



SEQUIM FOOD BANK

WHERE EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT THE TABLE

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Mission and Vision: Providing food and assistance to people and organizations so that no one goes hungry in our community.

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ROOTS

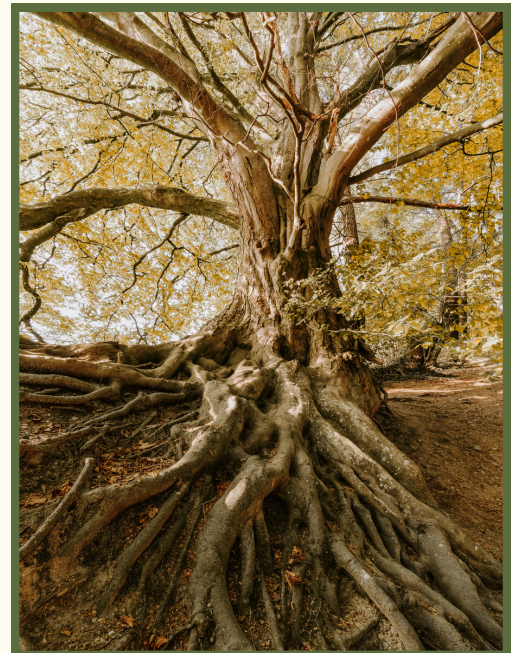
Each January, I find myself reflecting on the year behind us and listening for what the year ahead is asking of the Sequim Food Bank. In 2025, our guiding word was Growth. As the year unfolded, we experienced both the growth we had intentionally pursued and growth that was required of us—shaped by rising local need and reductions in SNAP benefits.

Responding to that moment meant expanding not only in scale, but in how people access and engage with the Sequim Food Bank. We introduced new access points through the Mobile Food Pantry, strengthened community food drive systems through the Full Pantry Project and retail partnerships, and launched our first annual *Everyone At the Table* fundraiser. Together, these efforts reflected both deliberate strategy and a deep responsibility to meet our community where it was.

At the Sequim Food Bank, roots are what allow growth to endure. They are found in the volunteers whose steady presence creates continuity and care. They are strengthened through relationships—with partners, donors, farmers, and community organizations—built on trust and shared commitment.

As I look toward 2026, the growth of 2025 has made clear what the next phase requires. Rooting now means being intentional—strengthening internal structures, refining programs, and clarifying how we engage visitors, donors, volunteers, and partners. These roots are embedded in the systems and practices that ensure accuracy, efficiency, and accountability, supporting the work in ways that are often unseen but essential.

Roots are not always visible. They grow quietly beneath the surface, anchoring what rises above. As we look ahead, I am deeply grateful for the community that makes this work possible. Together, we are strengthening not only the work we do today, but the foundation beneath it—building resilience, consistency, and care that will support our neighbors for years to come.

