

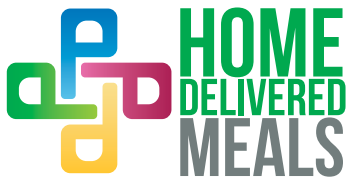


Meals on Wheels PLUS

OF MANATEE



ANNUAL REPORT 2023



Our Mission

To assist individuals to live independently by providing nutrition and caring, supportive services.

Our Vision

Individuals in Manatee County have access to programs that end hunger and promote independent living.

Our Values

Service Excellence

We strive to provide excellent customer service to our clients, our customers, our volunteers, and to each other.

Community

We appreciate our donors, our sponsors, our Board Members, the agencies we serve, and the community partners who support us.

Integrity

We are transparent in full disclosure of our operations and stewardship.

Employee Well-being

We promote respect, teamwork, opportunities for growth, and our culture of caring for one another.

Innovation and Continuous Improvement

We are continuously seeking new ideas and the latest technology and trends to work as efficiently as possible.





SO MUCH MORE THAN HOME-DELIVERED MEALS.

July 2024

Dear Friends,

We are grateful for all your support and are excited to share with you the life-saving impact of your investments in Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee.

In 2023, we saw and continue to see rising needs for food due to the high cost of living. As the Sarasota-Manatee areas continue to have some of the highest housing prices in the nation, we have heard firsthand from families just how tough it is to make ends meet. We are so appreciative of those who have given their time, their talent, and their treasure to help us #FeedManatee.

Literally thousands of people in our community have benefited from our PLUS programs: Home-delivered Meals, The Food Bank of Manatee, Daybreak Adult Day Center, and Friendship Dining Center locations. The impact demonstrated in this 2023 report would not be possible without your dedication to our mission.

Thank you for helping to positively shape the lives of babies, children, families, and seniors in Manatee County through your support.



With deep gratitude,
Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maribeth Phillips".

Maribeth Phillips

President & CEO, Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee



Home-delivered Meals

- Nearly **278,000 meals** were served to Home-delivered Meal clients in 2023.
- An average of 120 clients received **pet food** for their furry companions each month.
- **3,315 bags of supplemental food** were provided to low-income seniors, in addition to their regular meal delivery.
- **An average of over 765 homebound and disabled seniors were cared for** through our Home-delivered Meal program each month in 2023.
- Over **25,500 pounds of fresh produce** were delivered through our **Produce on Wheels** program!



This flagship program provides nutritious Home-delivered Meals for seniors and disabled residents in need in our community.



PASSION

CRITICAL



SUPPORT

The Food Bank of Manatee

- Over **3,422,000 pounds of food** was distributed from the Food Bank into Manatee County in 2023!
- Over **95 Food Pantries and Partner Agencies** in our community are working with us to #FeedManatee.
- Over **37,800 pounds of fresh produce was provided free of charge** through Mobile Produce Pantry distributions in high need areas.
- Nearly **2,300 Emergency Baby Baskets including diapers, wipes, and formula** were provided to infants in crisis situations during 2023.
- Nearly **300 families received Emergency Food Baskets.**



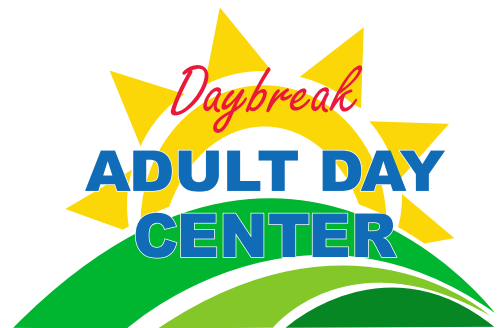
The Food Bank of Manatee is the largest hunger-relief organization based in Manatee County. As an independent food bank, The Food Bank of Manatee relies 100% on the support of the community to make sure food is available to those in need.

