



# OUR DAILY BREAD FOOD PANTRY ANNUAL REPORT



2022

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# MISSION & VISION STATEMENT

## VISION

'Working to Wipe Out Hunger' in Collier County by engaging daily with families and children who experience food insecurity.



## MISSION

Our Daily Bread Food Pantry exists to share the love of God by reducing hunger and building relationships in our community. Our goal is to offer nourishing food, encouragement, and hope.

# LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As the first paid staff member of Our Daily Bread Food Pantry (ODBFP) I am very pleased to welcome you to our 2022 Annual Report. With an active volunteer cadre of 200+, we have continued our fight to wipe out hunger in Collier County and will pursue to do more of the same in 2023.

Plato said to the Republic, 'Our need will be the real creator.' During this past year, 2022, we have lived out this maxim. ODBFP creatively worked at full tilt to put nourishing food into the homes of our guests who needed it most, and you supported us along the way.

Fueled by your generosity, ODBFP helped provide food to a record 195,000 people facing hunger – a 27% increase in the fiscal year 2022 over the previous year. You helped us adapt to this new level of need while our guests struggled with the economic fallout of inflation.

Our ability to handle this explosive growth is largely thanks to supporters like you, unified in understanding that we are neighbors helping neighbors. It's trusting that when you invest in ODBFP, you invest in programs that support and center neighbors facing food insecurity.

Together, we've accomplished tremendous achievements amid extraordinary circumstances. We know we can do even more—and with you as our partner, we will. Thank you for your steadfast support of our mission to end hunger and your empathy for neighbors needing hunger relief.

Thank you so much!

*Amanda Nelson*





# BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Left to Right: Al Benarroch, Nancy Kot, Allyson Richards, Sue Itayem, Liz Pecora, Ron Saffin

We are very happy that 2022 brought ODBFP two new exceptional board members, Sue Itayem and Al Benarroch. We are thoughtfully expanding the board to broaden the skill set and talent pool to address our exponential growth and future challenges.

## 2022 Board Members

Allyson Richards	Board of Directors Chair
Al Benarroch	Board Member
Liz Pecora	Founder, Vice President, Director of Grants & Marketing
Nancy Kot	President, Director of Volunteers, Strategy & Senior Initiatives
Ron Saffin	Treasurer
Sue Itayem	Board Member

# 2022 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS



ODBFP successfully grew, reorganized the Board & Leadership, and handled the challenge of Hurricane Ian while serving an additional 27% more people than in 2021.



In operation for 7 years, ODBFP continues to provide food 6 days a week. We received the highest ratings available on Charity Navigator (99% as 4 Star) and on Guidestar (Platinum)



Partnering with various local organizations to increase impact (AL's Pals, Baby Basics, HCFCB, Midwest Food Bank, Collier Harvest, Alliance for Period Supplies, For the Love of Cats, Salvation Army, etc.)



Added 60 new volunteers, for a total of over 200.