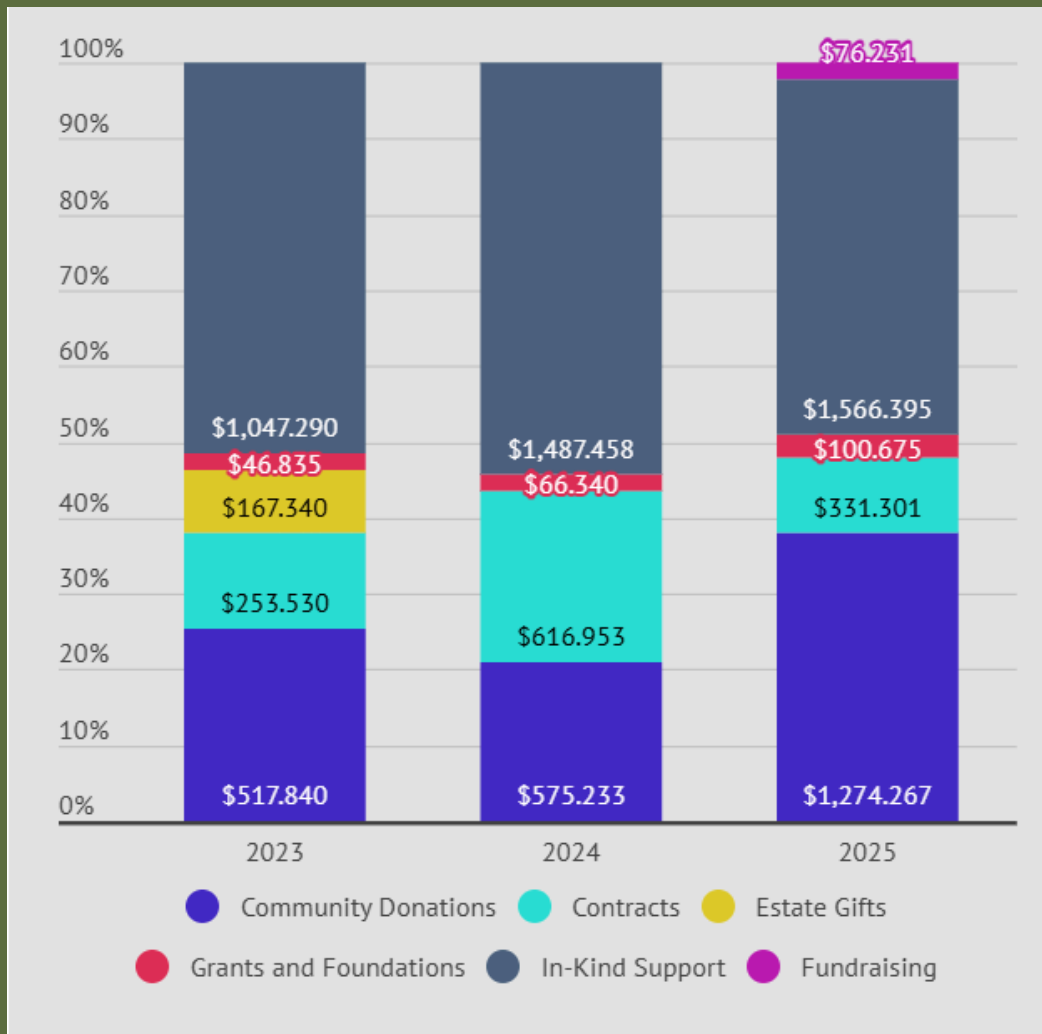


“Strong roots are built quietly—through consistency, care, and a community willing to show up for one another.”

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ANDRA SMITH
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

