
West Chester Food Cupboard Annual Summary

**Fiscal 2025
July 2024 to June 2025**

West Chester Food Cupboard Overview

- All Volunteer Organization with no paid staff
- A variety of fresh and nonperishable healthy food items is provided in a grocery store setting to our neighbors in need, free of charge. Our choice Cupboard and Express are
 - Open 30 hours a week to serve
 - Over 8,500 neighbors in need during
 - 30,000 visits to our facility plus visits at over 20 outreach locations
- Food is distributed (2.2 million pounds) via three models to meet the varying needs of the community:
 - Monthly Shopping
 - Express Pantry
 - Local partnership
- We rely on the support of the local community – we provide the labor and the community provides the means with cash and food donations
- ...Because no one should go hungry!

West Chester Food Cupboard 100% Volunteer Organization

- **350 Volunteers and no paid staff**
- **Board and the Lead Volunteers manage the organization with an all-volunteer staff**
- **Approximately 50 Lead Volunteers. Each has a variety of functions to make sure the Cupboard operates effectively and volunteer 10 to 30 hours a week**
 - Procurement
 - Fundraising and grants
 - Awareness and marketing
 - Accounting and bookkeeping
 - Client information and reporting
 - Facilities, IT and other administrative functions
 - Other logistics
- **Remaining 300 volunteers handle a variety of functions 4 to 8 hours a week**
 - Assist clients, stock shelves, drivers to pick up food donations and purchases, and package items purchased in bulk

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Our Clients

- **Low-wage jobs continue to dominate the landscape in Pennsylvania, with 59% of all jobs paying less than \$20 per hour. Our community has both great wealth and significant economic hardship - 30% of households are unable to afford the cost of living.**
- **Our clients include workers holding down full-time, low-wage jobs, single-parent families, people with disabilities, vets and the elderly — in other words, a significant slice of our community.**
- **Many households do not earn enough to afford the basic household necessities of housing, childcare, food, transportation, health care, and other basic expenses. Even though many are working, their income does not cover the cost of living in our area, and they require assistance to survive.**
- **All are welcome to utilize our services**

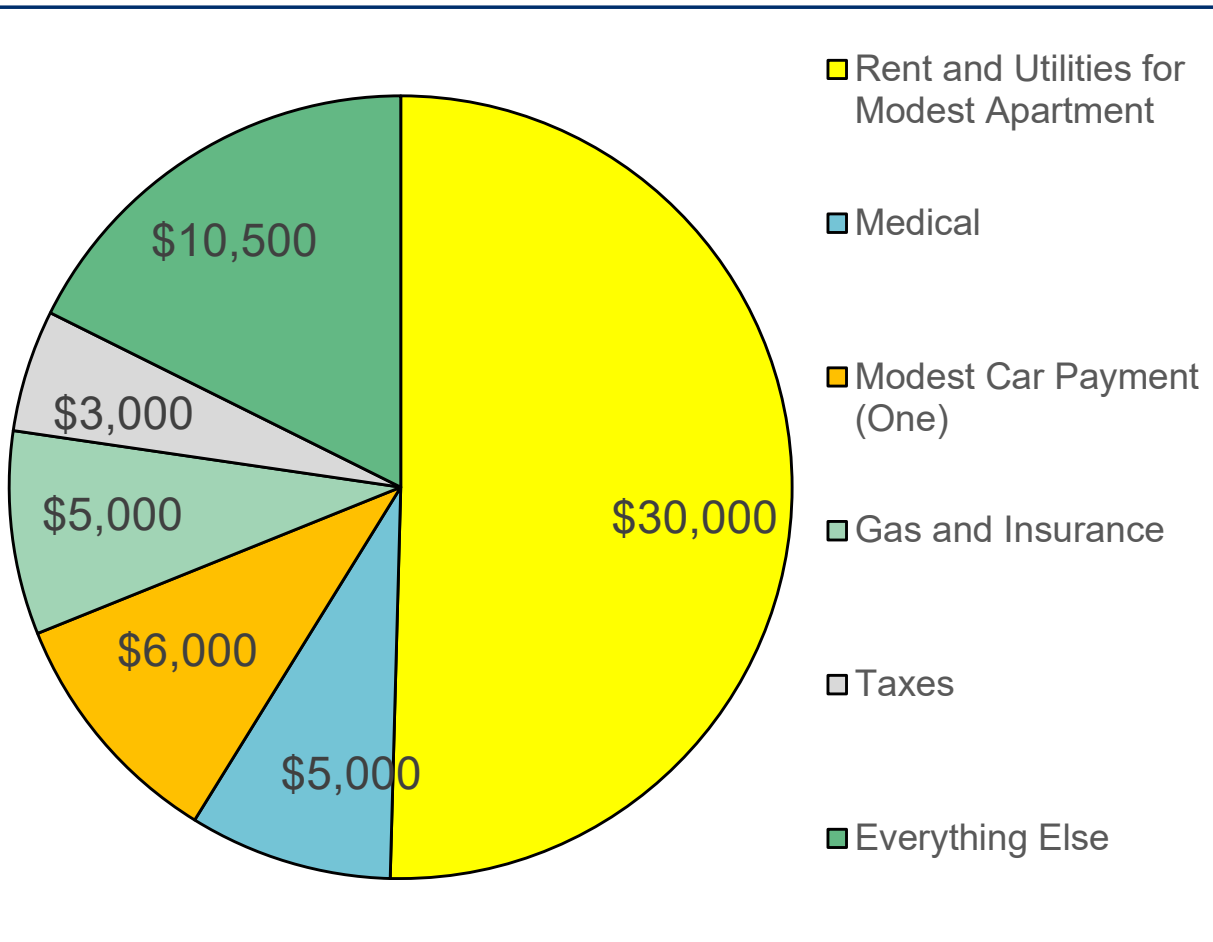
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Our Impact on the People We Support

