

2024 Annual Report



The Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries is an interfaith service that provides food and fellowship to those in need and educates our community on hunger and poverty.

The Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries 2024 Board Of Directors

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SSKP BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

I have been the Pastor of Grace Episcopal Church in Old Saybrook for seven years now. During those seven years, I have watched and interacted with all facets of SSKP as we host the offices for the organization and serve one of the community lunch meals. We have a collection basket for food donations at Grace Church and we are two doors down from the SSKP pantry for Old Saybrook at the Congregational Church. Grace Church also provides parking spaces for the food pantry delivery trucks, so I know the drivers. I see the Executive Director (Amy Hollis), Treasurer (Jan Mazeau) and Secretary (Diane Bell) if not every day, then almost weekly. I see the staff and volunteers come in for meetings and meals. I see people donating food and time during our Wednesday meals. I see the smiles and thankfulness on the faces of our guests as they gather with new and old friends to have a meal together. I am constantly amazed at the scope of the work and service of the staff and volunteers, and at their kindness and attention to the needs of those in the community and the guests who come to the meals. And now after two years of serving on the SSKP Board, and the last six months as Board Chair, I can say I am even more astounded at the scope and heart of this great organization. The Board of Directors of SSKP is a living extension of the grace and care that you see across the organization and community. The directors all have a huge heart for feeding the community and sharing in fellowship; just the kind of people you would hope to have helping to oversee the work of the team. And of course, the need for both food and fellowship only continues to grow into 2025. I have no doubt the entire SSKP team will continue to serve and feed those in need in whatever ways possible in the year(s) to come, no matter the hurdles that may appear.

I had some big shoes to fill when The Rev. Martha Epstein left the SSKP Board last fall to move across state for a new pastor position. She led with grace and patience and is dearly missed on the Board. We have also had other transitions, as Jim Schreck came off the board just recently after serving admirably for many years. His restaurant in Madison was and is still a big supporter and fundraiser for SSKP and we thank him for his service as well. In the meantime over the last year, we have just gained three wonderful new members of the board at the end of 2024: Pastor Dave Stambaugh, Pastor at Essex Congregational Church, Laura Becker, Director of Gift Planning at Connecticut College, and Pastor Cheryl Corona, Pastor at Deep River UCC. We look forward to getting to know them better this year and working with them to serve our communities with food and fellowship.

I am grateful for all the volunteers, Board members and staff who make the work of SSKP so amazing, especially Amy Hollis, our Executive Director. Amy makes her work and the work of SSKP look much easier than it really is, always serving with patience and a heart for the people she works with, and the people she serves. Thank you, Amy! And I look forward to another successful year to offer food and fellowship to all who come together along the shoreline as part of SSKP.

In Christ,
The Rev. Charlie Hamill, SSKP Board Chair





Dear Friends,

Gratitude, a core value of Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries (SSKP), flows every day. The work we do can be summed up that we source food, and we share food. And it is so much more! For many SSKP Staff and Volunteers we wake up and we fall asleep thinking about the collaborative efforts to ensure neighbors have access to food. I am grateful for the opportunity to work along-side the kindest people I've ever known.

It is an awesome challenge to share food and fellowship to neighbors via pantries, community meal sites, and school backpack programs. In 2024 more than 1.7 million pounds of food was shared! This includes easy to eat food for children, freshly prepared hot meals, and groceries for neighbors.

As we begin a new year I celebrate that all of our Community Meals have returned to indoor dining. Sitting together at the table is powerful. As a widow it hit home how profound our Community Meal program is offering space for people to not be alone. This winter we are also noticing a rise in individuals needing a warm place to spend time. Our meal programs share far more than food. Please remember you are welcome to share at our Community Meals for food, fellowship, for an hour inside in a warm space, or to not be alone.

I am grateful for the past and present efforts of every person connected with SSKP, including:

- The members of the Board of Directors, who commit their time and talents to ensure organizational health and commitment to our mission.
- The SSKP Staff who time and again find creative solutions to make sure our neighbors have access to food at Community Meals, Pantries, and via backpack programs for children.
- The incredible volunteers, who share strength, kindness, and hospitality while distributing food to our neighbors.
- Our donors, whose generosity make it possible to purchase much needed food each week.
- CTFoodshare, UWSECT Gemma Moran, partner gardens, and stores that share hundreds of thousands of pounds of food with us each year that we can then share with our neighbors.
- Our thirteen Host Sites, who share their space for SSKP Pantries, Meal Sites, and offices. Thank you to United Church of Chester, First Baptist in Essex, St. Mark Roman Catholic Church Westbrook, First Church of Christ Old Saybrook, St. John's Episcopal Essex, Grace Episcopal Old Saybrook, First Church of Christ Clinton, United Methodist Clinton, St. John's Episcopal Niantic, Deep River Congregational, Trinity Lutheran Centerbrook, Westbrook Congregational, and First Church of Christ Old Lyme for strengthening community relationships and allowing SSKP to provide food across our region.
- Each one of our guests. They are the reason we strive together to ensure access to food for all.
- ...and for you!