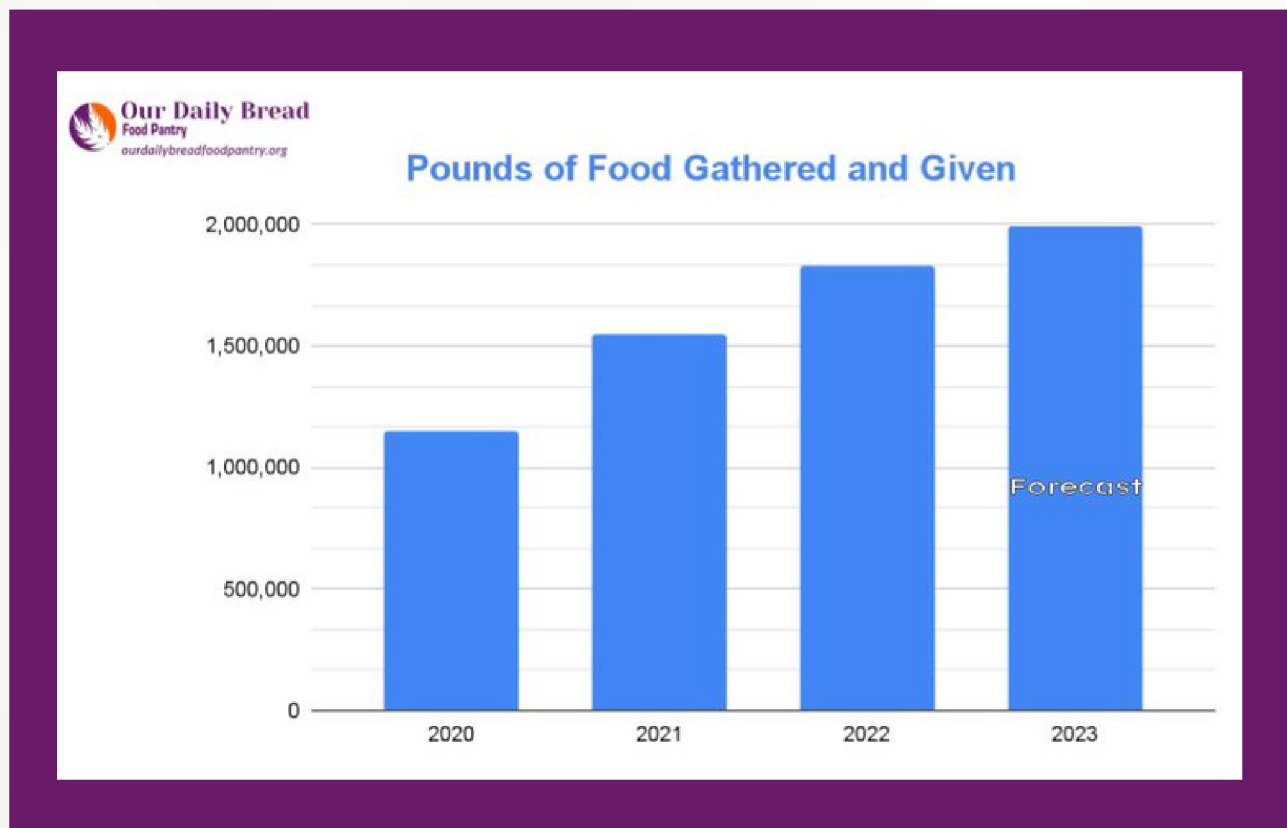
Adopted multiple food sourcing/distribution changes to off-set high cost of food (inflation).