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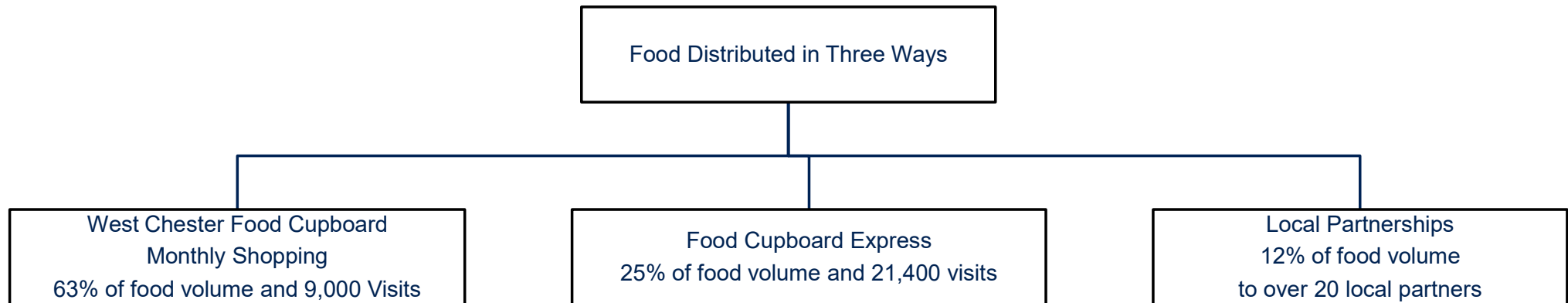
“In the midst of uncertainty and recovering from a life-altering injury, the West Chester Food Cupboard became a beacon of hope for me. The nourishment they provided has been nothing short of life-sustaining; every item a symbol of care, every visit a reminder that I am not alone.”

A Family of 4 with a Household Income of \$59,500 a year, needs help to cover basic costs to live



- \$10,500 a year (\$875 a month) to cover:
 - Food
 - Clothing
 - Day care
 - Repairs and Maintenance
 - Maybe a second car
- The majority of households with 4 people utilizing WCFC services, income is \$59,500 a year or in most cases less than that
- \$59,500 is a published gov't poverty level for a family of 4

West Chester Food Cupboard Food Distribution Model



The West Chester Food Cupboard is committed to a three-tier distribution model that provides our neighbors in need optimal access to food.