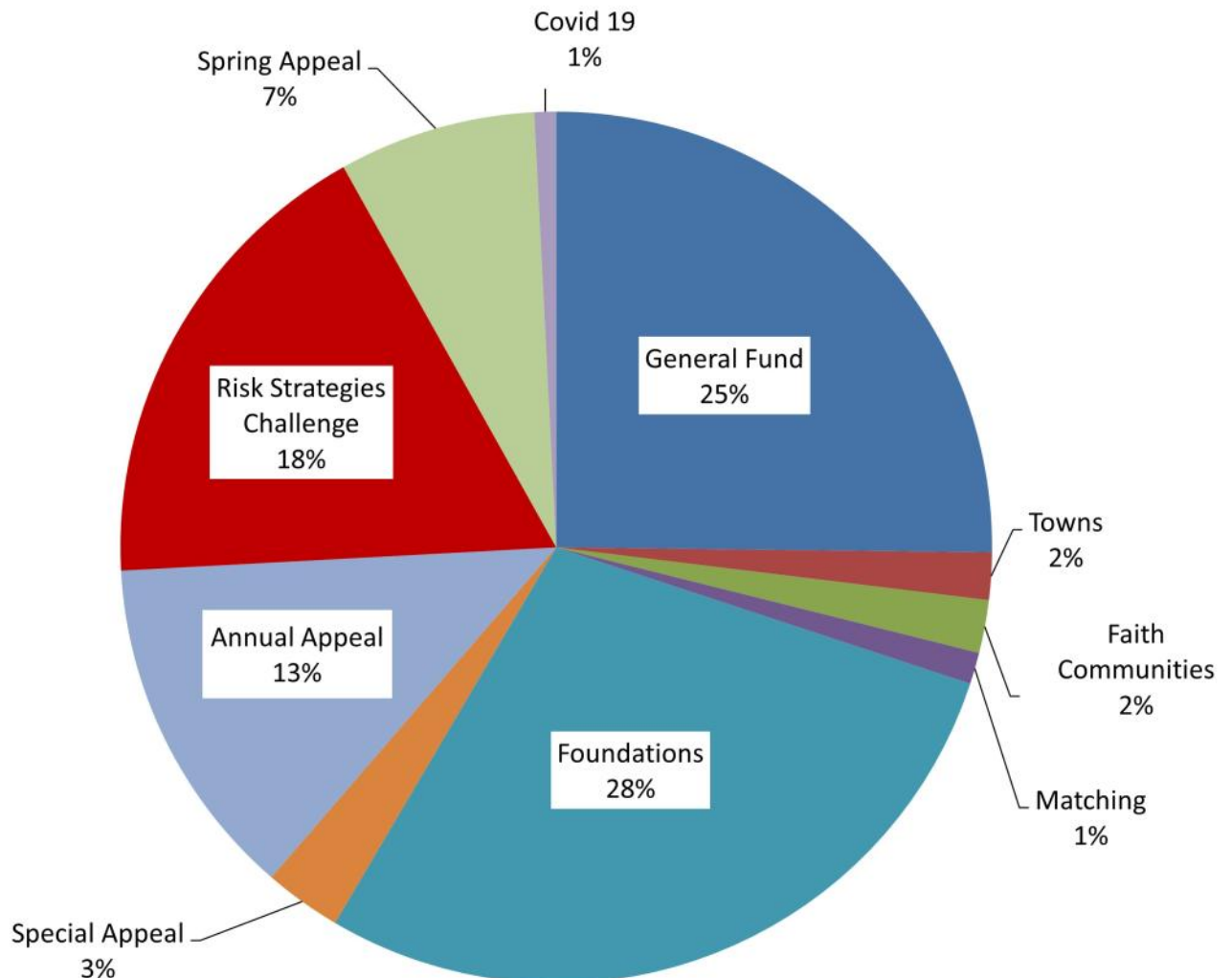
With a grateful heart,
Amy Hollis, SSKP Executive Director



Program Statistics 2019 - 2024

2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Pantry Sites	Pantry Sites	Pantry Sites	Pantry Sites	Pantry Sites	Pantry Sites
Total Meals	Total Meals	Total Meals	Total Meals	Total Meals	Total Meals
1,076,796	1,458,405	1,261,386	1,151,802	1,436,004	927,873
People Fed	People Fed	People Fed	People Fed	People Fed	People Fed
121,310	162,045	140,154	127,978	159,556	103,097
Pounds Distributed	Pounds Distributed	Pounds Distributed	Pounds Distributed	Pounds Distributed	Pounds Distributed
1,739,452	1,965,513	1,759,597	1,554,273	1,603,947	1,253,633
Community Meals	Community Meals	Community Meals	Community Meals	Community Meals	Community Meals
Meals Served	Meals Served	Meals Served	Meals Served	Meals Served	Meals Served
18,362	23,141	22,335	23,466	13,832	21,388
Total Meals	Total Meals	Total Meals	Total Meals	Total Meals	Total Meals
1,095,158	1,481,546	1,283,721	1,175,268	1,449,836	949,261
2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019

2024 Donations by Type



The Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries, Inc.

