

ANNUAL REPORT

2024



2024 REFLECTIONS



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Executive Director

As I approach my one-year anniversary as Executive Director of Aunt Dot's Place, I continue to be inspired by the incredible dedication of the many volunteers who power our daily operations, and by the generosity of all who make our mission possible.

With 2 in 5 Vermonters facing food insecurity, we saw a continued rise in demand for our services in 2024, along with increasing food costs.

Thanks to our amazing volunteers, we ensured smooth operations during our staff transition, hosted a successful Bowl-A-Thon,

grew produce in our L4 Collaborative community garden, delivered groceries to seniors, partnered with local schools, and so much more.

We are now developing a strategic plan to guide our efforts in meeting the evolving needs of our diverse community in the years ahead.

When you give to Aunt Dot's Place, you are filling plates—and filling hearts.

Thank you for helping us move closer to our vision of a healthy, thriving community where everyone enjoys lasting food security.

OUR MISSION

To support our neighbors facing food insecurity by providing nourishing food, essential personal care items, and community connections.

We serve individuals and families from Essex, Essex Junction, Jericho, Underhill and Westford.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

We are powered by the shared commitment and leadership of our dedicated volunteers. Every week, our 100+ volunteers make our mission possible—doing everything from picking up donations, doing inventory, weighing and sorting food, to welcoming customers, assisting shoppers and delivering food to seniors.

Thank you volunteers!



OUR IMPACT

Aunt Dot's Place is a client-choice food shelf where our neighbors facing food insecurity can select their own groceries to meet their personal needs and preferences. In addition to non-perishable food, we offer fresh produce and bread, frozen meat and a selection of dairy products. We also stock items for those with food allergies, dietary restrictions and cultural needs.

2,649

TOTAL VISITS

1,184

CLIENTS SERVED

423

HOUSEHOLDS SERVED

\$49.29

COST TO FEED A
FAMILY PER VISIT

209,830

POUNDS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED



I had to fight the stigma of using a food shelf so that I could relieve some financial pressures and Aunt Dot's helped me do that because they offer a judgment free, welcoming environment and helpful attitude...Thank you Aunt Dot's for filling the gap a little so that I don't have to go to bed at night wondering how I will be able to pay all my bills and still feed my kids.

-Anonymous, Client Survey

Did You Know?

Children with food insecurity have increased risk of chronic illness, cognitive delays, and mental illness.

I was very underemployed with three small children to feed when I found Aunt Dot's. Coming away from there on my first trip, I had enough food to feed myself more than the once a day I had been down to, as I had been skipping meals to make sure my kids could eat.

-Anonymous, Client Survey

KEY STATISTICS 2024

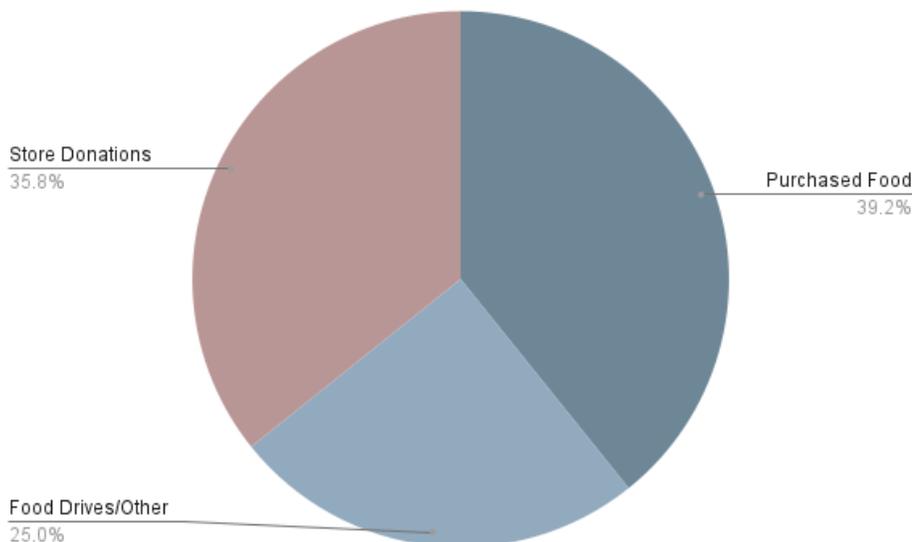
- 18% increase in clients served
- Served 22% more households
- Food expenses up by 24% since 2022

Client Demographic Highlights

- 37% of clients were children
- 20% of clients were retired or had disabilities
- 16% of clients were unemployed
- 14% of visits had special dietary needs

