

# SSCM FOOD PANTRY NEWSLETTER



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## OUR MISSION

SSCM Food Pantry is an all-volunteer 501(c)3 non-profit food pantry located in and focused on serving the south side of Columbus, Ohio, which provides at least a 3-day supply of food to individuals and families in need.



## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

### Unloading MOFB Food Orders

**February 14<sup>th</sup> and March 14<sup>th</sup>**

Help wanted 9:00 AM at the Pantry - **Extra Hands ALWAYS Welcome!!**

Contact Bob Robenalt at (614) 561-5003 for more information on unloading activities

### Next Pantry Open Weeks:

January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>

February 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>

NOTE:

We will be OPEN on T, W, and F in February due to holiday on Monday of that week.

## THIS MONTH'S MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF SSCM FOOD PANTRY

In this newsletter you will see service figures illustrating that 2022 was a busy year at SSCM, with a nearly 60% increase over 2021 in both the average number of Individuals, and the average number of Households served each month. As we look to the experts regarding 2023, they predict continued inflation with food prices particularly hard hit, and we now know government SNAP benefits are scheduled to be reduced in the first few months of the year. Both factors are likely to drive even more visitors to SSCM throughout 2023, further challenging our pantry resources. To make our monthly food budget go even further in 2023, the Board is facilitating the replacement of an old, unreliable freezer unit with a new cooler unit (scheduled to arrive soon!) which will increase our capacity for short-term storage of foods like cheese, eggs, milk, and produce which are occasionally available during daily Shop-thru at MOFC. Supplementing our purchased shelf-stable food items with a higher percentage of subsidized refrigerated items from MOFC will enable us to stretch our monetary donations even further over the next year and feed more people!

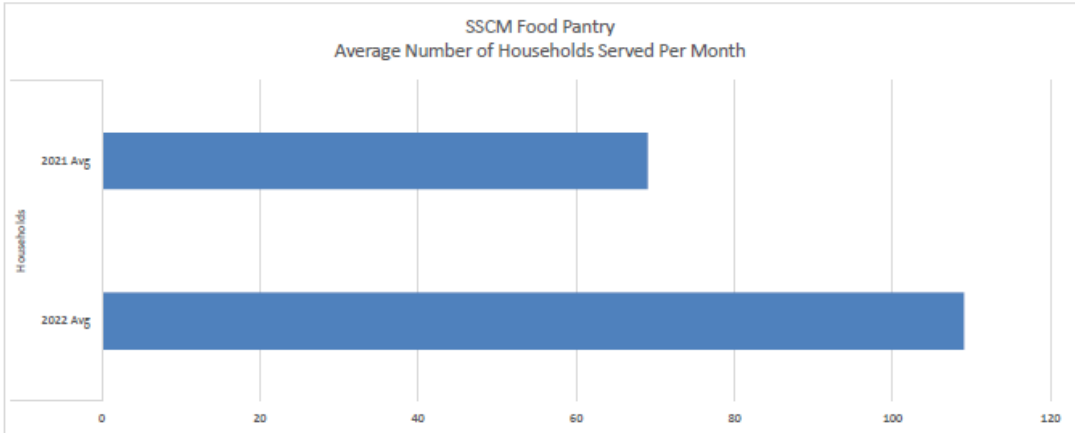
While monetary donations are key to fulfilling our Mission, without our volunteers the Pantry would not be able to operate and physically gather and distribute food to those in need. The Board formally thanks all those who have supported the mission of SSCM Food Pantry with their time, talents, and resources, not only during 2022 but any time throughout the past four plus decades – 2023 is our 46<sup>th</sup> year in operation! As a volunteer and supporter of SSCM Food Pantry, know that you make a real difference in the lives of the food insecure in our community every month.

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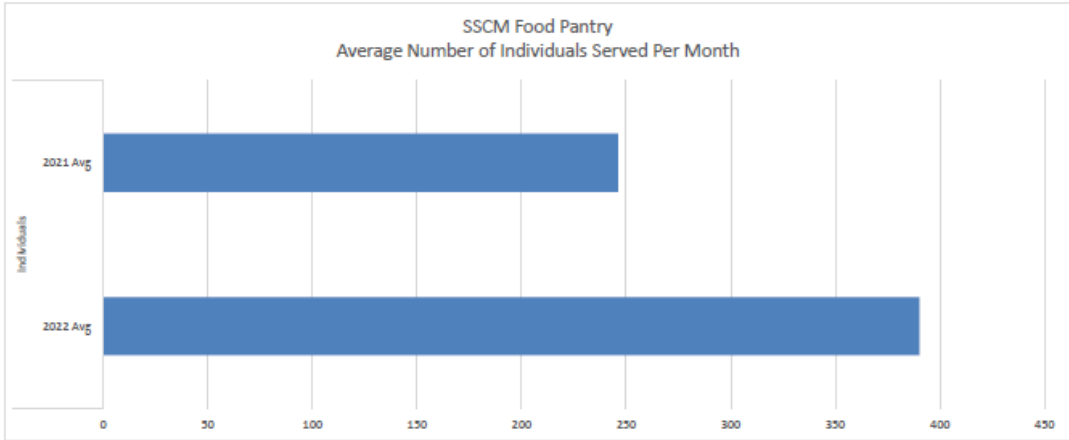
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**PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THIS CHANGE FOR FEBRUARY**