Feeding program was utilized by 50% Adults, 40% Children and 10% Seniors

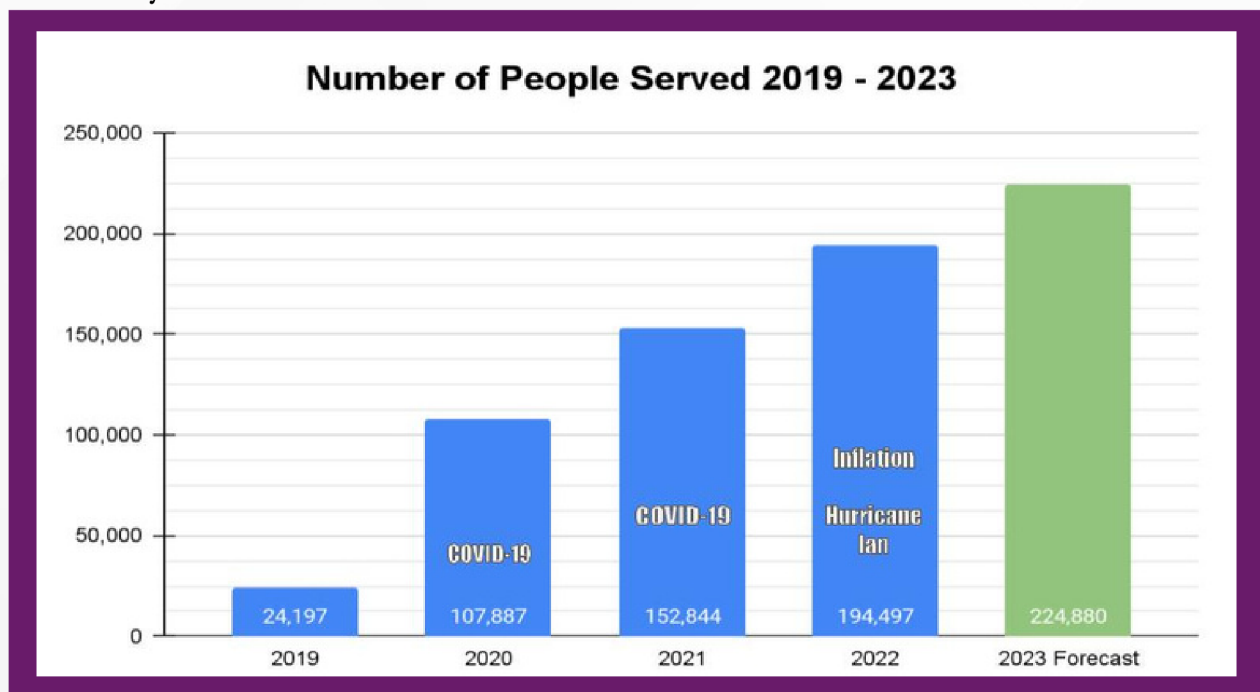


97% of ODBFP's expenses are for Programs;  
1.8% for Fundraising, and 1.2% for General Management.



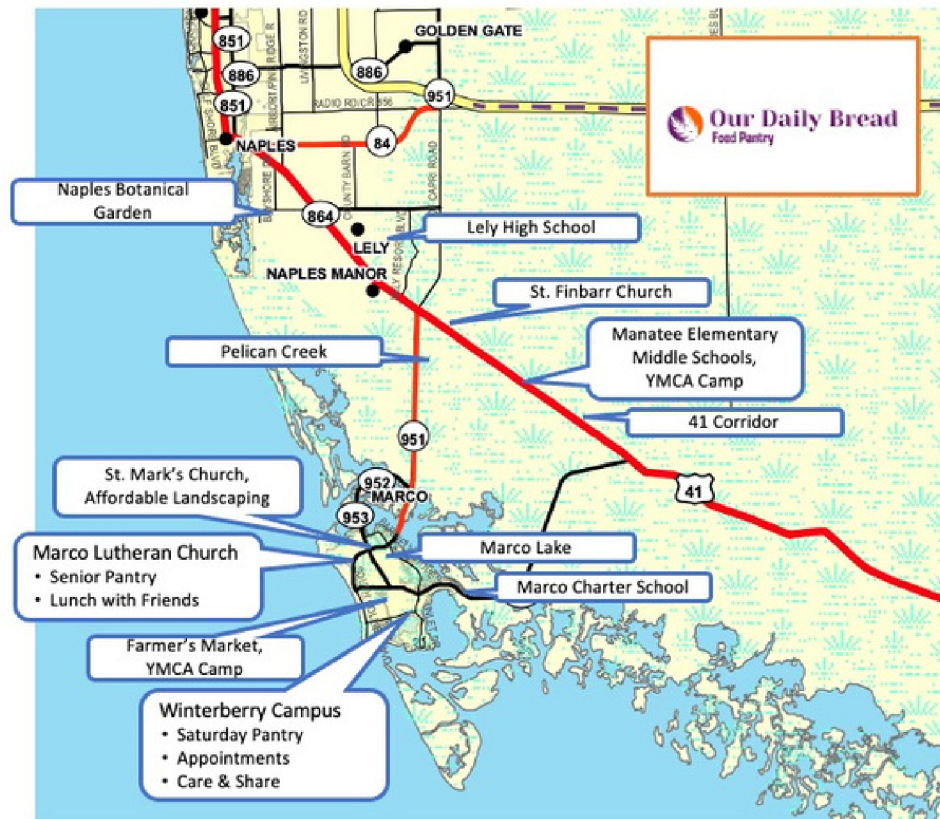
In our Annual survey with our Pantry Guests in Fall 2022, we learned the following:

- 34% of those surveyed are coming to ODBFP due to “unexpected expenses,” which included increased housing costs, rents more than doubled, high cost of everything (inflation), debt, low wages, etc.
- 30% of those surveyed said they are now coming to ODBFP due to Hurricane Ian.
- 70% of those surveyed told us the weekly food from the pantry lasts 3-5 days
- 10% of those surveyed believed the pantry food affected their children positively (improved) in the areas of school attendance, health, attitude, grades, and behavior
- Of those surveyed, the money the pantry food allows the family to save was used for housing (50%), utilities (57%), transportation (35%), keeping them from going in debt (38%), keeping them from becoming homeless (22%), paying medical bills (33%)
- Of those surveyed, 65% said the pantry food significantly relieved stress in the family.

