

2025 River Valley Regional Food Bank Annual Report

Year-In-Review

The River Valley Regional Food Bank had a strong, successful year in 2025, distributing 17 million pounds of food — 16.7 million meals — to families in need, despite the economic challenges of inflation and rising food and transportation costs.

The River Valley Regional Food Bank is proud to be a continued provider of food assistance, feeding nearly 95,000 residents across eight Arkansas River Valley counties each month. We are one of six Feeding America partner food banks in the state of Arkansas. We are a member of the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance and the United Way of the Fort Smith area.

Each year, we host food giveaways and specialized feeding events to feed thousands of low- to no-income local children, seniors, and veterans. Our programs enable improve service to more than 150 partner agencies and the residents they serve across eight counties in the Arkansas River Valley.

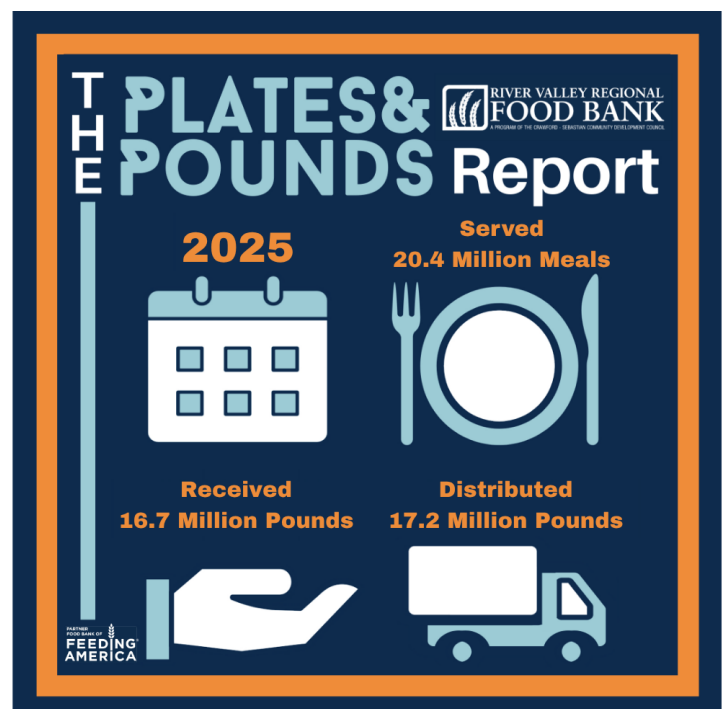
Our goal each year is to decrease hunger by distributing food to families who need it.

We thank our staff for their hard work and dedication to our mission, and our donors, corporate and community donors, whose contributions allow us to do the work we do each day.

To recap our year, here are some highlights of our accomplishments:

Expanding Community Partnerships:

Strong partnerships remain at the heart of the River Valley Regional Food Bank's mission. Throughout 2025, businesses, churches, schools, healthcare organizations, civic groups, and individual donors came together to help fight hunger across West Central Arkansas. Community food drives, grant funding, volunteer service, and financial contributions helped strengthen our ability to provide nutritious food where it was needed most.



This year also brought new opportunities to collaborate with organizations dedicated to improving the health and well-being of our neighbors. These partnerships not only increased available food resources but also expanded awareness of food insecurity throughout the communities we serve.

2025 Highlights

- Strengthened relationships with local businesses and corporate partners.
- Partnered with local businesses like CINTAS, Harps, Hiland Dairy, Randall Ford, and Mars Petcare to participate in food drives or volunteer events
- Secured grant funding to support food acquisition and operational capacity.
- Worked with keystone businesses in the area to encourage bigger advocacy campaigns and support during wavering times.
- Continues collaboration with Feeding America, the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance, and the United Way of Fort Smith.

Increasing Food Access

As food insecurity continued to impact families across the Arkansas River Valley, the River Valley Regional Food Bank remained focused on ensuring neighbors had consistent access to nutritious food. Through warehouse distributions, USDA Food distributions, community food giveaways, and partner agency support, we continued providing food assistance to residents throughout our eight-county service area.