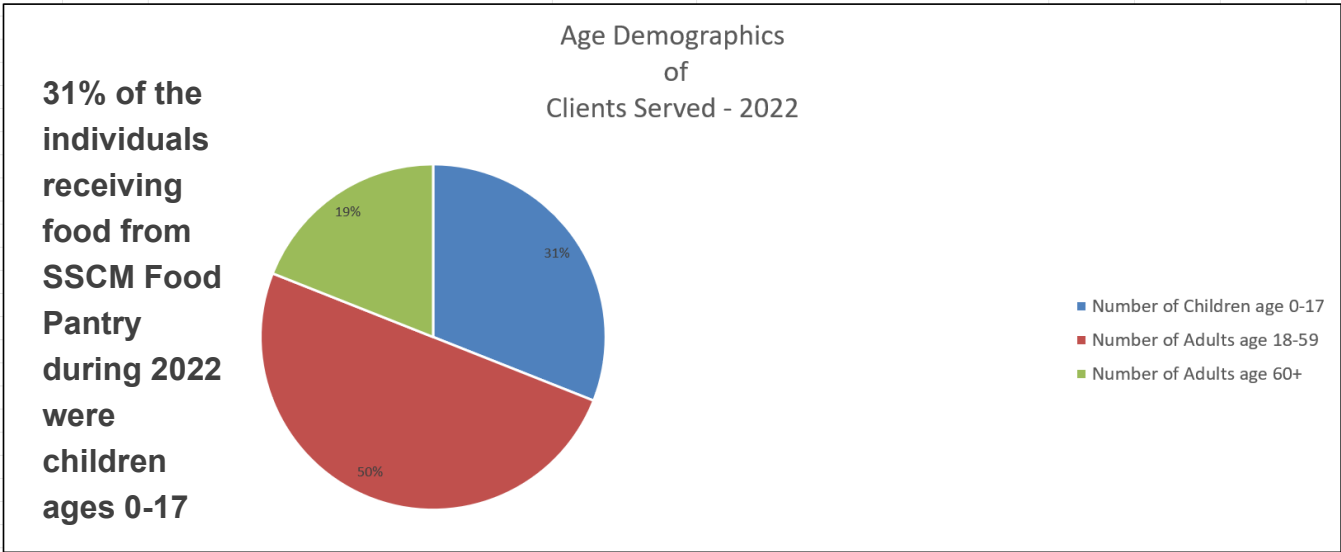
# Service Statistics – 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW



Overall average number of households using the pantry during the year increased 58% between 2021 and 2022



Overall average number of individuals fed during the year increased 59% between 2021 and 2022



**Service Statistics – 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW (cont'd.)**



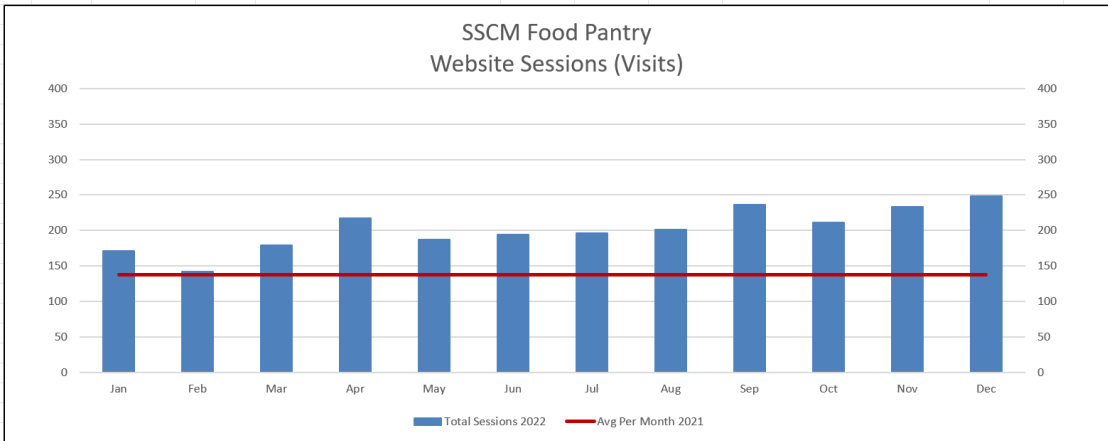
**52%**  
 Of clients receiving food during 2022 were living in the Pantry's Mission-targeted zip codes of 43205, 43206, 43207 at the time of their pantry visit.

