

# IMPACT REPORT

2023-2024 | June 2024

Dear Friends and Supporters,

A Hand2Hand difference maker is defined as an ordinary person accomplishing extraordinary things with God's help. It's been an honor and a privilege to continue the God-honoring work of **our very first difference-maker, Cheri Honderd**. Cheri founded and led our organization for 15 years through her vision for kids to experience God's love for them through weekend food. **This is the work we continue together today.**



difference  
**MAKER** 




**bring home their food bags. We love volunteering to help pack the bags together as a family. Thank you for being the loving hands and feet of Jesus!"**

Your commitment to helping vulnerable children in our community is truly inspiring, and we are deeply grateful for your partnership as we continue to carry out our mission. Your contributions are making a difference in the lives of these students, ensuring they have access to nutritious meals and the support they need to thrive.

On behalf of every student who counts on their Hand2Hand food over the 68-hour gap of the weekend and extended breaks, a heartfelt thanks is extended.

With deep appreciation,



Jodi Joseph  
Executive Director



## FOLLOW THE BACKPACK

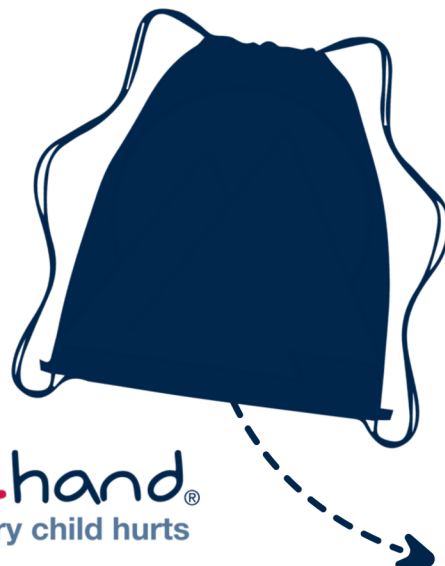
Throughout this report, we invite you to experience the journey of a Hand2Hand backpack filled with weekend food, alongside the many hands that contribute at every step—from donating, packing, and delivering, to praying. Your involvement makes a difference in the lives of students!

### OUR MISSION

Hand2Hand delivers nutritious food to students over the weekends and on extended school breaks by mobilizing churches, schools, individuals, and businesses to join together, providing hope and opportunity to thrive.



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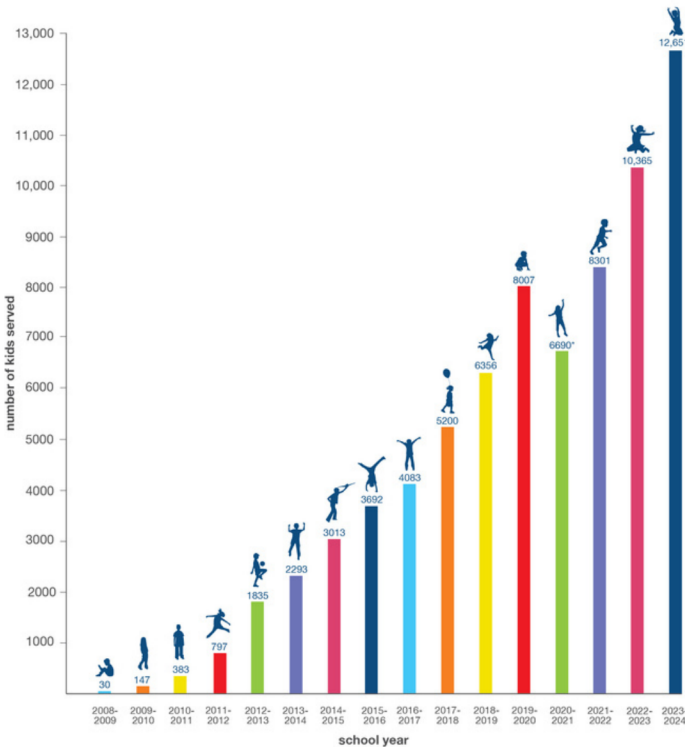


# Growth and Financials



Did you know 1 in 8 children are at risk of hunger right here in West Michigan? Hand2Hand is community-funded thanks to businesses, churches, grants, foundations, and individuals like you!

2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR



**500,642**  
backpacks delivered

**5 MILLION**  
food items delivered



WE SERVE...

**12,651**  
Students

including 2,286 new students

**280**  
Schools

including 8 new schools

**45**  
School Districts

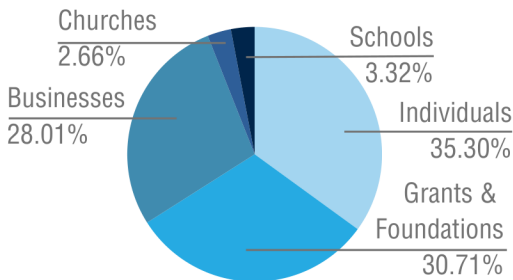
**145**  
Church Partners



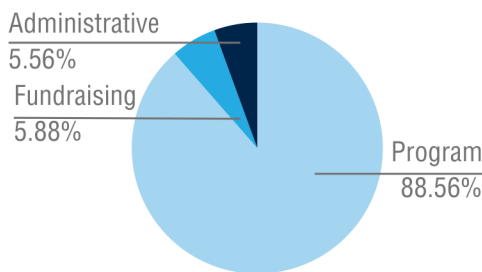
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Hand2Hand is proud to be recognized for financial transparency and responsibility at the highest level.