Special attention was given to reaching rural communities where transportation challenges and limited grocery options often create additional barriers to accessing healthy food.

2025 Highlights

- Continued USDA Food Distributions throughout the year.
- Supported community food giveaways across the service area.
- Helped to host several Pop-Up distributions where nutritious food was given directly to neighbors in need attending our distribution.
- Increased access to nutritious food in rural and underserved communities.
- Maintained a reliable food supply despite inflation and rising operational costs.

Supporting Our Partner Agencies

Our partner agencies are the foundation of hunger relief across the Arkansas River Valley. Throughout 2025, we continued supplying approximately 150 nonprofit food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, senior programs, and other organizations with the food and resources needed to serve their communities.

By strengthening communication, increasing available inventory, and providing ongoing support, we helped ensure partner agencies remained equipped to meet growing demand throughout the year.

2025 Highlights

- Continued serving more than 140 partner agencies.
- Strengthened collaboration through agency communication and support.
- Hosted an Agency Conference where all of our partner agencies were recognized for their work in the community, as well as a space for them to connect.
- Increased access to nutritious foods for local pantries and meal programs.
- Partnered with local partners during weather events to provide groceries to neighbors who had lost their own due to power loss.
- Worked alongside agencies to respond to changing community needs.



Fighting Food Waste

Every rescued food donation represents another opportunity to feed families instead of filling landfills. Throughout 2025, our food rescue efforts continued recovering safe, nutritious food from grocery stores, manufacturers, and other community partners.

Our transportation team traveled hundreds of miles throughout the River Valley, ensuring rescued food quickly reached partner agencies and families who could benefit from it.

THIS IS HOW WE FEED OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED



2025 Highlights

- Continued daily retail food rescue operations.
- Collaborated with partner agencies to set up with their local Dollar General location to encourage direct partner agency retail rescue procedures.
- Increased the distribution of fresh produce, dairy products, bakery items, and protein.
- Added additional cold storage options to keep food safe while in storage.
- Reduced food waste while maximizing community resources.
- Used grant funding to help upgrade the fleet for the retail rescue system.
- Expanded access to nutritious rescued foods through partner agencies.

Community Engagement

The fight against hunger extends far beyond the warehouse. Throughout 2025, the River Valley Regional Food Bank engaged community members through volunteer opportunities, educational outreach, fundraising campaigns, and special events designed to increase awareness of food insecurity.

During Hunger Action Month, local businesses, organizations, and residents united to raise awareness and support hunger relief efforts through food drives, fundraising campaigns, and community participation.

2025 Highlights

- Celebrated Hunger Action Month with community-wide awareness campaigns.
- Hosted volunteer groups from businesses, churches, schools, and civic organizations.
- Spoke at organizations to educate and inform about the food insecurity facts in our region.
- Participated in local outreach events and community festivals.
- Hosted a Waterpark event for low- or no-income families to enjoy a fun evening at the local waterpark.
- Continued annual fundraising and awareness events that support hunger relief.

Looking Ahead

As we look toward the future, the River Valley Regional Food Bank remains committed to expanding access to nutritious food, strengthening partnerships, and building a more food-secure Arkansas River Valley. We will continue investing in innovative solutions, supporting our partner agencies, and working alongside our generous donors, volunteers, businesses, and community organizations to meet the growing need of our neighbors.

Together, we are creating a stronger, healthier community where every person has reliable access to the food they need to thrive.

Financials

Please see below for our statement of financial position in the most recent fiscal year.