West Chester Food Cupboard Monthly Shopping

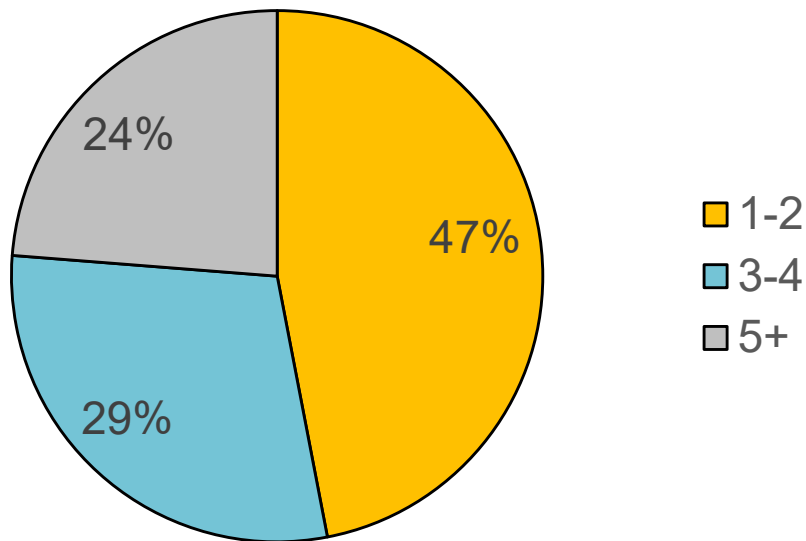


- West Chester Area School District residents who meet state eligibility requirements can shop once a month in the Food Cupboard, selecting the foods they need and prefer.
- WCFC is set up like a small grocery store and each household can select items that included the following:
 - Dairy, eggs, meats, fresh produce, a wide variety of non-perishable items and basic personal care items
- Each visit residents receive about two weeks' worth of groceries free of charge.
- The Cupboard is open 20 hours a week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
- The Cupboard had 9,000 visits in fiscal 2025

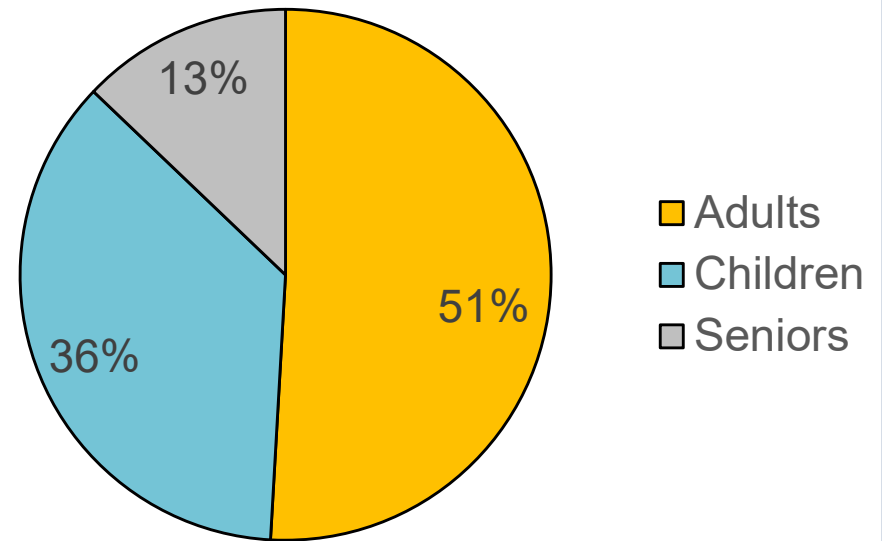
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Household Sizes and Types of Individual

1,663 Registered Households



8,500 Individuals Served



- We serve a wide range of clients, family sizes and people of all ages
- 1,663 household registered for monthly shopping from July 2024 to June 2025
- Many other households are served via the Food Cupboard Express and Outreach Programs; registrations for these programs are not required.
- Individuals Served for monthly shopping, express and outreach programs is estimated to be 8,500

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Food Cupboard Express



- The Food Cupboard Express is open 11 hours a week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to anyone living in and around West Chester who needs food.
- Basic food items and extras are available. People may come as often as they need and there are no eligibility requirements.
- The Express had 21,400 visits in fiscal 2025 as a supplement or alternative to monthly shopping at the Cupboard
- We simply ask for a zip to track the areas we are serving. Two thirds are people living in the West Chester Area School District and one third live in the surrounding area.

