

# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

**CHILD HUNGER**  
OUTREACH PARTNERS  
#NoOneIsHungry



OUR MISSION: IS TO CREATE AN ENTIRE GENERATION THAT DOESN'T KNOW HUNGER THROUGH INNOVATIVE AND COLLABORATIVE OUTREACH PARTNERSHIPS.





*A Message From*  
 **CONRAD**  
CHAIR OF THE BOARD

As Chair of the Board of Child Hunger Outreach Partners, I am honored to present our annual report for 2023. This report is a testament to the dedication, hard work, and unwavering commitment of our organization, staff, volunteers, and supporters in the fight against childhood hunger.

Child Hunger Outreach Partners (CHOP) was founded with a singular mission: to eradicate childhood hunger from our communities. In 2023 we continued to make significant strides towards this goal, despite the unprecedented challenges posed by the economic climate. Our programs and initiatives reached thousands of children, providing them with nutritious meals, essential resources, and a sense of hope for a brighter future.

Throughout the past year, we remained agile and responsive to the evolving needs of our communities. We expanded our outreach efforts to reach more underserved areas, collaborated with local partners to maximize our impact, and implemented innovative solutions to address the root causes of childhood hunger. From mobile food pantries to weekend backpack programs, our initiatives have touched the lives of countless children and families, ensuring that no child goes to bed hungry.

None of this would have been possible without the dedication and support of our volunteers, donors, and community partners. Their generosity, compassion, and tireless efforts have been the driving force behind our success, and we are immensely grateful for their continued support.

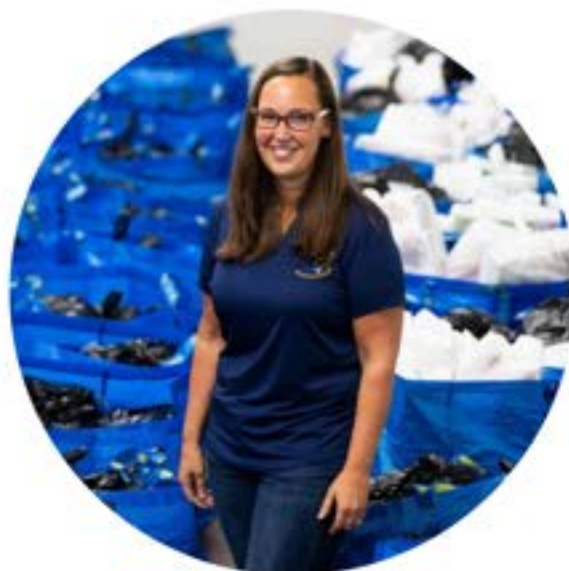
Looking ahead, we remain steadfast in our commitment to ending childhood hunger and creating a future where every child has access to nutritious food and the opportunity to thrive. With the continued support of our community, we are confident that we can achieve our vision of a world free from hunger.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to our mission in 2023.

*A Message From*

**DANI**

FOUNDER & CEO



As we reflect on the past five years since the founding of Child Hunger Outreach Partners, I am filled with immense gratitude and pride for all that we have accomplished together. What started as a humble vision to eradicate child hunger in our local school district has blossomed into a powerful movement that has touched the lives of so many families in need. The dedication and generosity of our supporters, volunteers, and staff have truly been the driving force behind our success.

I am thrilled to share that over the past five years, we have been able to provide thousands of meals to children, seniors, and others, who would otherwise go to bed hungry. Through our innovative programs and partnerships, we have not only met the immediate needs of these children but have also empowered them to break the cycle of food insecurity. The impact of our work is tangible, and it fills me with hope for a brighter, healthier future for all in our community.

As we look ahead to the future, I am filled with optimism and excitement for what we can achieve together. With your continued support, I am confident that Child Hunger Outreach Partners will continue to grow and make an even greater impact in the years to come. Thank you for believing in our mission and joining us on this incredible journey to end hunger once and for all.



# ABOUT CHOP

CHOP (Child Hunger Outreach Partners) started with a humble initiative to support 45 middle school students in Towanda, PA, after the founder's daughter revealed that some students couldn't afford lunch. Since its inception in 2019, CHOP has expanded significantly, now serving tens of thousands of students weekly across Pennsylvania. The organization aims to combat childhood hunger by forming partnerships nationwide and establishing new program branches.

Key programs include:

- **Backpack Program:** Providing students with bags of food every Friday to sustain them through the weekend, containing nutritious and easy-to-prepare items alongside fresh produce.
- **In-School Pantries:** Implementing self-serve pantries in high schools, allowing students to access nutritious snacks and take-home food while promoting self-advocacy.
- **Pop Up Pantries:** Bringing food directly into communities via a box truck, offering pantry staples, fresh produce, meats, and dairy without income restrictions.
- **Summer Meal Programs:** Utilizing various distribution models, such as weekly summer programs with meals/snacks or distributing backpack-like boxes to families.



# THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS



**16558 volunteer hours**

were dedicated, equivalent to filling 9 full-time positions.  
This support helped cover expenses and enabled us to reach more children.





**CHOP** is committed to eradicating child hunger in Pennsylvania through a multifaceted approach. Through policy advocacy efforts, CHOP collaborates with lawmakers and stakeholders to enact legislation and policies aimed at addressing the root causes of child hunger, enhancing access to nutrition assistance programs, and strengthening the safety net for vulnerable families. Concurrently, CHOP engages local communities through outreach programs, pop-up pantries, and educational workshops, fostering collaboration among schools, food banks, and nonprofits to raise awareness and mobilize support for hunger relief efforts. By promoting food literacy and empowering individuals to become advocates for change, CHOP strives to build a sustainable network of support and create a future where no child in Pennsylvania goes to bed hungry.

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# BY THE NUMBERS



**34,497**

STUDENTS HAVE  
ACCESS TO AN  
IN-SCHOOL  
PANTRY



**134**

SCHOOLS AND  
PROGRAMS  
SERVED



**196,980**

BACKPACK BAGS  
DISTRIBUTED



**51**

PRODUCE  
DISTRIBUTIONS



**1,589,645**

POUNDS OF FOOD  
PROVIDED



**11,042**

STUDENTS HAD  
FOOD DURING  
SUMMER

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Nurse Shelly noticed a troubling trend among her young students. Day after day, she found herself tending to a growing number of children complaining of stomach ache. At first, she wondered if it was just a ploy to escape the classroom, but as the complaints persisted, she began to sense something deeper was at play. Determined to uncover the root cause, Nurse Shelly delved deeper into the lives of her students. What she discovered was heartbreaking yet eye-opening. Many of these children were coming to school on empty stomachs, their hunger gnawing at them even as they tried to focus on their studies.

Child Hunger Outreach Partners started serving the school and an in-school pantry was established, providing nutritious meals and snacks to those in need. The impact was immediate and profound. No longer were the children plagued by empty bellies and distracting hunger pangs. Instead, they found nourishment and comfort in having access to food. As a result, the complaints of belly aches dwindled, replaced by the laughter and energy of well-fed students ready to learn. But the impact didn't stop there. With their basic need for food met, the students were able to focus better in class, leading to improved academic performance. And perhaps most importantly, truancy rates began to decline as students were able to access this food in the school.

Thanks to the generosity and support of donors and supporters like you, CHOP has made a tangible difference in the lives of these children and their families. Together, we are breaking the cycle of hunger and ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive. With your continued support, we can reach even more communities in need and make a lasting impact for generations to come.





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