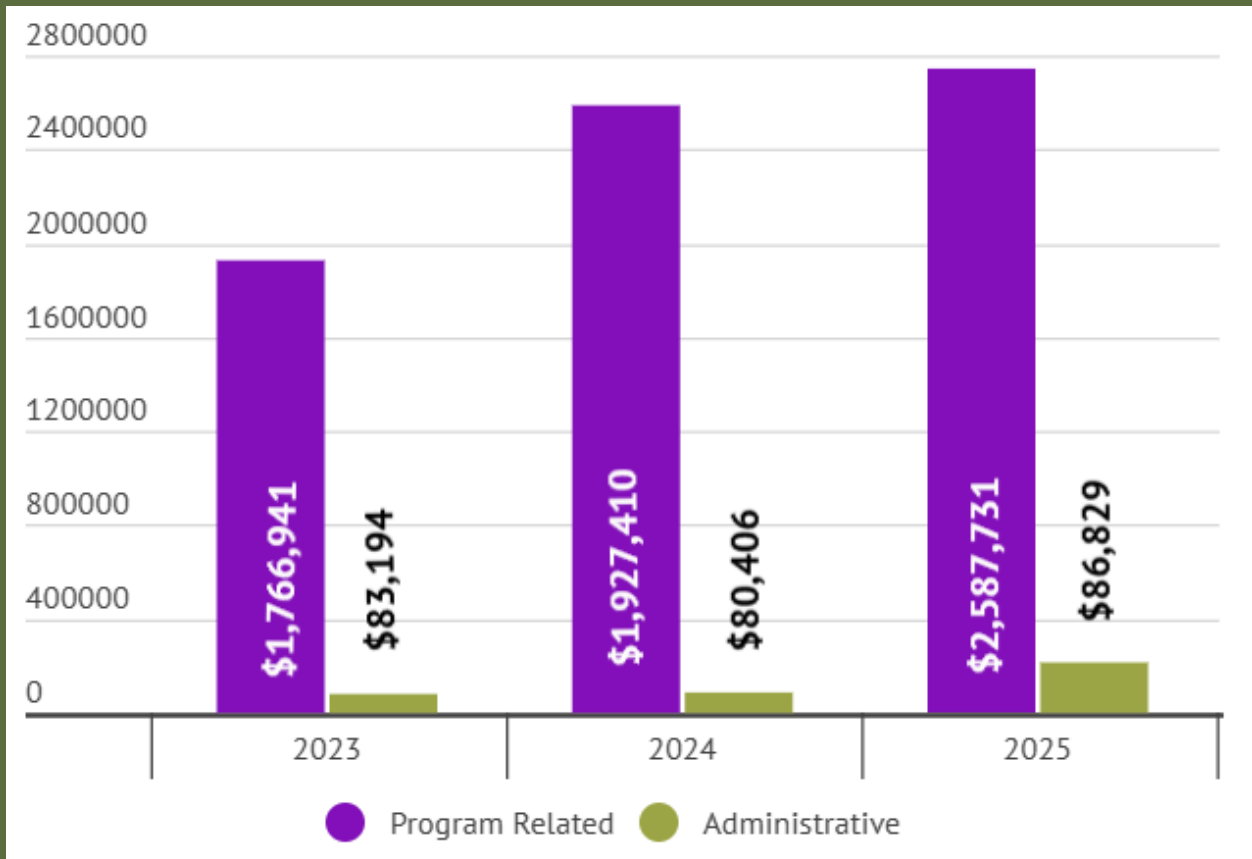
WHERE OUR RESOURCES CAME FROM



In 2025, our community once again showed up when it mattered most. At a time when uncertainty loomed — with a potential federal government shutdown and delays in SNAP benefits — local donors, partners, and volunteers stepped forward to ensure our neighbors were not left without support. Community donations, grants, contracts, and in-kind food contributions together sustained and strengthened our work, allowing us to respond quickly as needs shifted. This year also marked our first fundraising event, *Everyone At the Table*, which brought the community together around a shared commitment to dignity, nourishment, and care. Through generosity, collaboration, and trust, our community helped create stability during a challenging year.

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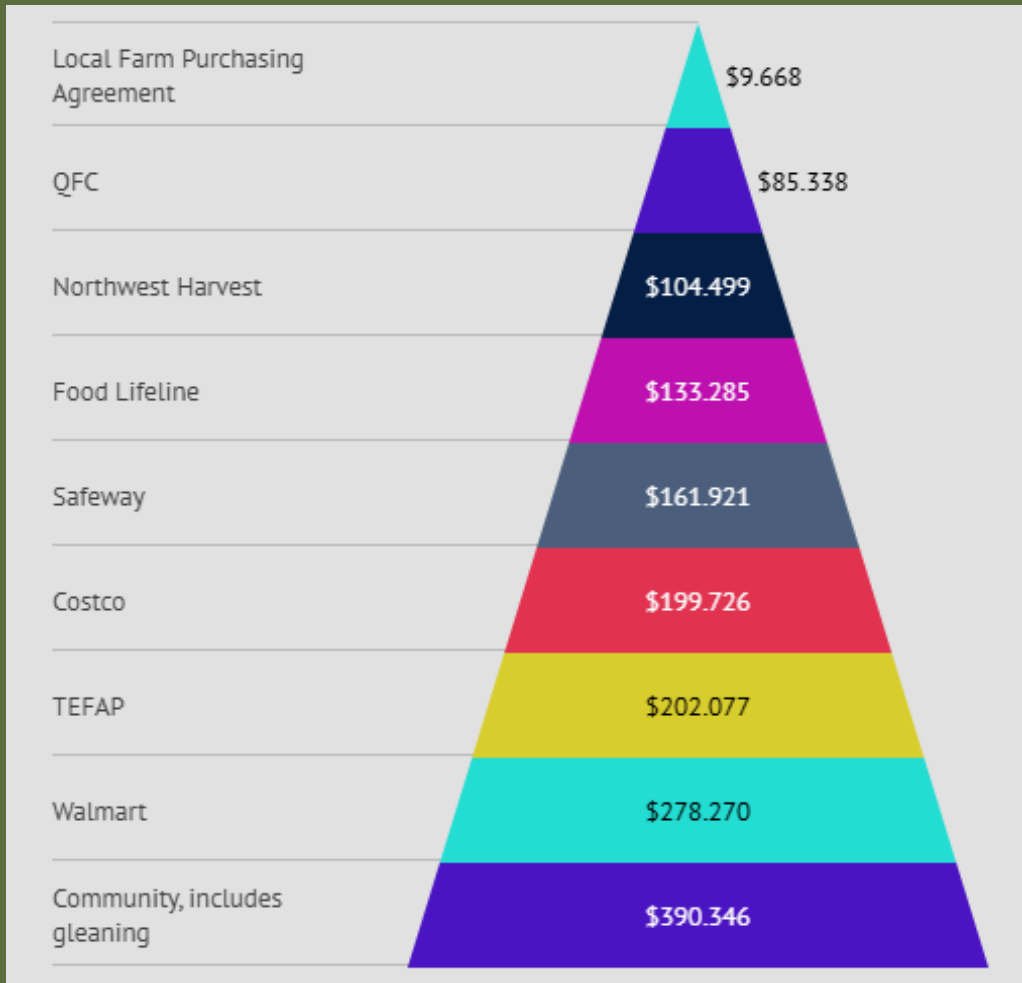
HOW WE USED OUR RESOURCES



In 2025, the majority of our resources were dedicated to direct program support, with 93% of expenses funding food access and community programs and 7% supporting administrative and operational needs. This balance allows us to remain responsive and accountable while ensuring that resources are focused where they have the greatest impact — serving our neighbors with dignity and care.