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Local Partnerships

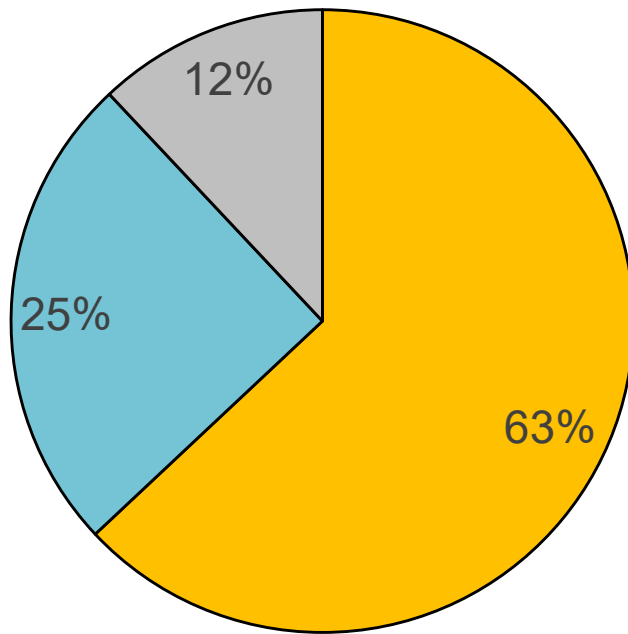
- Partnerships are established with local West Chester community agencies and organizations to enhance their food initiatives on a regular basis and raise awareness of the services provided by the WCFC.
- Provide food to people in need at various locations throughout the community.
- The focus being largely on the nutritional needs of children and students.

Partner agencies are as follows:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ACT in Faith Food Assistance Program• Baptist Church of WC Food Assistance Program• Cheyney University Pantry• Church of the Loving Shepard• Church Street Towers• Community Youth and Women's Alliance Food Assistance Program• Denney-Reyburn• Dayna's iCare Foundation - Garden of Grace Community Garden• Friends Association• Kennett Area Community Services (KACS)• Lasko YMCA• Melton Center• Mighty Writers | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mount Carmel COGIC Home Mission Department• New Directions• North Star Pantry• Phoenixville Area Community Services Food Pantry• Safe Harbor• Salvation Army• St Paul's Baptist Church• West Chester Area Daycare• West Chester Senior Center• WCASD School District Summer Food Program• West Chester University Resource Pantry• West Grove UMC |
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2.2 million pounds of food distributed via three distribution models

