

Dear Friends,

What a busy and productive Fiscal Year 2016 it has been for Manna, both with respect to service and strategy!

Manna Food Center launched a three year planning process, analyzing the feedback of stakeholders and trends in our community. Throughout that process, we continued delivering high quality services and nutritious food to 32,756 individuals through a network of two dozen distribution sites. Thanks to 55 community partners at 60 MCPS elementary schools, Manna's Smart Sacks program supported the academic achievement of more than 2,490 students through good nutrition and "Smart Sacks Food Facts." Around the County we conducted 94 classes to share skills for shopping and cooking on a budget.

However, statistics only tell a partial story. Manna, with the help of our partners, has increased the Maryland Food Supplement Program (SNAP) for seniors, created a new outreach office in Silver Spring, and has had great success with the innovative Community Food Rescue network.

A huge thank you to our supporters and our many volunteers, who helped make these accomplishments possible. Please continue the fight hunger with us. We cannot do this work without your support! As we look to the future, we recognize our community faces many food security challenges, especially regarding seniors, people with disabilities, and the working poor. Manna's Board has been working hard generating a new strategic plan for guiding these initiatives and providing a path to achieve ambitious goals. Manna is convinced, with your continued support, we can advance our vision of a Hunger Free Montgomery County.

Best Regards,



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Highlights



Silver Spring Outreach Office

As we adapt to changing County demographics and in order to be closer to many families we serve, **Manna has opened an outreach office on University Blvd in Silver Spring**. Thanks to long-term Smart Sacks partner, Silver Spring United Methodist Church (SSUMC), we will be joining other nonprofits in the church's new mission site at Four Corners. Manna will be partnering to expand SSUMC's hunger ministry with the opening of our second choice pantry this fall.

Breaking Bread Initiative

One of our planned uses for the SSUMC office is to host more gatherings of our Breaking Bread initiative. Generously supported by the Samuel & Harriet Miller Fund, Manna's Breaking Bread events use the power of food as a connector to bring diverse groups of community members together to **explore new solutions to ending hunger**. Our goal is to inspire the co-creation of a Montgomery County where all have access to safe, sufficient, nutritious food.





Strategic Planning

Vision is evident in the strategic planning process Manna undertook this fiscal year. The plan reiterates Manna's mission of food distribution, education, and advocacy, while prioritizing participant-centered programs, a sustainable business model and our leadership role as the Center of ending hunger in the County. **Check out the plan** at: www.mannafood.org/who-we-are/strategic-plan

Manna cannot achieve these goals without you and **we thank you for the support** that makes our service possible.

Together We Are Meeting the Need In Our Community

71k

Neighbors in Montgomery County are food insecure 1 in 3

MCPS students qualify for Free or Reduced meals at school 8,060

County Seniors live below the poverty line

Food For Families

Manna offers an average of 3,760 families approximately **60 pounds of perishable and non-perishable food every month.** This allows families to boost their monthly food budget by more than \$100 a month.

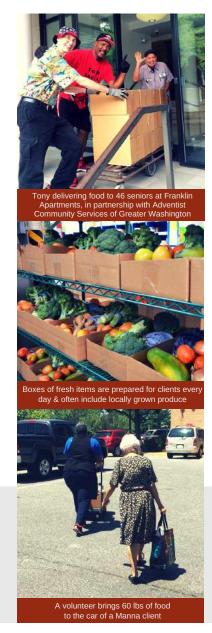
Early each morning, our Food for Families program begins with Manna's food pickups from more than 50 grocery stores and farmers markets across the County. Manna screens and sorts rescued produce, then combines fresh food with shelf-stable items. These are often donated to us from a range of community groups from Scouts to synagogues. Thanks to the service of our community and corporate volunteers, the food is sorted according to nutritional content and quality.

Food boxes are distributed at **Manna's warehouse** daily and through a **network of satellite locations**. Many of these satellite locations serve seniors living in subsidized housing. Seniors often face additional barriers to food access including unique health, social, and nutrition challenges.

Food for Families involves many moving parts. We give a **special thanks to our partners** at St. Camillus Church, Catholic Charities, Salvation Army, Family Services, Inc., Long Branch Community Center and East County Community Center, who welcome us to their locations once a week for food distribution activities.

