

2024



IMPACT REPORT



Hello friends of the Kitchen,

I am so happy to report that we have helped 1,227 individuals get the nourishment they needed as they faced food insecurity...right here in our community! Thanks to you and your involvement we have impacted many lives. I had a patron tell me, "I just love fresh fruit so much but I can't afford it at the store." She had a big smile on her face as she took a bag of cherries that our team had rescued. The simple joys we can take for granted mean so much to others because they are trying to pay for medicine, rent, or save to fix their vehicle. We are very blessed to have this soup kitchen that meets the needs of our neighbors.

Another part of Greensburg Community Bread of Life is offering nourishment for the soul. When people volunteer, donate, or participate in a class, it inspires the feeling of community and belonging to something that offers fellowship and friendship. You can't help but thank the Lord.

If you haven't had an opportunity to attend a RISE class, join us! We have had a great time with the RISE classes. Keep an eye out for the new classes offered in 2025. They will not disappoint.

Our clothing ministry, Garments of Grace, is established now and doing remarkable things. Helping people look their best for a job interview, the first day of school, or just having clothing that fits properly is pouring the love of Christ into a life that was created in His image.

Thank you, friends, for your prayers and support of this mission that is making a difference.

May God bless your generosity,

Melissa

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Volunteer Banquet 2024

We Were On Island Time!

This year, our volunteers were hanging ten and soaking up the appreciation during our annual volunteer banquet. Our theme was Bubbles Up, with the building being turned into a beach oasis and guests putting their “fins up” for Jimmy Buffett tunes performed by Rich Bryant. Volunteers enjoyed a wonderful meal inspired by “Cheeseburger in Paradise”.

Thanks to all who made this year’s volunteer banquet a time to remind our volunteers they are loved.



Tune in to our game show-themed event coming up April 25, 2025!



Volunteer of the Year

Arlene Gehl was our much cherished and honored 2024 Bread of Life Volunteer of the Year! Arlene, who has been a part of the Bread of Life’s mission since 2002, has served nearly 800 hours helping us to fulfill our mission of faithfully serving together to meet our neighbors' needs. A faithful volunteer, Arlene has served on the Board and spent many hours helping prep and deliver meals to our community for the past 22 years.

More Ways to Give



The Merrill Fund

In honor of former board member and longtime volunteer Merrill Smith, Greensburg Bread of Life has established the Merrill Smith Memorial Fund to assist patrons in need of immediate help.

Merrill's legacy of generosity and care will live on through this fund, providing hope and relief to those facing unexpected challenges. This fund will provide gifts for essential needs, such as a car battery or assistance with an electric bill, to offer support in critical moments. We invite you to donate to this special fund and help continue Merrill's mission of compassion, making a difference in the lives of those who need it most. Every contribution, no matter the size, will have a lasting impact.

The Supper Club

We invite you to become a part of our Supper Club, a special initiative designed to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve. Our mission has always been to ensure that every family in our community has access to nourishing meals and the support they need to thrive.

With a monthly pledge of just \$25, you can provide a warm and hearty supper for a family of four. Your generous support will ensure families have a nourishing meal at the end of each day, bringing comfort and relief to those who need it most.

Scan and start donating today!



*A gift every month
makes a difference
everyday*



\$25 a month

Feeds a family of four



\$50 a month

Feeds two families



\$100 a month

Feeds four families

2024 IMPACT



149

serving days



1,227

individuals
receiving meals



29,661

meals served



2,168

Blessing Boxes
distributed



195,821

pounds of food & goods
rescued/donated



7,313

volunteer hours
given



4,914

pounds of new or gently used
clothing donated



162

Garments of Grace
clients clothed

**numbers from September 1, 2023 - August 31, 2024*



Thank You!

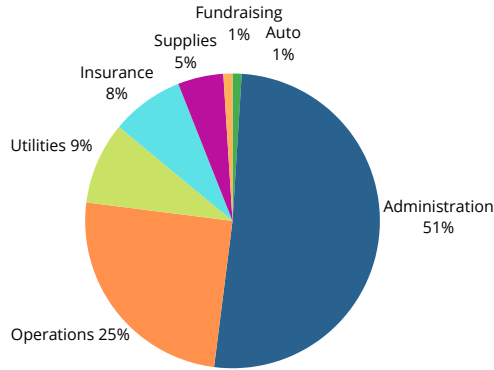
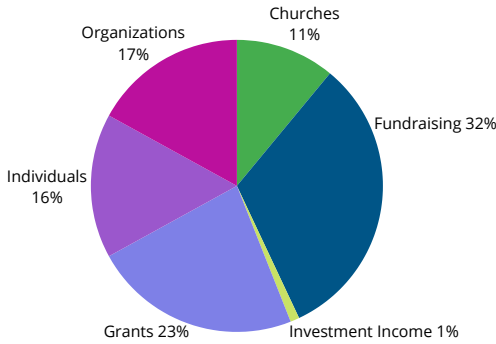
Every day, we fulfill our mission as a result of your generous contributions—whether it's financial support, donations of food or clothing, your time, or your prayers. It's the support from our community—you—the individuals, churches, organizations, and businesses that make our work possible. Thank you!

Our mission:

Faithfully serving together to meet our neighbors' needs.