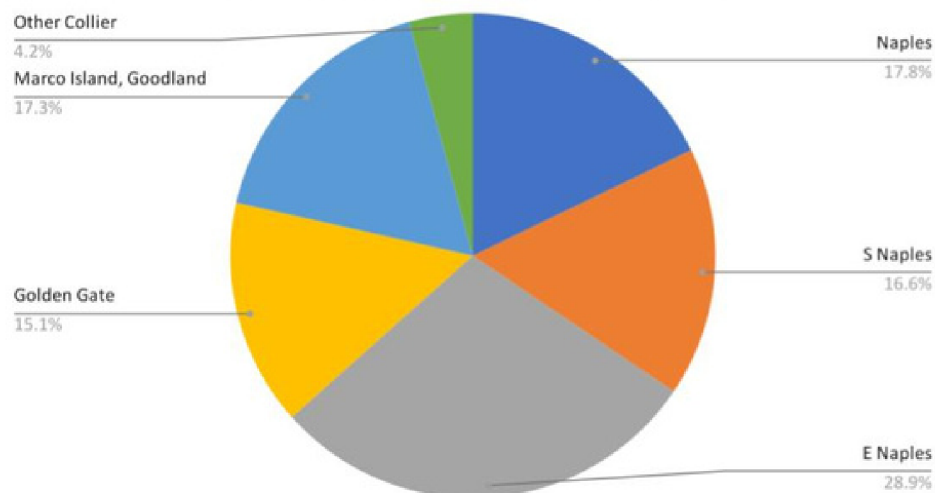




## ODBFP OUTREACH LOCATIONS 2022



### Location of People Served



# CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Our current lease at the Family Church Annex on Winterberry Drive expires in January 2025. Coupled with the great need to expand our space to meet the record-breaking number of families served, necessitates a Capital Campaign. This allows us to either purchase or lease new space or renovate an existing building, bringing our work all under one roof, as we are now utilizing three separate facilities across the island. This would enable operating, and cost efficiencies resulting in superior service for our pantry guests. It will also allow us to have an operating reserve to provide these much-needed resources continuously. ODBFP has successfully met the demand for food assistance over the past 7 years. We are now looking to address these needs for the long term.



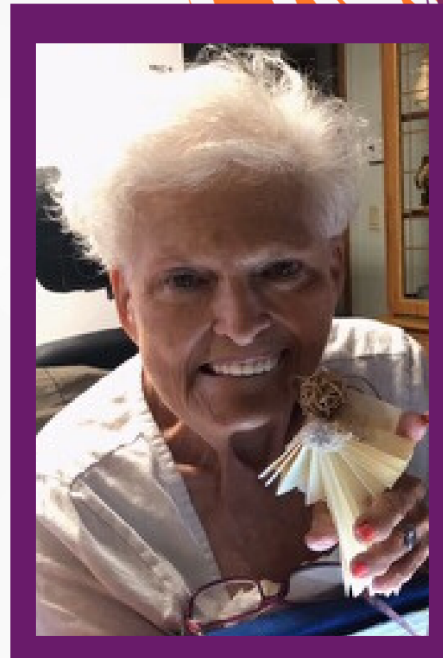


# GUEST TESTIMONIALS

Mary has been a Guest of Our Daily Bread Food Pantry since November 2020. Her caregiver – Laura – recognized Mary needed assistance with basic food needs and called Our Daily Bread for assistance. Mary was registered and became part of the home delivery route. Today, while delivering to Mary, I asked “Mary, what’s your story?” and it here goes:

“I’ve live in Naples for 60 years. I married, and we moved to this neighborhood. I was a hairdresser and then became a first grade substitute teacher.

At the age of 55 I had my first stroke and have since survived 4 more. I’ve been left paralyzed on my right side, and I can’t drive. When the Doctors comment on 5 strokes, Mary’s response is ‘Yep, God don’t want me yet.’.



I became widowed 5 years ago and then diagnosed with diabetes. I am now on dialysis 3 times a week. The type of wheel chair I have requires me to pay for private transportation to and from dialysis. Although Mary’s son lives with her to oversee her caregiving, he just started working a lot of hours and cannot get to the grocery store on a regular basis.