Manna Makes a Difference

"If there was no way to get food from Manna during the month, the hardship would be great, especially for my children who often have to go to bed hungry. There are numerous occasions during the month where there is only enough food for my children, so I will miss a meal." - Sharon*



Choice Pantry Impact

Manna's Choice
Pantry at Colesville
Presbyterian Church,
now in its second
year, serves
around 70 families
each month.

Hospitality marks the client experience, as *shoppers* peruse the pantry and select items that meet their health, cultural and personal needs.



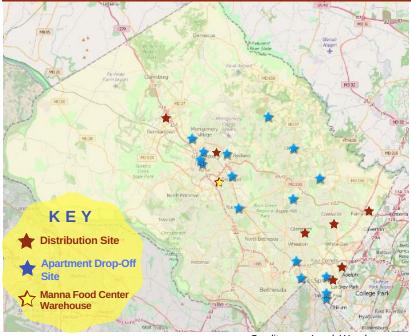
"I love being able to pick out food that my family will enjoy." Ana*



Manna in the Community

Transportation is a significant challenge for many of our clients.
To help remove that barrier, Manna distributes food not only from
our warehouse but at distribution sites throughout the County.

Manna also drops food off directly to housing complexes so residents with special needs do not have to travel.



Credit: www.LyndyWorsham.com

32,756

Individuals served through Food For Families

2.47 million

pounds of food distributed

24
Distribution Sites throughout Montgomery County

Karen Goldberg Smart Sacks

The Karen Goldberg Smart Sacks program supports over 2,490 elementary school students and their families with food assistance over the weekend. School staff at 60 area elementary schools identify students in need, community partners pick up and pack "Sacks" of nutritious food, and **students and their families enjoy balanced meals** when school breakfast and lunch are not available.

"The children are so excited every week. I have some students who linger after the others in case there is an extra bag. They like to feel responsible in helping their families with groceries." - Counselor

Students receive a nutritious menu each week, including whole grains, low sodium canned vegetables, lean proteins and healthier snack items.

The benefit of consistent nutrition to a child's ability to **excel in the classroom** prompted the creation of this landmark program – and the critical nature of this need is what continues to drive its success.

Manna Makes a Difference

"I have four students in school, I work two jobs during the week and one on the weekend. I am unable to provide anything but the bare minimum and need to be sure my children are eating. Manna has provided my family with healthy food that is easy for my kids to make on their own. It has been a blessing to know that when I get home past 8 or work on Saturday that my children will eat." - Rachel*





SPECIAL APPRECIATION TO OUR DEDICATED **SMART SACKS PARTNERS!**

These individuals & groups pick up food and pack the weekend bags, then deliver them to our schools throughout the 40-week school year.

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WCHS Smart Sacks Club Wheaton Area Moms



We truly value parents' input and their first-hand perspective on preparing Smart Sacks food to benefit their entire families. Mothers from Gaithersburg Elementary (above: 120 Smart Sacks students served) & Arcola Elementary (below: 60 student served) share food and feedback with Manna program leaders, Jenna & Malori.



2,493

Children received **Smart Sacks**

MCPS Elementary School Partners

96,686

Sacks of food distributed

Advocacy

In addition to food distribution and nutrition education, Manna's mission includes advocacy for legislation and programs that can provide **additional support and sustainable change** in our clients' lives.

This spring, we brought Maria Chavez on board, seasoned community outreach worker, to provide Manna clients with application support for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/food stamps). Maria has made a **huge impact in the community** through her work, enrolling 181 new SNAP recipients and securing \$24,000 in monthly benefits for families in need.

Manna Makes a Difference

While at Manna's Wheaton satellite Maria met Sonia and Michael, parents of three children. Sonia is currently employed but Michael has had trouble finding work. We informed the family of the SNAP program, they applied that day and are currently receiving \$360/month in benefits.

Manna has also been advocating on behalf of our constituents at the state and local level. Jackie recently provided testimony in support of Montgomery County Council Bill 16-19 and Manna has been named a key stakeholder in the design of the legislated County-wide Food Security Plan. Manna also helped facilitate the testimony of our senior client, Margaret, before Maryland General Assembly committees. This effort resulted in an increase in the minimum SNAP benefit for seniors across the state.