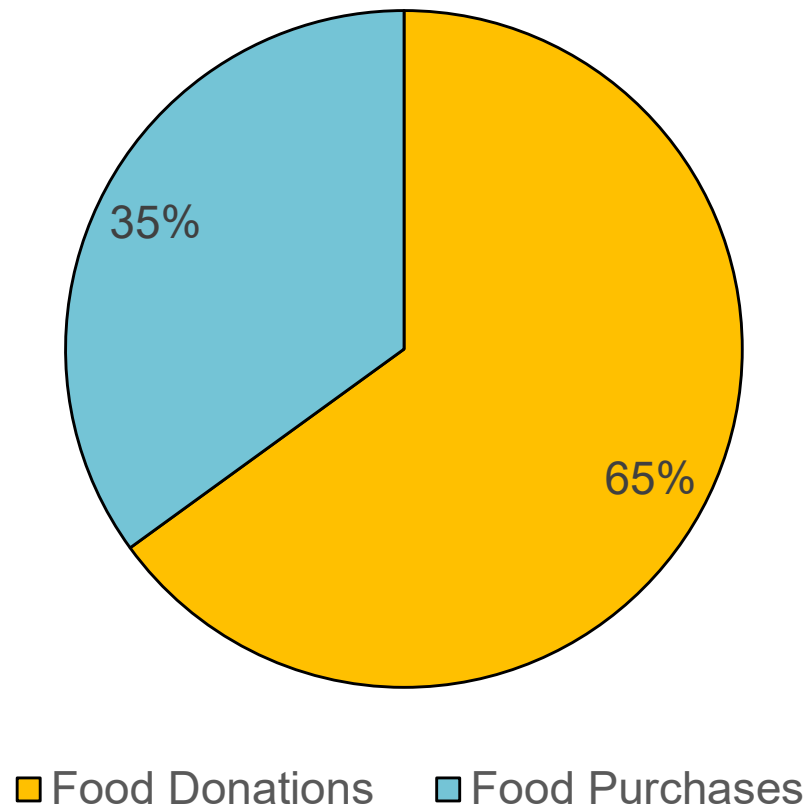


- West Chester Food Cupboard
- Food Cupboard Express
- Local Partnerships

- The West Chester Food Cupboard believes its three distribution models maximizes access to food for our neighbors in need in and around the West Chester Area School District.

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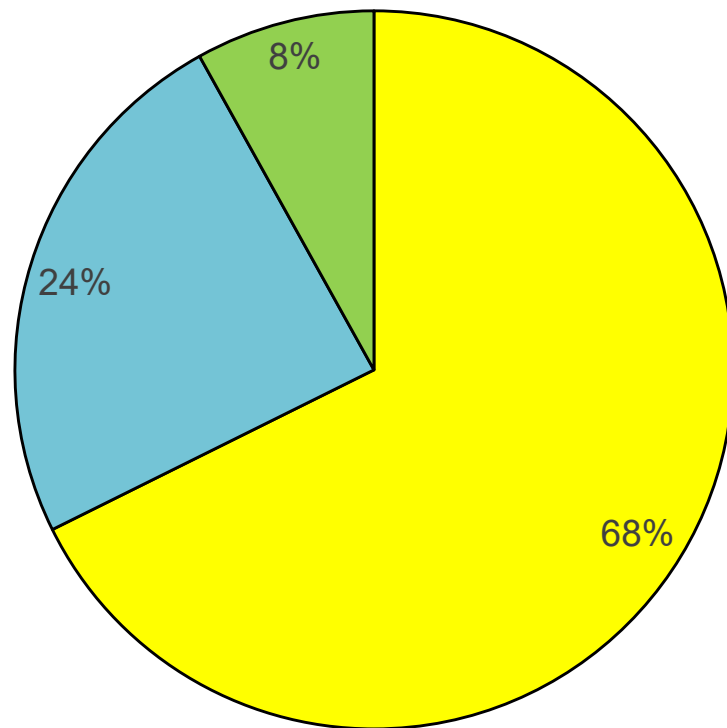
Sources of Food Provided



- 65% of the food provided is from food donations
- 35% of the food provided is from food purchased with cash donations.
- WCFC purchased \$1.4 million of food a year that was primarily meats, eggs, dairy, fresh produce, basic personal care items and a variety of non-perishable items. The cost of these items are generally much higher than the cost of donated food items.

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Sources of Donated Food (1.2 million pounds)