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

WHERE OUR FOOD COMES FROM



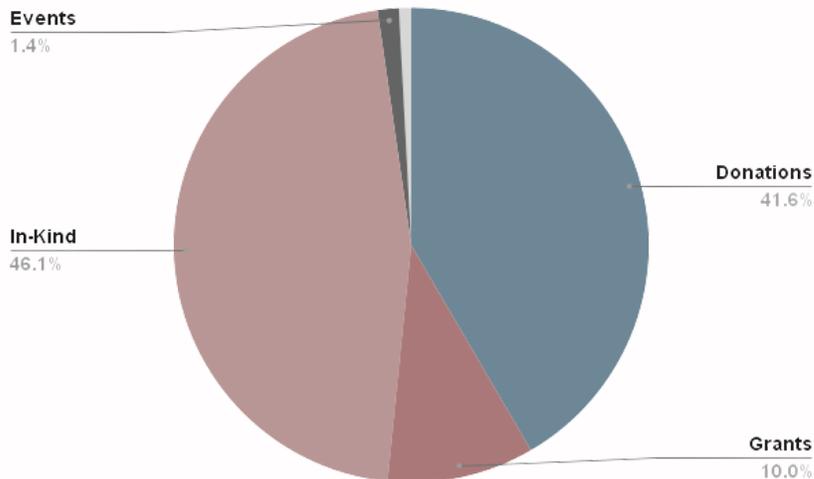
**Proud to be a
Vermont FoodBank Network Partner**

More than half of the food we distribute is donated. Thank you to our Fresh Rescue Store Donation Partners—Hannaford, Costco & Trader Joes—and over 79 businesses, school groups, churches and civic organizations that organized food drives in 2024. To view a complete list of our partners, visit auntdotsplace.com.

2024 FINANCIALS

REVENUE \$533,129

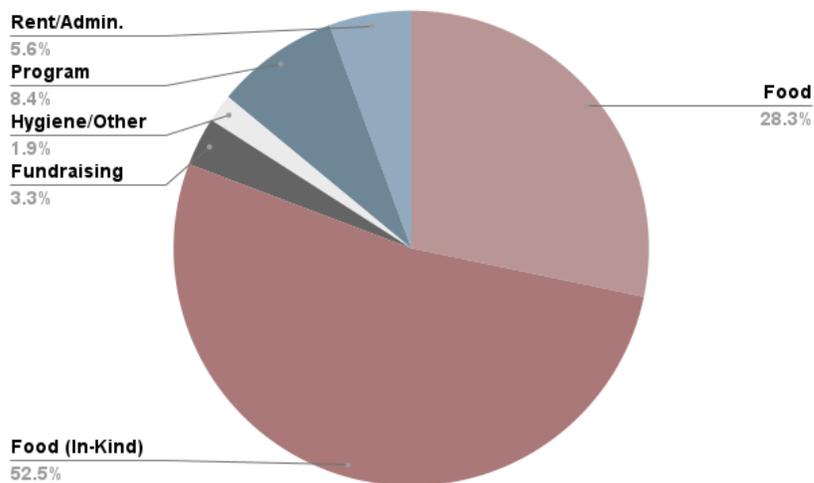
● Donations	\$221,777
● Grants	\$53,300
● In-Kind	\$245,948
● Events	\$7,656
● Investment	\$4,448



EXPENSES \$468,663

● Food Purchases	\$132,534
● Food (In-Kind)	\$245,948
● Hygiene/Other	\$8,982
● Fundraising*	\$15,553
● Program	\$39,430
● Rent/Admin.	\$26,216

**Includes events, special appeals & gift administration*



12/31/2024 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Total Assets	\$338,648
Total Liabilities	\$11,973
Net Assets	\$326,675

MAJOR DONORS

BTV Local & Indigenous Fund
 Costco
 Essex Alliance Church
 Essex Community Players
 Grace United Methodist Church
 Global Foundries
 Hannaford - Essex
 Munson Family Foundation
 Louise C. Mussen Trust
 NBT Bank

NorthCountry Federal Credit Union
 O'Brien Electric
 Prolytix
 Rotary Club Charities of Essex
 SeaComm Federal Credit Union
 Sleepy Hollow Post & Beam
 Sparky's Bar & Grill
 Trader Joe's
 Vermont Information Processing

GRANTS

Ben & Jerry's Foundation
 Essex Human Services
 National Life Group Foundation
 Vermont Foodbank
 • Capacity Grant
 • Mini Fresh Grant
 • Vermonters Feeding Vermonters
 Waterwheel Foundation

& Many More Generous Individuals, Organizations and Businesses

RAISING FUNDS AND AWARENESS



Our first Bowl-A-Thon Fundraiser was a big success thanks to presenting sponsor NorthCountry Federal Credit Union (team picture, above) and team sponsors: Bouchard Pierce, Essex Rotary, Global Foundries, O'Brien Electric, Prolytix, Team Amato, Team Bates & Vermont Information Processing.

2024 Highlights

L4 Community Garden

Addi's Big Beautiful Life Run, Walk, Roll

beCAUSE Craft Fair

Bowl-A-Thon Fundraiser

Essex Alliance Church Monthly Drive

Explore Essex & National Night Out

Matt Lumsden Memorial Day Drive

School Backpack Outreach Program

Senior Living Delivery Program

Thanksgiving Meals & Turkeys

Volunteer Appreciation Night

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Susan Miyamoto • *President*

Amy Boudreaux • *Secretary*

Alice Astarita • *Treasurer*

Len Bates

Aimee Cronin

Jonathan Ophardt

Max Seaton

STAFF

Kaki McGeary • *Executive Director*

“During the end of the month when we are low on food, Aunt Dot's has always been here for us! We appreciate this program very much. We thank each and every volunteer for their dedication to helping our family.

-Anonymous, Client Survey

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