181

Participants registered to receive SNAP (food stamp) benefits since April \$24k

Total monthly SNAP benefits secured through Manna's advocacy 88%

Increase in minimum SNAP benefits to seniors



Manna outreach worker, Maria, talks to clients at our Long Branch satellite about SNAP enrollment



Manna client testified in Annapolis in support of Senate Bill 758, to increase the minimum senior benefits from \$16 to \$30/mo



Nutrition Education

Manna's Nutrition Education programming is designed to **inspire healthy ways to cook with Manna's food, and make healthy choices on a budget.** This year we expanded Nutrition Education at Manna to serve more clients where they are in terms of health, geography and culture. We hosted workshops for seniors and parents about heart health and diabetes in Spanish, Vietnamese, Russian, and Mandarin. We fostered deeper relationships with our Smart Sacks families through community potlucks at elementary schools to kick off our upcoming bilingual community cookbook.

Manna recently completed a survey of clients who took our Cooking Matters At The Store tour, and learned **93%** of respondents stated that learning about MyPlate and techniques for comparing foods **helped them be healthier in shopping and preparing food at home.**

One client, Mary*, said since receiving food assistance from Manna and participating in nutrition education programs over the past two years, "I have lost 30 pounds and try to encourage my children to eat healthier." Mary also shared that, as a result of the nutrition workshop, she purchases more fresh vegetables than before. She also reads nutrition labels when shopping and compares unit prices to save money.

Another client, Gertrude*, shared that **fresh fruits and vegetables have become important in her family.**

"I've introduced my family to healthier food and bring healthier food to family gatherings. I'm a great-grandma, this [class] helped my grandchildren eat healthier. I really value and respect Manna's food. It helped me out a lot. I appreciate it." - Gertrude

849

Participants in Nutrition Classes & Grocery Store Tours 86%

Participants report buying more fresh produce than before taking Manna's class 93%

Participants report making healthier shopping & cooking choices after the class

Community Food Rescue



Community Food Rescue (CFR) fulfills the need to coordinate and build the capacity of our community to **rescue and redistribute unsold, surplus food** to people experiencing hunger.

In 2015, the CFR network reported receiving 2,802,265 lbs. (2,335,221 meals) of rescued food valued at \$4,935,613. Behind these numbers lie the **special connections made** between food donor businesses like High Point catering which donated 10 trays of hearty appetizers after a Manna fundraiser to Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless, whose shelter clients enjoyed a delicious meal the next day.

CFR donor Farmer Amanda Cather of Plow and Stars Farm is committed to giving back to the community. She also won't let her beautiful **organic vegetables** grown with hard work go to waste. Last year, she donated more than 2,000 lbs. of unsold fresh organic produce to multiple CFR food assistance organizations.

Clients received bags of fresh produce to take home through Rainbow Community Development Corporation or ate a delicious meal cooked with this produce at CFR partners, Shepherd's Table and Family Services, Inc.

"We are so happy to be part of the Community Food Rescue community! Sharing the [CFR] story is so important, as all of us together ensure that all people are nourished, no one goes hungry, and food is not wasted!" - Shepherd's Table

To follow CFR's progress & volunteer, visit: www.communityfoodrescue.org

2.8 million
Pounds of food donated through
CFR in 2015

\$4.9 million

Dollars Value of the food donated

396k

Total number of people served with this rescued food



Beautiful local produce shared by Plow and Stars Farm



Trays of prepared food from High Point Catering donated to MCCH





(top) Young Manna "volunteer" collects donations at the farmers market; (middle) Farmer Mike donates produce from One Acre Farm; (bottom) Jenna helps Farmer Mark on Chocolates and Tomatoes Farm

Farm to Food Bank

Fresh fruits and vegetables are an essential part of a healthy diet. Many Montgomery County residents don't have access to these important nutritious foods, which is why Manna created its Farm to Food Bank initiative in 2010. Farm to Food Bank provides **locally grown produce to those experiencing hunger** in our community by partnering with neighboring farms throughout the growing season.

The exponential growth of our program's distribution makes clear its success, soaring from 35,894 pounds of produce in our first year to 133,292 pounds last season.

Manna is proud to work with four farmers markets (listed on our Food Donors page) and three Montgomery County farmers: One Acre Farm, Red Wiggler Community Farm & Chocolates and Tomatoes Farm. We are deeply grateful to these partners for their enthusiastic participation, and for their donations of hundreds of additional pounds of food.