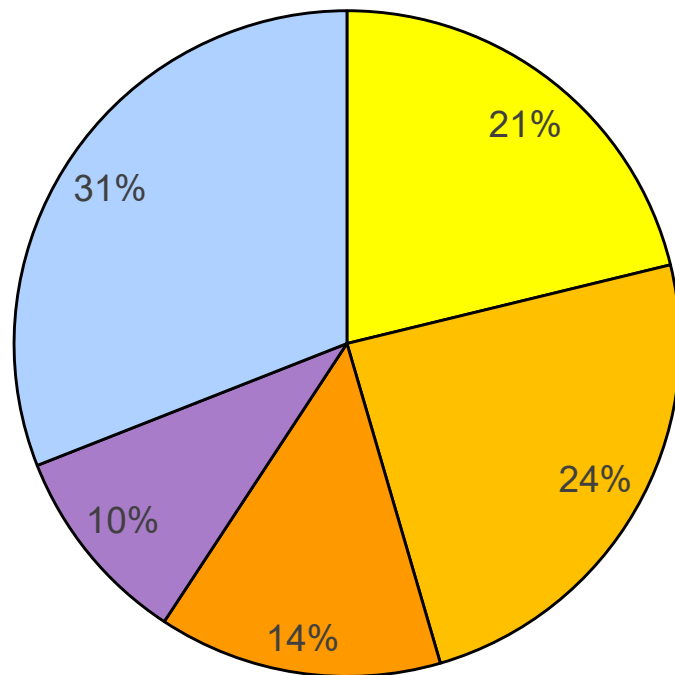


■ Local stores that sell food ■ CCFB ■ All Other

- About twenty local grocery stores provide 68% of our donations.
 - WCFC picks up food at over 20 locations, over 50 times each week.
- Chester County Food Bank (CCFB) provides 24% of our donations
- 8% of food donations from
 - Non-profit, religious, community, individual and corporate food drives
 - Corporate and non-profit organizations
 - Individuals

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Types of Food Purchased (\$1.4 million)

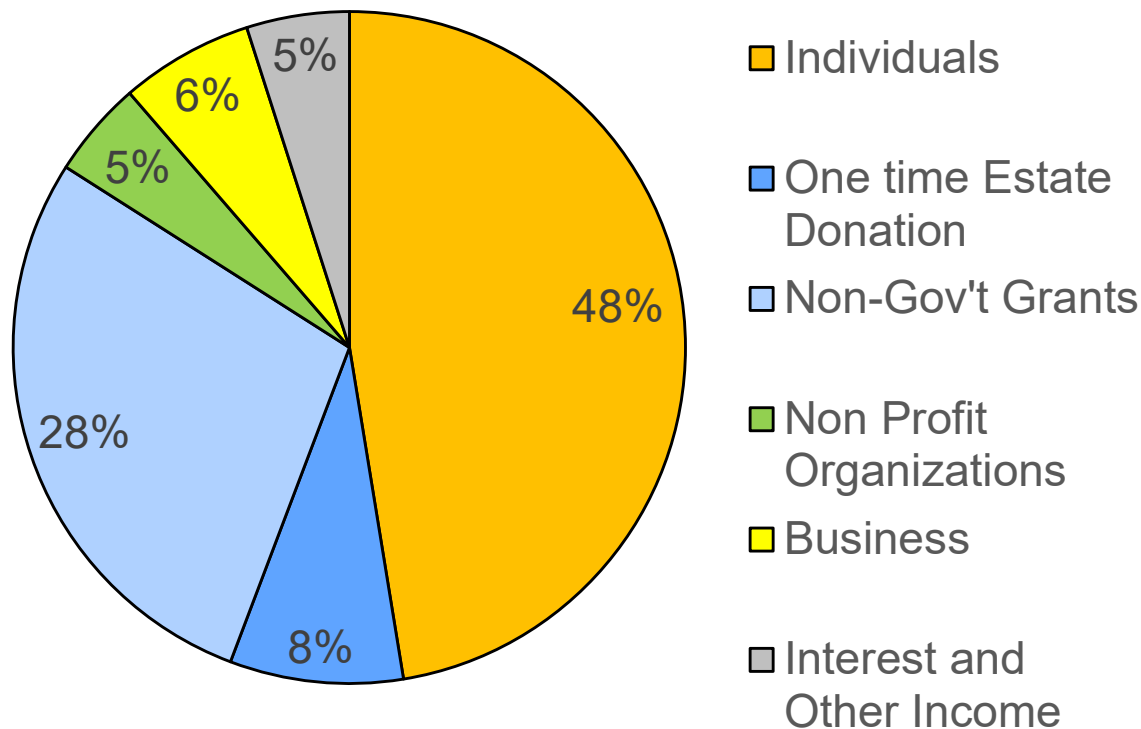


■ Meats and Seafood
■ Dairy
■ Fresh produce
■ Personal Care
■ Non Perishables

- 59% of food purchased is:
 - Quality proteins - chicken, beef and fish
 - Fresh produce - apples, oranges, lettuce, carrots, broccoli, onions and potatoes
 - Dairy – milk, eggs, yogurt, cheese and butter
- 10% is basic personal care items that includes - soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, dish and laundry detergent, shaving cream and feminine products
- 31% is a a wide variety of non-perishable choices you would find in any grocery store

