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# Annual Report: 2021

# *Message from the Board of Directors*

At the Badger Prairie Needs Network (BPNN), people come through our doors when they are experiencing hard times. There may have been a job loss, serious illness or an unexpected expense. They are struggling to feed their families. They can't afford their medication *and* the monthly rent. They need help.

Since 1986, BPNN has provided a safety net for people who are trying to make ends meet. Our services include food assistance, nutrition education, a free weekend meal, access to a Dane County Joining Forces for Families social worker, and even legal advocacy if needed. We temporarily extended our service area to include all of Dane County early in the Covid-19 pandemic, and this year made that change permanent.

We do our work efficiently and without fanfare with the goal to help our less fortunate neighbors weather a crisis, garner a sense of family stability, and – perhaps most important of all – grow in self-sufficiency and self-respect. The pages that follow provide more detailed descriptions of our services and the impact we had in 2021.





## Mission

BPNN is dedicated to fighting poverty and ending hunger locally.

## Vision

We envision a strong, healthy community where access to nutritious food is readily available and where hunger, at its worst, is a temporary state and not a way of life.



# OUR STRUCTURE

100% volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

(Over 190 weekly volunteer spots to fill weekly, more in the summer)

## Board of Directors

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**Executive Director:** Maggie Gleason





# PROGRAMS

## Food Pantry

- Two visits a month per household
- Over 19,000 Served
- 919,256 lbs of food distributed / 84,157 lbs meals



## Legal Services

- Referrals from JFF and local clergy
- Landlord/Tenant
- Predatory Lending Abuse
- Senior Housing



## Pandemic Era Household Delivery

217 Households (602 people)

## Nutrition Education

- Partnership with UW Health
- Senior Cooking Club
- Chop Chop Club
- 20/20 Fitness Challenge

## Food Recovery

Over 220,000 lbs diverted from landfills in 2021.

## Partners On Site





# Food Pantry Service Area

Verona Area School District: Fitchburg, Verona, South Madison

2017: Expanded to include all of 53593 zip code (adding parts of additional school districts)

2019: Expanded to include Cesar Chavez Elementary (adding MMSD)

2020: Expanded to temporarily include all Dane County residents experiencing food insecurity

2021: Made Dane County service area expansion permanent



## **2021 At A Glance:**

919,256 lbs of food distributed

5,484 Households served

18,954 Individuals

6,983 Children

2,297 Senior Citizens

84,157 lbs Grab-n-go Meals (42 tons)



# KITCHEN TO TABLE

## Wisconsin Food Recovery Network

A collaboration to provide nutritious and delicious grab-n-go meals while reducing food waste and saving the planet.

### The Partners

- Epic
- UW Hospital
- Cuna Mutual Group & Eurest
- Dane County
- Placon
- Community Action Coalition
- Second Harvest
- Feeding Wisconsin





# OVER 110 TONS of FOOD

- Diverted from local landfills
- Reducing waste mgmt costs of donors
- Packaged in microwavable containers and heat-sealed for safety
- Feeding thousands of families with nutritious ready-to-eat meals throughout southern Wisconsin
- Can be replicated throughout the nation



# PROGRAMS & IMPACT: Food Recovery

Most adults that use food pantries in our area are working for wage – and many are working more than one fulltime job. In a county with a high cost of living and not enough housing, making ends meet is often difficult.

Our food recovery program is intended to make life a bit easier for these folks by providing ready-to-eat meals using food that is recovered from other commercial food operations.



Every Friday night, volunteers collect surplus prepared food from the cafeterias at Epic, a local software company. Volunteers gather in our Prairie Kitchen and repackage it in family-friendly microwavable containers and get it into the freezer or food pantry cooler.

Because we packaged over 84,000 meals using recovered food, we were able to share a good deal of it with other pantries in our area. This is especially meaningful in this year of 100% curbside distribution.

# PROGRAMS & IMPACT: Kitchen to Table

In December 2018, after the completion of a building project that added warehouse space and very large coolers to the facility, BPNN and nine community partners launched Kitchen to Table: the Wisconsin Food Recovery Network (K2T). The initiative expanded BPNN's existing food recovery operation by adding additional food donors, food distribution partners, and other organizations that could pool resources to create a regional food recovery operation.

Licensed restaurants, caterers, corporate dining rooms, hotels, and other food establishments can donate prepared foods and meal ingredients to K2T. Donated bulk-packaged prepared foods are repackaged in BPNN's Prairie Kitchen and distributed to food pantries throughout southern Wisconsin either by local pantries shopping our freezers directly, or through deliveries from the Community Action Coalition and Second Harvest.