## CONTRIBUTIONS



## EXPENSES



\*as of May 31, 2024

For questions or to receive Hand2Hand's 990, please contact [finance@h2hkids.org](mailto:finance@h2hkids.org).

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"As I watch students go into their lockers and find their backpacks at the end of the week, I see smiles and a sense of comfort." - principal

# Packing Backpacks



Our West Michigan community joins together to assemble weekend backpacks of food for students packed with love and prayers.



**161,689** volunteer hours were generously donated this year



**317,481** pounds of food packed at Community Packing Events



**314,136** food items donated



**244** businesses got involved in eliminating weekend hunger



**12,651** nutrition packs distributed thanks to Amway



Thank you to our 2024 Provider of Hope Sponsors: First Companies, FOAMit, and Sun Title



**\$47,517** raised by schools in Change for Hope fundraisers



**27** field trips and school visits



**52,272** food items collected by schools

"When I don't have enough food and I'm hungry I can always rely on you." - student

# Partnering in Hope



Church partners come alongside a local school to serve students at risk of hunger and deliver hope in the form of weekend food.



"The store not only saves me money but it saves me time. It's my 'easy button'. - Hand2Hand coordinator



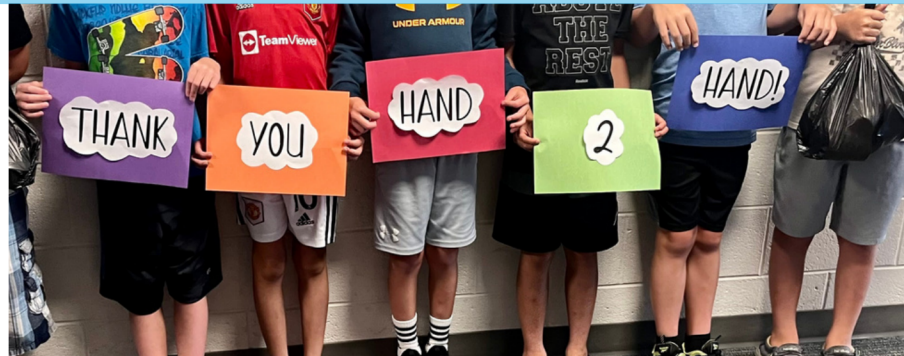
The Hand2Hand Store successfully launched this fall! We saved our church partners an estimated **\$153,934** by providing access to wholesale food.



Thank you to SoundOff Signal for your generous donation of warehouse space.

## Summer school food pilots ▶

are serving approximately 660 students. We received a sweet "thank you" from these summer school students!



**We're listening!**  
Program surveys  
and focus groups.



## You are a Difference-Maker!

Arnie's Bakery is sharing the loaf! Arne and his brothers bake fresh bread rolls for our students.



Retired school administrator Dave Feenstra volunteers as a coordinator, delivering backpacks to schools.



A special volunteer team of many former teachers help pack food for schools that are waiting for a church partner.



Little hands making a big difference! Dana packs food with her preschool students each week and they take turns praying over the food.

Un poco de alivio (a little relief)

**healthy food** thank you  
one less thing to worry about

**incredibly blessed**

relieved more food on the table  
my kids can have snacks  
more money to pay medical bills  
something to count on

more food options  
for breakfast, lunch, and dinner **feeling cared for**  
**saved us more than once**

fills the gap

"On Fridays our kids bring home something to eat and we can breathe easier." - parent

# Continue The Impact

## Goals for the 2024/2025 program year:

- Capacity to add 2,500 additional students to schools we currently support
- Increase volunteer engagement opportunities
- Provide more opportunities for parents and students to give feedback
- Increase student nutrition education
- Expand the summer food program
- Increase the distribution of produce items with our generously donated refrigerated box truck



## We need YOU! Opportunities to Get Involved:

### PRAY

- We invite you to be in prayer with us by joining our prayer team

### VOLUNTEER

- Attend a Community Packing Event
- Collect or pack requested food items located on our website
- Sign up to receive a monthly email with volunteer opportunities
- We are looking for church partners to serve schools in Holland, Kentwood, Muskegon, and Walker.

### GIVE

- Sponsor a Student for \$144 per school year
- Businesses can sponsor or host a packing event
- Schools can collect food or funds
- Join the Drive Out Hunger challenge this fall

Contact [info@h2hkids.org](mailto:info@h2hkids.org) to learn more.

A special thank you to our 2024 Provider of Hope Sponsors:



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DID YOU KNOW?

**1 in 8 kids**

are at risk of hunger  
in West Michigan.

\*Feeding America



"I'm a single mom with a wonderful 10 year old son. I struggle to make ends meet and am grateful for the support." - parent

# A Teacher's Story

"I have a student whose eyes light up each Friday when he goes to his locker and sees his Hand2Hand backpack. He is always thrilled and wants to open it right away!"



SAVE THE DATE!

## Hope for Kids Fundraising Dinner Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Join us for a dinner and an auction in support of Hand2Hand students. The funds raised will help feed an additional 2,500 students and sustain our current Hand2Hand programs.



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