2024 Unaudited Financial Summary

<u>2024 EXPENSES</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Management</u>	<u>Fundraising</u>	<u>Total</u>
Food *	\$1,342,679			\$1,342,679
Salaries	\$249,043	\$133,971	\$53,240	\$436,254
Payroll Taxes	\$20,297	\$10,919	\$4,597	\$35,813
Accounting Fees		\$17,765		\$17,765
Telephone/Internet	\$3,034			\$3,034
Postage & Shipping	\$3,489		\$7,820	\$11,309
Printing	\$2,349		\$25,201	\$27,550
Vehicle Expenses	\$10,942			\$10,942
Insurance	\$21,961			\$21,961
Trash Collection	\$6,624			\$6,624
Memberships	\$339			\$339
Training/Recruitment	\$893			\$893
Technology	\$804			\$804
Office	\$10,487			\$10,487
Capital Expense	\$0			\$0
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$1,676,178	\$162,655	\$90,858	\$1,929,691

*Includes donated food valued at \$877,755

2024 INCOME

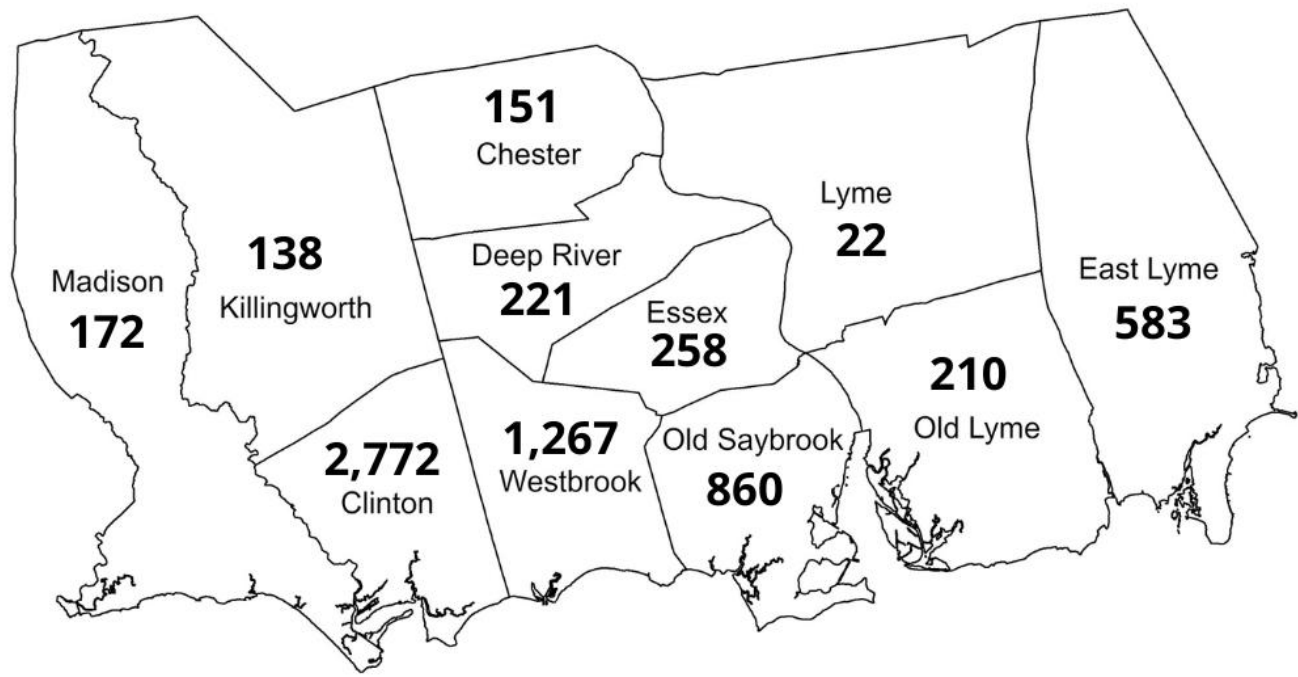
Donated Food	\$877,755
Annual Appeal	\$156,725
Risk Strategies Appeal	\$216,843
Foundations	\$347,383
General Fund	\$307,913
Special Appeal	\$35,000
Spring Appeal	\$89,395
Covid-19	\$9,870
Matching	\$14,282
Towns	\$21,450
Faith Communities	\$23,986
Interest	\$969
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,101,571