Crawford-Sebastian Community Development Council, Inc.
Statement of Net Position
September 30, 2025

Assets	
Cash	\$ 4,514,146
Accounts receivable	707,193
Inventory	
Food and other materials	244,314
Property for sale	562,831
Prepaid expenses	22,530
Property and equipment, net	2,168,009
Total Assets	<u>\$ 8,219,023</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 693,803
Accrued expenses	282,840
Total Liabilities	<u>976,643</u>
Net Assets	
Without donor restrictions	1,302,881
With donor restrictions	5,939,499
Total Net Assets	<u>7,242,380</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	
	<u>\$ 8,219,023</u>

Crawford-Sebastian Community Development Council, Inc.**Statement of Functional Expenses
For the Year Ended September 30, 2025**

		Supporting Services		
	Program Expenses	General and Administrative	Fundraising Expenses	Total
Assistance to individuals	\$ 34,476,634	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,476,634
Salaries and wages	1,209,909	536,243	3,414	1,749,566
Employee benefits	283,562	107,423	495	391,480
Payroll taxes	92,032	40,997	252	133,281
Donated services	361,306	-	-	361,306
Fees for services	582,154	73,709	-	655,863
Advertising and promotion	6,235	8,742	-	14,977
Office expenses	71,129	49,537	-	120,666
Occupancy	18,346	73,797	-	92,143
Travel	156,768	5,295	-	162,063
Depreciation	288,198	-	-	288,198
Insurance	-	85,578	-	85,578
Tools and equipment	27,915	-	-	27,915
Repairs and maintenance	72,512	13,155	-	85,667
Supplies	176,745	1,591	-	178,336
Other expenses	297,851	11,921	99,636	409,408
Total Operating Expenses	\$ <u>38,121,296</u>	\$ <u>1,007,988</u>	\$ <u>103,797</u>	\$ <u>39,233,081</u>

Crawford-Sebastian Community Development Council, Inc.

Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended September 30, 2025

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Revenues			
Contributions of cash	\$ 341,810	\$ 6,673,033	\$ 7,014,843
In-kind contributions	-	30,327,058	30,327,058
Donated services	2,388	358,918	361,306
Shared maintenance	-	535,479	535,479
Developer fees	60,142	218,643	278,785
Home sales revenue	268,317	254,765	523,082
Other revenue	296,608	11,427	308,035
Net assets released from restrictions	38,320,301	(38,320,301)	-
Total Revenues	39,289,566	59,022	39,348,588
Expenses			
Program expenses	38,121,296	-	38,121,296
Support services:			
Administrative expenses	1,007,988	-	1,007,988
Fundraising	103,797	-	103,797
Total Expenses	39,233,081	-	39,233,081
Change in Net Assets	56,485	59,022	115,507
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	1,246,396	5,880,477	7,126,873
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 1,302,881	\$ 5,939,499	\$ 7,242,380

Crawford-Sebastian Community Development Council, Inc.

Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended September 30, 2025

Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Increase in net assets	\$ 115,507
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities	
Depreciation	288,198
Changes in	
Accounts receivable	(382,022)
Inventory	(110,423)
Prepaid expenses	8
Accrued expenses	10,701
Accounts payable	102,321
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>24,290</u>

Cash Flows from Investing Activities

Purchase of capital assets	<u>(91,899)</u>
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities	<u>(91,899)</u>

Net Decrease in Cash (67,609)

Cash, Beginning of Year 4,581,755

Cash, End of Year \$ 4,514,146

2025 Fundraisers, Community Events and Donations

A thank you to the following who helped organize, host, or sponsor a fundraiser for the food bank in 2025. We appreciate you!

