



# The Rhinelander Area Food Pantry

## 2025 Impact Report

Working Together, Helping to Build a Hunger-Free Community.

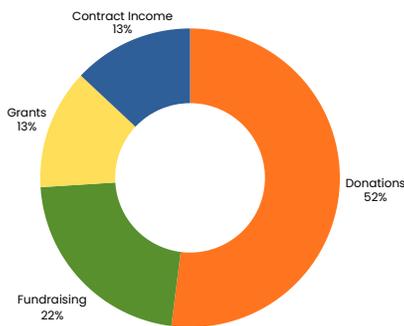
### Letter From the Director

In 2025, the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry (RAFP) marked 20 years of service rooted in partnership, compassion, and community. Together, we are moving beyond just providing food toward fostering resilience, dignity, and hope for a stronger future. This annual impact report highlights the profound difference made possible by our dedicated volunteers, staff, donors, and partners who share a commitment to building a healthy, thriving community. Over the past year, RAFP supported more than 2,300 neighbors experiencing food insecurity and provided an additional 37,000 meals to kids and teens through our Hodag Kids Programs. This work was powered by 368 individuals who generously contributed more than 19,600 volunteer hours demonstrating that our collective action results in positive outcomes for all of us.

We are inspired by what is possible when a community comes together with purpose and compassion. Your generosity and commitment fuel our mission. Thank you for supporting RAFP. Thank you for believing in this work and in one another.

Courtney Smith, Executive Director

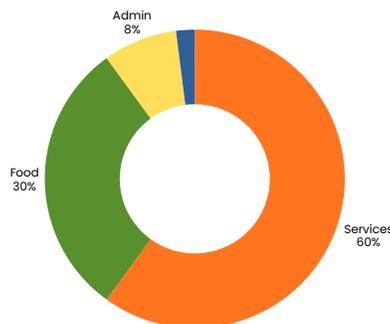
### FY25 Revenue & Support



Funds raised through 2 annual events, 1 annual grant matching challenge, 1 annual mailer, grant writing, sponsorships, and the generosity of our neighbors. Contract income is for the Hodag Food Wagon.

### FY25 Uses & Allocations

90% of our expenses are for programs, services, and purchasing food. We spend 8% of our budget on admin costs and 2% on fundraising.



### Our Mission

We strive to achieve food security for everyone in our community through collaboration, cooperation, advocacy, resource sharing, and increased public awareness.



### Board of Directors

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- Courtney Smith, RAFP Executive Director
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- Malisa Vinger, RAFP Pantry Coordinator
- John Viste, Board Member
- Nancy Watry, Volunteer Coordinator

### AT THE HEART OF OUR WORK:

### Volunteers

**368 Volunteers 19,647 Hours**  
**35 Community Businesses, Organizations, School Groups & Churches**



Volunteers are essential to RAFP, dedicating their time and skills to keep our operations running smoothly. An average of 175 volunteers donate over 1,500 hours each month.

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## Our Food Sources

**951,477 Pounds Received**

**432,892 Pounds of In-kind Food**

RAFP partners with Feeding America of Eastern Wisconsin, The Hunger Task Force, The Emergency Food Assistance Program and the Commodities Supplemental Food Program.



**384,664 Pounds of Rescued Food**

RAFP partners with local distributors, retailers, and restaurants to collect donated foods while reducing food waste.



**65,662 Pounds of Purchased Food**

RAFP purchased foods such as eggs, butter, meat, bread, flour, sugar, cooking oil, special holiday items, and kid-friendly foods.



**70,018 Pounds of Donated Food**

Through donations, food drives, and special events, you help to stock the shelves.



### PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT:

## Growing Food Security



**2,321 Pounds of Organic Produce Valued at \$9,285 Harvested by the RAFP Garden.**

Plus 928 pounds donated by local gardeners and 3,992 pounds donated by the Wisconsin Food Hub.

## Customer Snapshot

Oneida County Residents

**2,390 Individuals** received food through our pantry services.

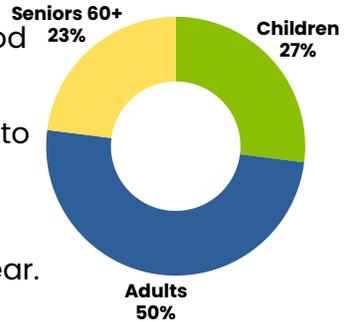
**1,104 households** had access to healthy food choices.

**8,684 shopping visits** by households throughout the year.

### \*Increasing Community Need

In the last 2 years, RAFP has has grown:

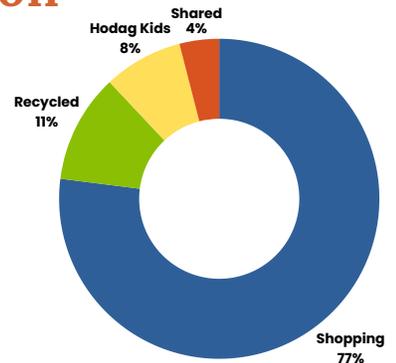
- 54% increase in unduplicated individuals registered.
- 3,200 more yearly shopping visits by households.



## Food Distribution

**940,414 Total Pounds**

**708,966 Pounds or 590,000 Meals to Our Neighbors** through grocery shopping, online ordering, home delivery, local transit assistance, and our off site pantry.



**106,599 Pounds Re-Used Food & Recycled**

**Cardboard** RAFP gave 93,700 pounds of food that did not pass our standards to Wild Instincts and local farmers.

**79,329 Pounds or 37,360 Meals to Kids and Teens**

through the Weekend Food For Kids Program, the Hodag Food Wagon, and Hodag Monster Meals.

**43,782 Pounds of Shared Food to Our Community**

RAFP supports 5 area food pantries, 9 local service organizations and community meals.

### PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT:

## Senior Stock Boxes

**3,387 Total Boxes**

**280 Average per Month**



The USDA Commodity Supplemental Food Program provides seniors with a monthly box of healthy, shelf stable foods and proteins.

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