**8 out of 88**  
 Ohio counties had residents who visited SSCM Food Pantry during 2022, including those from Franklin, Pickaway, Delaware, Licking, Marion, Muskingum and Fairfield counties

The helping hand of SSCM Food Pantry was felt throughout the state of Ohio during 2022. Those receiving food from our shelves consisted of residents from 42 different USPS zip codes, or nearly **3%** of the TOTAL USPS zip codes in all of OHIO. According to Google, there were 1,415 zip codes in Ohio as of 1/1/2023.

<https://sscmfoodpantry.org>

Total Visitors to Pantry Website during 2022: **2,415**



Online traffic up 46% year over year!

## DOLLARS & CENTS at the PANTRY

With prices increasing across the board, we have all experienced food costs taking a bigger bite out of our budget, and the Pantry is no exception. This makes incoming monetary donations all the more critical to fulfilling our mission to feed the hungry. During 2022, the Pantry paid out nearly \$19,000 to purchase food and critical personal hygiene supplies. It takes a lot of food to provide at least a 3-day supply to every person served by the pantry. Using the food we purchased during 2022, our volunteers distributed enough food for over 51,000 meals!

In preparation for 2023, the Board performed an annual budget review of 2022 to compare our estimates to the amounts of the actual expenses, and from that created a proposed budget for anticipated expenses and revenue in 2023 (pictured below), using 2022 numbers as a baseline. The final budget for 2023 was approved at the January Board meeting. A mid-year review of this budget will take place at the July Board meeting to ensure all is on course with expectations. Any necessary adjustments to budgeted expense and revenue targets will be made at that time to ensure that the Mission of the Pantry is financially sound.

### REVENUE

	<u>2022 Actual Revenue</u> <u>(thru 12/31/22)</u>	<u>2023 Targeted Revenue</u>
INDIVIDUALS	\$10,844.01	\$9,000.00
FUND RAISING	\$1,384.00	\$1,500.00
CHURCHES	\$8,312.03	\$8,000.00
NON-PROFITS	\$7,288.72	\$7,000.00
CORPORATE	\$255.00	\$275.00
FOUNDATION	\$3,430.07	\$3,500.00
INTEREST	\$0.82	\$1.00
SAVINGS TRANSFERS		\$0.00
	\$31,514.65	\$29,276.00

### EXPENSE

	<u>2022 Actual Expense</u>	<u>2022 AVG/MO.</u>	<u>2023 Proposed Expenditures</u>	<u>2023 AVG/MO.</u>
FOOD/TOILETRIES	\$17,032.50	\$1,419.38	\$16,275.00	\$1,356.25
OTHER FOOD	\$1,757.05	\$146.42	\$2,175.00	\$181.25
DELIVERY	\$107.86	\$8.99 *	\$250.00	\$20.83
RENT	\$3,600.00	\$300.00	\$3,600.00	
EQUIPMENT NEW	\$0.00		\$3,200.00	
INSURANCE	\$1,175.00		\$1,200.00	
REPAIRS (facility and equipment)	\$0.00		\$500.00	
SUPPLIES/FEES	\$27.98		\$150.00	
CLEANING SERVICE	\$600.00		\$600.00	
MARKETING			\$0.00	
OTHER	\$690.00		\$300.00	
TRANSFER TO SAVINGS	\$5,000.00		\$1,000.00	
	\$29,990.39		\$29,250.00	

\*During 2022, benefactors of Pantry periodically covered the delivery costs associated with food ordered from MOFC. This expenditure will likely be higher in 2023.

### REMEMBER:

**100% of the donations received by SSCM Food Pantry go directly to feeding the hungry. This is possible only because we have a team of volunteers who worked nearly 1,500 hours in 2022 operating the pantry.**



*A Heartfelt Thank You*  
**TO ALL OF OUR  
 AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!**  
 We couldn't do it without you!