*Summary below does not include donated food

(Projected)

<u>TOTALS</u>	2022	2023	2024	2025
Expenses	\$1,069,098	\$1,083,578	\$1,051,936	\$1,150,000
Income	\$1,387,862	\$1,272,140	\$1,223,816	\$1,150,000





Number of residents registered at an SSKP Pantry by town in our service area in 2024



- SSKP was founded over 36 years ago in Essex.
- Our service area includes 11 towns: Essex, Chester, Clinton, Madison, Old Saybrook, East Lyme, Lyme, Old Lyme, Killingworth, Westbrook, and Deep River.
- Over 1.7 million pounds of food was shared through our pantries in 2024.
- The total number of people served at our pantries in 2024 was 121,310.
- SSKP provided food for 1,095,158 meals in 2024.
- We shared food with 8,589 individuals at our pantries last year.
- SSKP receives no direct state or federal funding.
- We depend on the generosity of individual donors as well as local foundations, corporations, and faith communities.



SSKP PROGRAMS

5 Weekly Pantries: Registered guests may visit one food pantry each week to receive groceries free-of-charge.

Clinton Pantry

First Church of Christ

55 Church Road, Clinton
Wednesday, 3:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.
Pounds of food distributed: 705,861
Meals worth of food distributed: 500,571
Number of guests registered: 3,416

Westbrook Pantry

St. Mark R.C. Church

222 McVeagh Road, Westbrook
Tuesday, 11:30 A.M.- 2:15 P.M.
Pounds of food distributed: 489,642
Meals worth of food distributed: 265,599
Number of guests registered: 1,500

Old Saybrook Pantry

First Church of Christ

366 Main Street, Old Saybrook
Tuesday, 2:00 P.M.- 4:00 P.M.
Pounds of food distributed: 232,882
Meals worth of food distributed: 138,843
Number of guests registered: 879

East Lyme Pantry

St. John's Episcopal Church

400 Main Street, Niantic
Thursday, 2:30 P.M.- 4:30 P.M.
Pounds of food distributed: 168,539
Meals worth of food distributed: 84,879
Number of guests registered: 554

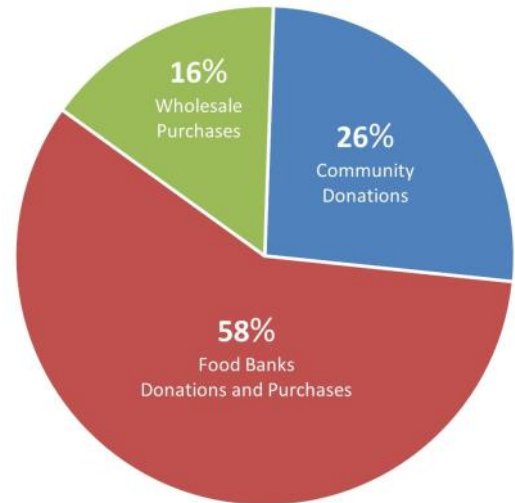
Old Lyme Pantry

First Congregational Church

2 Ferry Road, Old Lyme
Saturday, 8:30 A.M.- 10:30 A.M.
Pounds of food distributed: 142,528
Meals worth of food distributed: 86,904
Number of guests registered: 525



SSKP Pantry Food Sources 2024



The total weight of the food distributed in 2024 from all SSKP pantries was 1,743,038 pounds.

8 Daily Community Meals: Guests are welcome to share meals cooked by our volunteers; no registration required.

United Church of Chester

29 West Main Street, Chester
Sunday, 5:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.
Meals Served: 1,377

First Baptist Church in Essex

10 Prospect Street, Essex
Monday, 5:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.
Meals Served: 1,375

St. John's Episcopal Church

3 Cross Street, Essex
Tuesday, 5:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.
Meals Served: 1,062

Grace Episcopal Church

336 Main Street, Old Saybrook
Wednesday, Noon - 1:00 P.M.
Meals Served: 1,620

United Methodist Church

12 Commerce Street, Clinton
Wednesday, 5:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.
Meals Served: 1,495

Deep River Congregational Church

1 Church Street, Deep River
Thursday, 5:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.
Meals Served: 4,846

Trinity Lutheran Church

109 Main Street, Centerbrook
Friday, Noon - 1:00 P.M.
Meals Served: 2,858

Westbrook Congregational Church

1166 Boston Post Road, Westbrook
Friday., 6:00 P.M.- 7:00 P.M.
Meals Served: 3,730

Backpack Support Program:

First Congregational Church, 2 Ferry Road, Old Lyme

SSKP provides a variety of snacks and other food items to local Backpack Programs for students. In 2024 we provided 4,497 pounds of food and served 1,536 students in nine local schools.





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