"That I could reap the bounty of the land, so graciously provided by the good people of Montgomery County, just moments away from such need and such promise without acting to their benefit would be unconscionable. Fortunately the good people at Manna have provided me the opportunity to be a part of something special. Not only do we feel honored to partner with Manna, but feel the better for it." - Mark Mills, Chocolates and Tomatoes Farm

We know that supporting our local food system is an integral part of **increasing food access for all residents** and essential to our goal of eliminating hunger in Montgomery County.

133,292 pounds

of fresh, local, often organic produce received 9%

Increase in the amount of food we receive from local farms & farmers markets

21

Number of local farm & farmers market partners Manna works with

Volunteers

Manna truly could not fulfill its mission of fighting hunger and feeding hope in Montgomery County without the help of dedicated volunteers from our community.

These wonderful individuals and groups give of their time and talent. Without their service, Manna would need to hire the equivalent of 35 full-time employees!

Our volunteers save Manna over one million dollars each year, money that we are able to invest in our critical programs and services.

Whether you have helped out once, twice, or are a "regular", our sincere thanks from the entire Manna team.

"I am proud to be a regular volunteer at this organization and work with such wonderful people." Joanne

Thanks to Our Community Partners These groups served four or more times during the year.

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Thousands of volunteers support Manna throughout the year. This list represents our core team of weekly & monthly volunteers. Thank you to everyone who has dedicated their time and talents.

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Steve Debrecht



38,826

Volunteer Visits in FY2016

72,842

Hours of Volunteer Service donated to Manna \$1.07 million Value of Volunteer Services

Manna in the Community

Throughout the year, Manna is represented in our community at events, food drives, festivals and fairs. In FY2016 we were honored to be the charity partner of Downtown Silver Spring's "Reimagine the Holidays" campaign. The Foodie Festivus event featured a utensil-themed tree, "Chopped" style competition pitting Team Manna against Chef Alex Garcia (both pictured), food and awareness campaign. A special thanks to Downtown Silver Spring for partnering with Manna!

We also partnered with many great organizations to host food drives this year, including RideOn and Giant food stores (both pictured). Manna tabled in the community at Sugarloaf Craft Festival and industry gatherings. These special events are in addition to Manna's daily distribution work in the community (see Mike pictured with Manna's truck at Long Branch Community Center).

Manna's signature event is our Heroes Against Hunger Annual Awards reception, where we take the opportunity to honor community leaders making a difference in the fight against hunger. In April, we honored Shondra Jenkins, Executive Director of the Sodexo Foundation and Director of Community Relations at Sodexo as our Individual Hero of the Year. Shondra served on Manna's Board and helped found our Smart Sacks program. New for 2016, Manna also honored our Corporate Hero of the Year, Giant Food. Giant was a founding partner of Manna and has remained a significant contributor throughout our 30+ year history.































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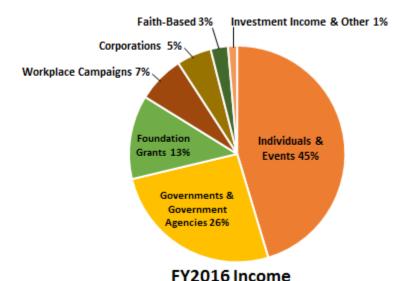
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Support & Revenue					
Individuals & Events		1,069,452			
Governments & Government Agencies		611,479			
Foundation Grants		295,614			
Workplace Campaigns		165,748			
Corporations		122,518			
Faith-Based Organizations		61,208			
Investment Income & Other		32,267			
Total Support & Revenue		2,358,286			
Expenses					
Salaries	\$	1,012,840			
Food, Community Rescue, & Assistance	\$	357,103			
Warehouse Rental		(A) SOURCE OF SO			
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Benefits & Payroll Taxes		199,183			
Vehicles, Food Storage, & Supplies		166,645			
Professional Fees		142,040			
Office Expenses		126,044			
Grants	\$	96,755			
Total Expenses	\$	2,318,641			
In-kind Food Contributions (LBS)					
Grocery Stores & Rescued Food		921,686			
Community Donations		659,015			
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