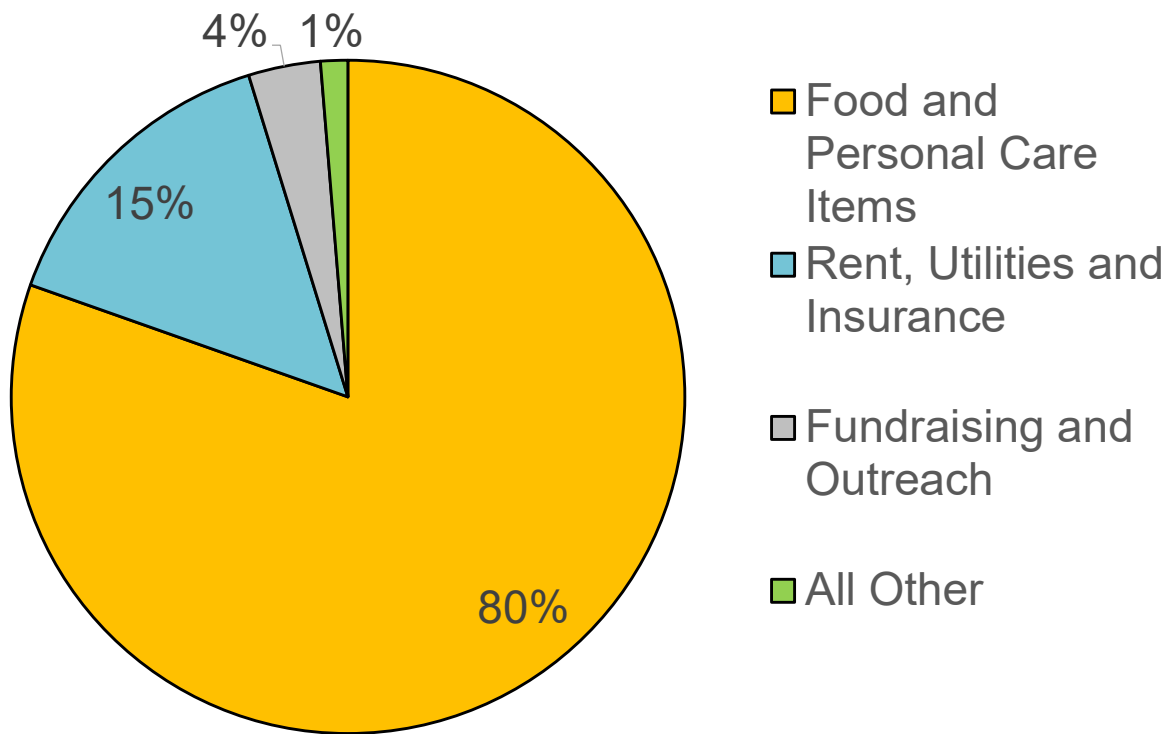
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Sources of Income (\$1.9 million)



- WCFC has thousands of individual donors. This donor group makes up 48% of our donations
- Support of the local community is critical
- Diverse mix of donations reduces the risk of reliance on any one donor or type of donor

West Chester Food Cupboard Cash Expenses (\$1.7 million)



- The majority of cash expenses is to purchase food and personal care items
- Rent, Utilities and Insurance are the other major expenses
- Minimal cash spent on fundraising and outreach
- All other expenses are minimal and there are zero paid staff or personnel costs

West Chester Food Cupboard Hours and Services on Site

Client Hours / Horario del cliente		
	 West Chester Food Cupboard	 FOOD CUPBOARD <i>Express</i>
Monday / Lunes	Closed / Cerrado	2 PM to 6 PM
Tuesday / Martes	8:30 AM to 11:30 AM 2 PM to 7 PM	Closed / Cerrado
Wednesday / Miércoles	2 PM to 7 PM	9:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Thursday / Jueves	8:30 AM to 11:30 AM	Closed / Cerrado
Friday / Viernes	Closed / Cerrado	2 PM to 6 PM
Saturday / Sábado	8:30 AM to 11:30 AM	Closed / Cerrado

West Chester Food Cupboard Summary

- **The West Chester Food Cupboard could not exist without the support of the community and its volunteers**
- **WCFC volunteers provide the labor, but the support of the community provides the means**
- **This partnership is critical...Because no one should go hungry!**