CARING

Daybreak

Adult Day Center

- **An average of 69 clients each month** were provided compassionate care, exciting programs and nutritional meals at Daybreak Adult Day Center, the only licensed and federally funded Adult Day Care Center in Manatee County.
- **An average of 34 clients received transportation service** each month, to and from Daybreak programming.
- Clients at Daybreak visited **10 countries** between January and October through our “Arm Chair” travel adventures!



Daybreak Adult Day Center, the only licensed and federally funded adult day center in Manatee County, provides a safe, secure environment with social, recreational, and therapeutic activities designed to meet the needs of older adults who live at home with a loved one but cannot be left alone while their caregiver works or attends to other responsibilities.

HELP



SOCIAL ENG



ACHIEVEMENT

Friendship Dining

- Over 50 new clients joined our Friendship Dining Centers in 2023!
- An average of 29 clients participated each month at one of our Dining Center locations in 2023!
- Over 1,100 meals were provided to clients at our Friendship Dining Centers in 2023!



Preventing social isolation, Friendship Dining Programs are for people over 60 who like to make new friends, participate in fun activities, and hear from local experts on a variety of topics as well as enjoy nutritious meals.



VOLUNTEERS & OUTREACH

**OVER
24,000**
VOLUNTEER HOURS
served in 2023

**AVERAGE OF
225**
VOLUNTEERS EACH MONTH
helped advance our mission!

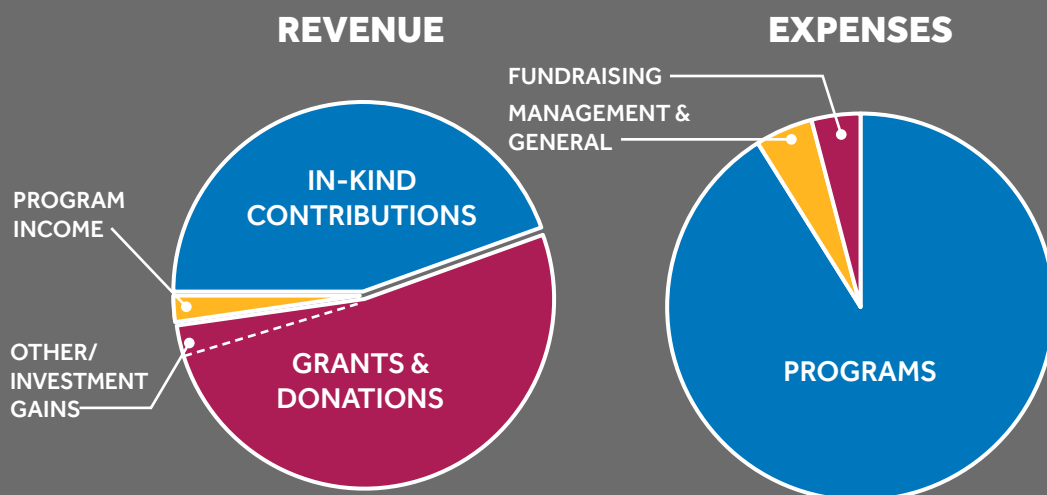
**OVER
60**
OUTREACH EVENTS throughout
Manatee County that Meals on
Wheels PLUS participated in

BY THE NUMBERS

NET ASSETS	\$11,598,981
ASSETS	\$12,324,943
LIABILITIES	\$725,962

REVENUE	\$11,988,679	
IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS	\$6,023,001	50%
GRANTS & DONATIONS	\$4,891,269	41%
PROGRAM INCOME	\$396,231	3%
OTHER/INVESTMENT GAINS	\$678,178	6%

EXPENSES	\$12,335,151	
PROGRAMS	\$11,350,388	92%
MANAGEMENT & GENERAL	\$448,487	4%
FUNDRAISING	\$536,276	4%



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**OF EVERY DOLLAR GOES
BACK INTO THE PLUS
PROGRAMS OF MEALS
ON WHEELS PLUS.**

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