Financial Summary*

*financials from September 1, 2023 - August 31, 2024



Revenue

Grants	\$75,875.00
Investment Income	\$1,974.34
Individual Donations	\$54,792.30
Organization Donations	\$56,810.47
Church Donations	\$38,721.33
Fundraising	\$109,118.30
TND	\$33,785.08
Fogg FFF 2023	\$66,616.00
Brewsaugh FFF YTD	\$6,554.92
Noodle Sales	\$2,152.26
Cookbook Sales	\$10.00

Total Revenue **\$337,291.74**

Expenses

Food Rescue Vans	\$1,928.50
Insurance	\$25,397.00
Kitchen Supplies	\$13,474.87
Utilities/Maintenance	\$27,192.48
Operations	\$75,950.83
Administration	\$152,830.60
Fundraising	\$2,645.24

Total Expenses **\$299,419.52**



FARMERS Feeding the Flock



Farmers Feeding the Flock has grown into our largest fundraiser. This initiative showcases the powerful partnership of our soup kitchen and local agricultural leaders coming together to raise funds to feed those in need. Here's how it works:

- A local farmer provides acreage for planting.
- Bread of Life asks for in-kind gifts from local agriculture businesses as well as donations from our donors to help offset the cost of soil preparation, planting, fertilization, and harvest.
- After the growing season, crops are harvested and sold.
- Greensburg Community Bread of Life then receives all net profits to support operational needs.

A HUGE thank you to Brewsaugh Family Farm for donating 20 acres of corn in honor of Bob Brewsaugh for our 7th Annual Farmers Feeding the Flock fundraiser. We are incredibly grateful to all our generous donors—Greensburg Bread of Life has received an astounding \$41,670 so far! Final numbers will be announced at the Harvest Day Celebration Dinner on November 8, 2024. This fundraiser not only plays a crucial role in supporting our Kitchen's daily operations but also promotes agriculture while educating the community about the costs and risks of crop farming, which truly is the **Bread of Life**.



Farmers Feeding the Flock Partners

2018 Evans Family Farms, Inc.
2019 John & Adele Corya
2020 S & G Farms

2021 Hulsbosch Dairy Farm
2022 Shirk Family Farm
2023 Fogg Family Farm

The 17th Annual Turkey Noodle Drive-Thru Dinner

On the first Thursday in March, cars lined up early to enjoy our famous turkey noodle dinner, made possible by months of preparation. Starting in August 2023, teams of volunteers made noodles and pie filling, using 75 turkeys, 1,000 lbs. of flour, and more.

Thanks to your support, in 2024 we sold 2,204 meals and raised \$33,875! Whether you bought a ticket, volunteered, sponsored, or kept us in your prayers, we couldn't have done it without you.

**Mark your calendars for March 6, 2025
as we prepare for another Turkey
Noodle Drive-Thru Dinner!**



Scan for complete list of sponsors.





Garments of Grace

'For we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.' Timothy 6:7-8

We are so grateful for the generous clothing donations we receive. As a result, Garments of Grace collected over 4,900 pounds of used adult clothing.

We were able to provide clothing to 162 patrons, meeting not only their basic clothing needs but also offering compassion in action and instilling hope and confidence in each person we served.

Thanks to our volunteers and supporters, Garments of Grace continues to be a vital resource for our community, embodying our mission of meeting our neighbors' needs.

In addition to the gracious individuals who have made donations, we also partner with Maurices to collect like-new or gently used clothing donations.



Garments of Grace is open by appointment only for clients and donors on Thursdays from 8 am - 4 pm at 700 Randall Street, Greensburg. For more information, call 812-560-3728.

Our RISE classes are a way to bring people together and help them learn important life skills. Upcoming classes will focus on budgeting, meal planning, and personal growth, giving participants helpful tools for everyday life. Past classes have covered topics like chair yoga, crocheting, healthy eating, and crockpot cooking, giving people experiences they can use right away. These classes are open to everyone and are a way for the Greensburg community to come together and support one another.

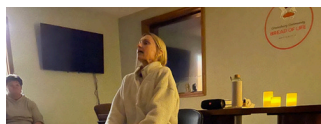


To learn about upcoming RISE classes and to register online, visit our website.

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Learn to Crochet



Chair Yoga

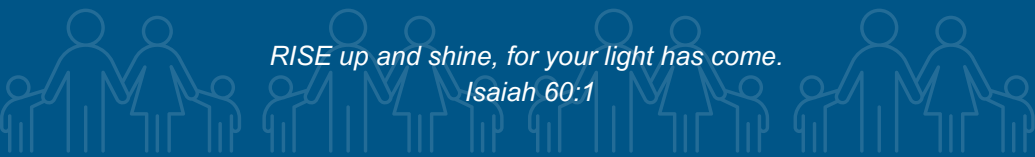


Crockpot Cooking



Healthy Eating

*RISE up and shine, for your light has come.
Isaiah 60:1*



Bread of Life Staff



Melissa Foist
Executive Director



Shawn Terrell
Kitchen Assistant



Jess Steffen
Administrative Assistant



Tina Sweeny
*Volunteer Coordinator &
Garments of Grace Manager*



Ashley Turner
Utility/Dish Attendant



Guy Glendenning
Food Rescue



Jason Williamson
Utility/Dish Attendant

2024 Board of Directors



Front Row: Jake Hawkins, Jerran Jackson (President), Doug Banks, and Mark Roszelle.

Back Row: Emerson Gunn (Student Director), Emily Schebler (Secretary/Student Director), Charity Banks (Treasurer), Susan Stewart (Vice President), Amber Burkhardt, and Greg Gault.

Not pictured: Andrea Nicholas.