The food delivered bi-weekly to Mary helps to supplement her expenses as the bills keep rolling in. When I asked ‘anything we can add or change to your delivery?’ Mary’s response was ‘no honey it’s all just fine. We use a lot of eggs and milk.’ In closing Mary’s comment was ‘It could be a lot worse.’ What a positive lady Mary is!

"I found out about the services from the signs posted in Marco Island by the park. We only utilize the food pantry which has helped us immensely since I had to cut down my hours at work so I could finish school.

The girls don't have any special needs.

We have been utilizing the food bank for under a year.

The child's family background: we moved here from Illinois so I could finish my masters degree. My husband and two children are living with my mother until I finish school, find a job, and find a house that I can afford. My husband retired early due to medical problems. I'm a nurse working part time while going to school. My two youngest daughters are in 6th and 7th grade. I have 3 older adult children in Illinois

The children have benefited from the food bank because it has helped ease our finances and food insecurities since I am only working part-time. It has made a huge impact. We get fruits and vegetables and protein and other food that really helps. The cost of everything has risen so much. I am truly thankful for this.

Nothing really has changed for the children, except they are doing really well in school.

My girls got straight A's. My 7th grader was a cheerleader last year at school, and increased her confidence. My youngest has also had increased confidence and plans to be a cheerleader too. We are truly grateful for the food bank. And I'm so glad my children are flourishing.

Thank you! "

-Teri, Guest of ODBFP







With a large grin that I could hear over the telephone, Anise was excited to tell me about herself and her experience as a guest of the food pantry.

In 1985, Anise immigrated to Naples from Haiti, which she loves, as it is 'sunny and peaceful.'

During that time, 2 children and 5 grandchildren have filled her life. For 22 years, Anise worked as a nurse's assistant at an assistant living facility in Naples. However, 5 years ago, she was diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis, necessitating her to quit her job. Her niece told Anise about the food pantry. Once she was not working, she made it over the bridge every Saturday, and started picking up food for friends and neighbors.

Those people whom she picks up food for has grown to 5-6 families each trip. Some are seniors, others don't have cars, but Anise does not mind picking up for them, as she 'loves coming to the food pantry, as everyone is so nice and doing such a good job.' Anise said she liked seeing Celia and Linda and the people who pray with her. 'Everyone is smiling, I like to see that.'

-Anise, Guest of ODBFP

# VOLUNTEER TESTIMONIALS



## WHY DO I DO WHAT I DO?

I grew up in a very humble community in the NW suburbs of Illinois. I'm the oldest of six and loved life with my family. I worked for AT&T for 40 years. I retired in June 6, 2013. I knew I could not retire and sit still. What could I do that would/could make a difference. I tried different organizations as a volunteer, toyed with becoming a consultant in the Telcom industry, and then provided care for my Mom.

We signed a contract to build in Florida in 2015 and officially moved in 2016. Again, I searched for the right organization where I could make a difference. A dear friend suggested I join her at the Food Pantry on Marco Island. I walked in the door June 9, 2017 and the rest is history. I entered the doors of the pantry, met some wonderful volunteers, believed in their mission and vision and said "YES" this is it! My role has changed over the years, my choice, and I have found a passion. A passion to help those in need. I have been able to apply my 40 years of business experience in numerous areas – streamlining and process improvements, create and document processes, provide leadership to my team(s) and most of all a sense of purpose and self-satisfaction. Our Guests not only appreciate what we do, it's how we deliver – with dignity and a smile. Many become our extended Pantry families. We laugh together, we cry together, and at the end of the day we go home and Thank God for what we have and prepare to do it all over again the next week.

-Linda Birdwell, Volunteer since 2017



I started volunteering at ODBFP shortly after it was started seven years ago. Over a period of time I became the unofficial handyman for the food pantry. When the pandemic hit, I saw the need for the food pantry's services grow dramatically.

During that summer when the "snowbirds" were leaving, I found additional volunteer opportunities available. Many of the guests we serve each week are coming directly from their jobs but do not earn enough to pay for the high cost of living in our area. I have been blessed with the time and resources to give back through this wonderful ministry and I have the privilege of working with a great bunch of volunteers. I cannot imagine a better retirement.

