This year certainly was quite different from years past. I remember exactly where I was when the call came into the Food Bank that a shutdown was coming to prevent the spread of COVID-19. I had never felt so afraid for all those I knew already experiencing hunger and for the thousands more who would experience it for the first time due to the impending economic downturn.

But... the phone started ringing with people who wanted to help. And it didn’t stop.

Our Board, staff, donors and supporters throughout our five-county service area called with offers to collaborate, donate, innovate and make a way for light to shine in what was a very dark and scary place. And little by little, that constant support and love continued to light our way forward.

We could never have imagined what FEEDING HOPE TOGETHER would look like this year, but we soon discovered it looked like

- At-home bowl painting parties
- Socially distanced and safe Neighborhood Fresh mobile food pantry deliveries
- A joint effort with the USDA Farmers to Families program
- National Guard members helping with food distributions
- Partnerships with schools, area non-profits, civic clubs and local clinics
- Our first-ever virtual Empty Bowl
- A staff dedicated to our mission
- And donors and Board members who saw the work and knew it mattered.

Because of all of you joining with us, Georgia Mountain Food Bank provided over 4 MILLION meals to families right here where we live between March and November alone. You give me hope, and our community’s kindness has certainly given hope to the children, seniors, veterans and families who received food because of these efforts.

This year we reached more people than ever before, which is a stark reminder that this public health crisis only exacerbated a problem that was already here. Hunger was here before COVID...and it will still be here when this pandemic is behind us. For 12 years, GMFB has made it our mission to eliminate hunger in our area. Since 2008, we have distributed over 52 million meals to people right here in North Georgia, and our work will not stop until every single table has food. You are instrumental in this goal. Your encouragement, donations, and volunteer and awareness efforts have made a difference. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for joining us in FEEDING HOPE TOGETHER.

Warmly,

Kay Blackstock, Executive Director
BY THE NUMBERS
Condensed Statement of Activities

AUDIT COMPLETED BY ALEXANDER ALMANN & BANGS, LLP

EXPENSES

Program Services $873,866.00
Management & General $141,736.00
Fundraising $367,417.00
Total Functional Expenses $1,383,019.00
Cost of direct Donor Benefits $1,101.00
Non Cash $5,281,952.00
TOTAL EXPENSES $6,666,072.00

REVENUE AND SUPPORT

Contributions $1,649,102.00
Program Service & Other Revenue $276,845.00
In-Kind Contributions of Food & Services $6,328,729.00
Grants $455,338.00
TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT $7,710,014.00

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS $1,043,942.00

NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR $1,298,046.00
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR $2,341,988.00

Full financial statements provided upon request. A complete copy of the audited financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2020 is available for review on our website, gamountainfoodbank.org.

2020-2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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COVID RESPONSE FOR MARCH-NOVEMBER 2020

POUNDS OF FRESH PRODUCE DISTRIBUTED INTO THE COMMUNITY 1,195,653
MEALS DONATED BY OUR RETAIL PARTNERS 2,539,534
MEALS DONATED BY CORPORATE FOOD DONORS 359,948
MEALS COLLECTED THROUGH COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVES 126,296

52 MILLION POUNDS OF FOOD PROVIDED SINCE 2008

OUR MISSION: To address hunger, health and quality of life by serving those in need throughout North Georgia.