td>–</td>
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<td><strong>Total unrestricted net assets</strong></td>
<td>5,876,032</td>
<td>–</td>
<td>6,526,408</td>
<td>12,402,440</td>
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<td>Temporarily restricted</td>
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<td>447,601</td>
<td>73,082</td>
<td>520,683</td>
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<td><strong>Total net assets</strong></td>
<td>5,876,032</td>
<td>447,601</td>
<td>6,599,490</td>
<td>12,923,123</td>
<td>12,637,153</td>
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<td><strong>Total liabilities and net assets</strong></td>
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<td>$526,001</td>
<td>$6,616,636</td>
<td>$13,330,506</td>
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Rhode Island Community Food Bank Association  

Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets  

Year Ended June 30, 2015

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<th><strong>CHANGES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS</strong></th>
<th><strong>2015</strong></th>
<th><strong>2014</strong></th>
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<td><strong>Public support and revenue:</strong></td>
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<td>Annual campaign/memberships</td>
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<td>356,594</td>
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<td>Cooperative buying program</td>
<td>659,176</td>
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<td>Special events revenue, net of event expenses (2015, $53,343; 2014, $70,108)</td>
<td>199,693</td>
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<td>Government grants and contracts</td>
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<td>In-kind contributions</td>
<td>25,000</td>
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<td>Promotion sales</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>37,722</td>
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<td>Total unrestricted public support and revenue</td>
<td>6,329,481</td>
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<td>Net assets released from restrictions</td>
<td>10,787,792</td>
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<td>Total unrestricted public support and revenue, and other support</td>
<td>17,117,273</td>
<td>–</td>
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| **Expenses:**                          |          |          |
| Program services:                      |          |          |
| Food distribution and related services | 14,548,872| –       | 14,850,954 | 16,122,881 |
| Supporting services:                   |          |          |
| Management and general                 | 829,783  | –       | 846,536    | 806,900    |
| Fundraising and development            | 1,134,233| –       | 1,150,987  | 1,146,636  |
| Total supporting services              | 1,964,016| –       | 1,997,523  | 1,953,536  |
| Total expenses                         | 16,512,888| –       | 16,848,477 | 18,076,417 |

| **INCREASE (DECREASE) IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS** | 604,385 | –  | (230,779) | 373,606 | 472,280 |

| **CHANGES IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED ASSETS** |          |          |
| Food contributions                      | –        | 8,597,933| –        | 8,597,933| 10,053,545|
| Foundation grants                       | –        | 1,842,013| 167,245  | 2,009,258| 1,625,537 |
| Government grants and contracts         | –        | 194,249  | –        | 194,249  | 176,319   |
| Net assets released from restrictions   | –        | (10,787,792) | (101,284) | (10,889,076) | (12,114,142) |
| Increase (decrease) in temp. restricted net assets | – | (153,597) | 65,961 | (87,636) | (258,741) |

| **INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS** | 604,385 | (153,597) | (164,818) | 285,970 | 213,539 |

| **NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR** | 5,354,030 | 601,198 | 6,681,925 | 12,637,153 | 12,423,614 |
| **Transfers**                      | (82,383)  | –       | 82,383    | –        | –         |

| **NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR** | $5,876,032 | $447,601 | $6,599,490 | $12,923,123 | $12,637,153 |
VISION
We envision a state where no one goes hungry.

MISSION
To improve the quality of life for all Rhode Islanders by advancing solutions to the problem of hunger.

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