ABB, Aldi, Allegiance Pursuant Group, Alma Aquatic Center, Alma Seventh-Day Adventist Church, AOG/Summit Utilities, ArcBest, Arkansas Academy of Physician Assistants, Arkansas Community Foundation, Arkansas Farm Bureau – Young Farmers and Ranchers, Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance, Arkansas-Oklahoma State Fair, Arvest Bank, Ashley Furniture, Baptist Health, Belle Starr Antiques, Best Price Storage, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Butterball, Caddell Reynolds, Cadence Bank, California Customs, Cargill, Cerris Builders, Chick-fil-A, CINTAS, Clarksville Country Club, Costco Wholesale Corporation, Cox Communication, Combat Veterans Association of Arkansas Ch 7-3, Crawford County Library System, CyberSpyder, Inc., Darden Restaurants, Direct Auto Insurance, Dollar General, Feeding America, Fianna Hills Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, First Convenience Bank, First National Bank, Fort Smith Public Schools, Fort Smith Public Library, Fort Smith TSA, Fort Smith – Northside High School JROTC, Grand Avenue Baptist Church, Gerber, Ghan and Cooper, Harp's Food Stores, Hometown Therapy, Inc., Instacart, JJRK Investments, LLC, JPS Management LLC, Kibler Baptist Church, Kraft Heinz Company, Mars Pet Nutrition, Mercy Hospital, Morgan Stanley Foundation, Mountainburg First Assembly of God, National Association of Letter Carriers, Nestlé Health Science, North Graphic New Hope Baptist Church, OG&E, Optimist Club, Parrot Island Waterpark, Popeyes, Pro Care Innovations, QualServ, Randall Ford, Rath Auto Resources, Rheem, Reutzel Foundation, Sam's Club, St. Scholastica Monastery Benedictine Sisters, Steele Technologies, Taco's 4 Life, Target, Tate & Lyle, Texas Roadhouse, Tyson Foods, United Way of Fort Smith Area, United Federal Credit Union, University of Arkansas-Fort Smith, Walton Foundation, Walmart, Windsor Insurance Services, LLC.

Media Partners

And a thank you to our media partners for reporting on our mission to the public.

Southwest Times Record, KFSM Channel 5, KHBS-KHOG 40/29 TV and the Arkansas CW, KNSA TV, KISR 90.7 K-LOVE, 93.7, KTCS 99.9, KUAF 91.3, KFSW 98.7, Spirit KZKZ 106.3, KXXM Mix 105.1, Cox Media Group, River Valley Democrat-Gazette, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, iHeart Media Group, Resident Press.

Leadership Team

Below, please view our executive team and board members.

Our Mission Statement

Our Mission is to feed hungry people through a network of community organizations in West Central Arkansas, and to engage our communities in the fight to end hunger locally and nationally.

Our Executive Team



Marc Baker
Executive Director, C-SCDC, Inc.



Robin Moses
Deputy Executive Director, C-SCDC, Inc.



Hattie Hamilton
Director of Food Bank



Heather Culnane
Director of Finance

Office and Warehouse Staff

Chris Carlton, Customer Service Specialist
Elijah Hayden, Marketing and Development Coordinator
Isaiah McIntyre, Driver/Warehouse Specialist
Joe Saunders, Warehouse Operations Manager
Kerry Bruce, Office/Oasis Assistant/Volunteer Coordinator
Kerry Holt, Food Donation Coordinator
Kim Douglas, Agency Relations Programs Coordinator
Lisa Hardwick, Driver/Warehouse Specialist
Marc Toler, Driver/Warehouse Specialist
Matthew Smith, Driver/Warehouse Specialist
Shirley Grimes, Driver/Warehouse Specialist

Crawford-Sebastian Community Development Council

Board of Directors

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Silvia Rosales, Member
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Sharla Derry, Member
Doug Kinslow, Member
Chris Keith, Member
Tyrone Holloway, Member
Shawn Looper, Member
Mark Shaffer, Member
Delmi Sanabria, Member
Rick Scott, Vice-Chairperson
Roy Shankle, Member
Larry Combs, Member

River Valley Regional Food Bank Advisory Board Members

Marc Baker, C-SCDC Executive Director
Kim Douglas, River Valley Regional Food Bank Agency Relations Coordinator
Hattie Hamilton, River Valley Regional Food Bank Operations Manager
Elijah Hayden, River Valley Regional Food Bank Marketing and Development Coordinator
Clint Gooch, 40/29 KHBS/KHOG and the Arkansas CW
John Lax, Community Member
Rick Parks, Agency Representative – Kibler First Baptist
Roy Shankle, Agency Representative – Hearts to God