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FINANCIALS



This chart highlights the food bank’s diversified sourcing strategy. Community-sourced food (\$390,346) plays a critical role in stabilizing inventory, especially during periods of increased need. In October and November alone, nearly 50,000 pounds of food were donated by the community, demonstrating strong local awareness of our mission and support during peak demand. Combined with strategic purchasing and regional partnerships, this mix ensures consistent access to food year-round and the flexibility to respond when demand rises.

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FOOD ACCESS PROGRAMS

In 2025, the Sequim Food Bank expanded not just how much food we distributed, but how people could access it. While weekly distributions at the food bank remain the backbone of our work, we now reach neighbors through multiple pathways—meeting people where they are and responding to different life circumstances. Together, these Food Access Programs reflect a shared commitment to dignity, flexibility, and reliability, ensuring that nutritious food is available in ways that work for real lives.

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY



In 2025, we launched our Mobile Food Pantry Program, bringing food directly into neighborhoods across Sequim and expanding how people can access support. With six weekly mobile sites, the program makes food more accessible for seniors who can receive food where they live, people who work and need more flexible options, and neighbors who benefit from an alternative to waiting in line at the food bank.

By meeting people closer to home, the Mobile Food Pantry reduces barriers related to transportation, mobility, and time, while creating welcoming, relationship-based points of access throughout the community. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with participants emphasizing how much the consistency and reliability matter. As one neighbor shared, “We’re so grateful you come to us. Seeing you every week—and knowing you’ll be there—means everything.”



EMERGENCY BUCKET PROGRAM

In 2025, the Sequim Food Bank piloted an Emergency Food Buckets program to help households prepare for natural disasters and other emergencies. The program provided pre-packed, shelf-stable food for the early days of an emergency. During distribution days, we partnered with Clallam County Emergency Management, which joined us onsite to share preparedness information and resources. In total, 250 Emergency Food Buckets were distributed, and the program will continue in 2026.



FOOD ACCESS PROGRAMS

The table below offers a snapshot of how neighbors accessed food through the Sequim Food Bank in 2025. Together, these programs reflect multiple pathways to food—each designed to meet people where they are, while working in coordination to ensure consistent, reliable access across the community.

Program	2025 Reach	Description
Traditional Food Distribution	19,507 household visits	Core weekly food bank distributions
Mobile Food Pantry	2,924 household visits	Neighborhood-based access; launched in 2025
Family Holiday Meal Program	1,090 holiday meals	Holiday meals prepared and distributed on-site
Welcome Home Food	67 deliveries	Referral based program delivering recovery-focused meals after hospital stays
Home Delivery	1323 deliveries	Direct delivery for neighbors unable to travel
Weekend Meal Bags	10,800 bags	Nutrition support for children on weekends and over the summer

LOCAL FARM PURCHASING

Local farm purchasing remains a vital part of the Sequim Food Bank's approach to providing nutritious, high-quality food. In 2025, we continued to invest in produce from regional farms—supporting local growers while ensuring that neighbors have access to fresh, seasonal foods that promote health and well-being. The Sequim Food Bank invested more than \$50,000 in local farm purchasing, sustaining this commitment even after the loss of federal funding—made possible by the extraordinary generosity of our community.

By sourcing food locally, the food bank strengthens the regional agricultural economy and builds resilience within the local food system. These partnerships help ensure consistent access to fresh food, even during periods of supply disruption or broader funding uncertainty.



FOOD WASTE & REDISTRIBUTION

Responsible stewardship of food is central to the Sequim Food Bank's mission. In 2025, we prioritized food recovery and waste reduction by redistributing surplus food whenever possible and diverting inedible scraps from landfills through local agricultural partnerships.

In addition, we formalized a partnership with a local composting organization, ensuring that unavoidable food scraps are returned to the soil rather than sent to the landfill. This work completes the food cycle—transforming waste into nutrient-rich compost that supports local agriculture.

These efforts reduce environmental impact while honoring the value of every donation. By thoughtfully managing food from intake through distribution, the food bank extends the reach of its resources and supports a more sustainable food system.



VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are the heart of the Sequim Food Bank. In 2025, volunteers contributed 20,280 hours of service—the equivalent of nearly 10 full-time employees—welcoming neighbors, sorting and distributing food, gleaning produce, supporting mobile pantry sites, assisting with events and making home deliveries. Their care and commitment make it possible to meet rising need while preserving a welcoming, dignified experience for everyone who seeks support.



“Everything about being at the food bank reminds me of the kindness, laughter, and support of a big family. We may all be different, but we know we have each other’s backs—and that sense of belonging is what keeps me coming back.”

— Sequim Food Bank Volunteer



COMMUNITY GENEROSITY

We are deeply grateful for the extraordinary generosity of this community. In a year when need increased sharply, neighbors responded again and again—with food, with funds, and with a shared commitment to showing up for one another. We were genuinely overwhelmed by how many people stepped forward when it mattered most.

That generosity took many forms. In 2025, community food drives brought in over 18,000 pounds of food, helping keep shelves stocked with essential items throughout the year. The food bank also launched the Full Pantry Project, engaging local groups to provide the most-needed grocery items each month. Donation barrels, shelf tags, and pop-up drives made it easy for individuals, families, and organizations to participate in meaningful ways.

Annual food drives were also a huge success. Efforts led by the Santa Brigade, local schools through 12 Days of Giving and Boo Hunger, postal carriers through Stamp Out Hunger, the community-wide Cranksgiving ride, and a peanut butter drive sponsored by Price Ford—along with countless drives organized by friends, neighborhoods, businesses, and community groups—each reflecting the care and creativity of people showing up for one another.

In 2025, the Sequim Food Bank also launched its first annual *Everyone At the Table* fundraiser, exceeding its goal and deepening community awareness of both hunger and the power of collective action.

Together, these efforts reflect a community that consistently shows up—ensuring the food bank can respond to need with resilience, collaboration, and care.



PARTNERSHIPS

Partnerships remained foundational to the Sequim Food Bank’s work in 2025. Through deepened relationships with long-standing partners and new collaborations—including Olympic Connect and the Community Health Plan of Washington—we strengthened our role as a hub of support for Sequim and Eastern Clallam County. These partnerships expanded access to food and helped connect visitors with additional resources that support stability and well-being.



SEQUIM HEALTH AND HOUSING COLLABORATIVE



The Sequim Food Bank is a founding member of the Sequim Health and Housing Collaborative (SHHC), which coordinates local partners to support housing stability, emergency assistance, food access, healthcare, and outreach for Sequim residents facing complex challenges. In 2025, partners responded to rising need by strengthening coordinated outreach, expanding access to emergency housing and rental assistance resources, and increasing access to food and health services through mobile and relationship-based models. These efforts helped stabilize individuals and families while strengthening systems and partnerships to reduce barriers and improve long-term outcomes.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & OUTREACH

Community events extend the Sequim Food Bank’s work beyond distribution days, creating opportunities to connect with neighbors where they already gather. In 2025, staff and volunteers participated in a range of local events focused on food access, health, and community connection.

The food bank took part in the Back to School Fair, Healthy Families Day at the YMCA, the community Safety Fair, and the Chili Cook Off at the Boys & Girls Club—where the food bank proudly took first prize. In addition, the food bank hosted its annual Get Ready for Winter day, offering food support and seasonal resources to help neighbors prepare for the colder months.

Together, these events reflect the food bank’s commitment to being a visible, welcoming presence—building trust, sharing resources, and strengthening community connections.



2025 AT A GLANCE

In 2025, the Sequim Food Bank met a sharp rise in community need with compassion, innovation, and strategic growth. As demand increased, we expanded access through new distribution models, strengthened nutrition-focused programs, and deepened partnerships to better serve neighbors across Eastern Clallam County. At the same time, we invested in strong systems, volunteers, and fiscal stewardship to ensure sustainable impact now and into the future.



30-35%
visitor demand



70,000+
Raised at the Everyone
At the Table fundraiser



10,800
Weekend Meal Bags
Distributed



1000
New Households



Maintained access to high-quality staple foods (including eggs, dairy, and protein) despite supply and funding disruptions



Deepened community engagement through food drives, partnerships, public outreach, and the launch of the first annual Everyone At the Table fundraiser



Completed two independent financial audits with no findings, reinforcing transparency and fiscal stewardship

Together, these accomplishments reflect a year defined by responsiveness, resilience, and care for our neighbors. By expanding access, strengthening programs, and stewarding resources responsibly, the Sequim Food Bank continued to adapt to changing needs while keeping dignity, nutrition, and community at the center of our work. We are deeply grateful to our volunteers, partners, and supporters who made this impact possible!

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