-Craig Giese, Volunteer since 2016

First thing I did when I moved from New Hampshire to Marco Island in October 2021, was to look up a Food Pantry. Boy, I was pleasantly surprise to find Our Daily Bread Food Pantry! Within a week, I was a volunteer and have never looked back. The friendships, the sense of community and the ability to see first hand that what we do 6 days a week are truly making a difference to those living in and around Marco Island. I am proud to be a ODBFP Volunteer and contributing to Working to wipe out Hunger!

-Jen Sprague, Volunteer since 2021





# COMMUNITY TESTIMONIALS



As one of the largest source of food box donations throughout the year, the Bargain Basket, a thrift shop located on Marco Island is a true community partner. A ministry of the United Church of Marco Island since 1975, the Bargain Basket serves as a wonderful resource for our guests who are looking for clothing, bedding, things for the home, and all sorts of unexpected gems. And conversely, when a Bargain Basket shopper is in need of food, ODBFP is alerted and comes to their aid.

‘I started at just about the same time that Our Daily Bread Food Pantry really got going, during Hurricane Irma,’ said UCMi Outreach and Marketing Manager Samantha Arago. ‘We worked with Liz Pecora and Vicki Johnson, and it blossomed from there.’ Sam went on to say that when the UCMi Mission’s Committee meets monthly, the first question is always, ‘what can we do for ODBFP?’

‘We have a great cross-pollination of volunteers between ODBFP and the Bargain Basket,’ Bill Johnenning, Operations Manager of the Bargain Basket, said. Bill also went on the explain that ‘at least twice a week, someone will come up to their drop-off area with bags of food for ODBFP,’ and that these are often folks who are headed North after their stay on Marco.

Bruce and I sat in the back office of Cache Cleaners on Marco Island while his wife and co-owner, Susan popped in and out in between customers. They are a busy shop, due to excellent cleaning and customer service.

Cache Cleaners contacted ODBFP before the pandemic as they wanted to support our activities. Susan, head of the Calusa Garden Club knew someone through the club who mentioned it to her.

‘Both of our parents were born in the depression,’ said Bruce. ‘We constantly heard at the dinner table, ‘eat all of your food, there are children starving in Europe.’ ‘And now there are people starving in America, the richest country in the world, it’s not right.’

We were brought up with this ethic, and taught our children the same thing.’ ‘No one in Collier County or anywhere in America should go hungry.’

In addition to having one of our donation boxes front and center of their shop, they also list that they are a donation drop off for ODBFP on their printed material.

Both Susan and Bruce mention the pantry to customers, prompting some to leave cash donations along with food.

ODBFP is very fortunate to have such a generous community partner in Cache Cleaners, one which is serving as our ambassador to our neighbors every day.

-Bruce & Susan Neustadt, ODBFP Community Partner



"There was a hurricane in September of 2022 and our expenses soared to fill the need created by this natural disaster. Our donations increased to help us fill the needs that still exist in 2023." -Allyson Richards, ODBFP Board Chair

Our Daily Bread Food Pantry Incorporated  
Statement of Activity  
January - December 2022

Revenue	
400 Churches	13,835.83
450 Community	1,013,059.87
500 Fundraiser	248,283.44
550 Grants	568,790.00
560 Government Grants	32,599.96
600 Other Income	18,422.10
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,894,991.20</b>
GROSS PROFIT	<b>\$1,894,991.20</b>
Expenditures	
550 Operations	0.00
700 Management and General	
701 Events	1,260.75
704 Audit Fee	9,100.00
705 Payroll Expenditures	10,511.20
<b>Total 700 Management and General</b>	<b>20,871.95</b>
800 Fundraising	
801 Marketing	18,290.16
802 Operations	109.00
803 Payroll Expenditures	10,511.22
<b>Total 800 Fundraising</b>	<b>28,910.38</b>
900 Program	
901 Equipment	6,660.58
902 Purchased Food	1,246,293.50
904 Operations	136,864.77
905 Software / Hardware	15,045.85
907 Vehicle	23,541.62
908 St. Marks Rental	650.00
909 Depreciation	30,922.04
910 Payroll Expenditures	84,366.59
911 Grants	28,000.00
<b>Total 900 Program</b>	<b>1,572,344.95</b>
Payroll Expenses	0.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,622,127.28</b>
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$272,863.92
Other Revenue	\$733,935.00
Other Expenditures	\$738,511.29
NET OTHER REVENUE	\$ -4,576.29
NET REVENUE	\$268,287.63





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