Food that cannot be distributed quickly enough to food pantries or meal sites is donated to local farmers for livestock feed or used as compost.



Participating in food recovery programs like Kitchen to Table helps divert food from landfills and provides critical nutrition to those struggling with food insecurity. It also saves donors the cost of cold storage and waste disposal.

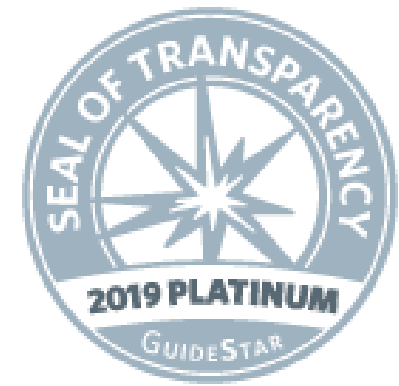


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# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

BPNN has earned a GuideStar Platinum Seal of Transparency from Charity Navigator every year since 2016. This is the highest level of transparency possible and is awarded to fewer than 2% of the nation's nonprofit organizations. Those receiving it are focused on measuring progress and results providing funders with critical information needed to make wise investments.



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# No Debt, All Volunteer

The Badger Prairie Needs Network is an all-volunteer 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Our 100% volunteer business model allows us to invest every dollar contributed toward the mission and keeping the lights on. It also allows us to invest in infrastructure to serve more households. 90% of every dollar goes toward programs!



We operate without debt and have established an endowment to ensure the long-term viability of our organization.



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# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	2020	2021
<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>		
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,033,922	2,021,090
Investments	5,971	-
Accounts Receivable	336	-
Grants Receivable	279,168	1,507,500
Prepaid Expenses	1,011	1,488
Inventory	244,277	264,006
<i>Total Current Assets</i>	<u>1,564,685</u>	<u>3,794,084</u>
<u>Property and Equipment</u>		
Construction Work in Progress	-	684,224
Leasehold Improvements	1,438,232	1,504,250
Furniture and Equipment	102,757	107,827
Vehicles	58,257	58,257
Accumulated Depreciation	(244,649)	(361,697)
<i>Property and Equipment, Net</i>	<u>1,354,597</u>	<u>1,992,861</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>2,919,282</u></b>	<b><u>5,786,945</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Accounts Payable	18,579	280,052
<i>Total Current Liabilities</i>	<u>18,579</u>	<u>280,052</u>
<u>Net Assets</u>		
Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	305,909	1,733,995
Net Assets without Donor Restrictions:		
Undesignated	810,992	1,441,146
Designated	429,205	338,891
Net Investment in Capital Assets	1,354,597	1,992,861
<i>Total Net Assets</i>	<u>2,900,703</u>	<u>5,506,893</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>2,919,282</u></b>	<b><u>5,786,945</u></b>



# SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES	2020			2021		
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>						
Donations	\$ 460,224	\$ 70,764	\$ 530,988	\$ 415,449	\$ 43,412	\$ 458,861
Capital Campaign Donations	-	821,348	821,348	-	2,122,000	2,122,000
Grants	96,450	-	96,450	11,000	-	11,000
In-Kind Donations	1,946,436	-	1,946,436	1,818,961	-	1,818,961
Program Income	3,570	-	3,570	4,912	-	4,912
Event Income	-	-	-	79,281	-	79,281
Flags 4 Food	17,635	-	17,635	19,144	-	19,144
Mailing Appeals	138,488	-	138,488	204,820	-	204,820
Interest Income	488	-	488	1,023	-	1,023
Miscellaneous Income	372	-	372	-	-	-
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	(180)	-	(180)	(395)	-	(395)
Net assets released from restrictions	747,362	(747,362)	-	737,326	(737,326)	-
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>3,410,845</b>	<b>144,750</b>	<b>3,555,595</b>	<b>3,291,521</b>	<b>1,428,086</b>	<b>4,719,607</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Program Services	1,994,844	-	1,994,844	1,993,125	-	1,993,125
Management & General	78,611	-	78,611	69,221	-	69,221
Fundraising	13,688	-	13,688	51,071	-	51,071
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,087,143</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,087,143</b>	<b>2,113,417</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,113,417</b>
Total Change in Net Assets	1,323,702	144,750	1,468,452	1,178,104	1,428,086	2,606,190
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	1,271,092	161,159	1,432,251	2,594,794	305,909	2,900,703
Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 2,594,794	\$ 305,909	\$ 2,900,703	\$ 3,772,898	\$ 1,733,995	\$ 5,506,893





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