# NOURISHING TOMORROW



# INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

Dear Friends,

A few short months from now will mark 10 years since our founder, Tom Ferraro, passed away. It is hard to believe a decade has passed, as there are memories of Tom that still resonate with me on a daily basis. One example is one of his many sayings that echo through our hallways and warehouse ... and it has had an even greater significance since we purchased our Mt. Read Boulevard facility this past year.

#### "We never lose on our home court."

The saying refers to the thousands of times we have invited prospective supporters and community partners to our facility to show them our operations first-hand, and to share the story of our innovative approach to addressing food insecurity and poverty. Time and again, visitors walk into our facility thinking one thing, and leave with an entirely different understanding of our mission and the breadth of our impact.

Tom's saying was true a decade ago when he gave his last tour of Foodlink. It was true six years ago when we built our state-of-the-art community kitchen. It is true now.

And in the years ahead, the saying will carry even more weight.

The purchase of our facility did not generate any headlines the way a new Curbside Market vehicle, a Foodlink Career Fellowship graduation, or the opening of our Community Café might.

It does, however, signify the most significant investment to date in our future and in our community by creating an unparalleled opportunity for Foodlink to improve and expand how we serve and meet our mission.

The purchase of this building, expansion of our footprint, and investment in critical infrastructure needs would not be possible without your support – and will ensure that Foodlink continues our successful tradition on our everimpactful "home court."



In gratitude,

Julia Jedesco

President & CEO

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This Impact Report reflects Foodlink's most recent fiscal year from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

This report is dedicated to the memory of our beloved colleagues, Edgar Santa Cruz, Braiman Knight and Jeffrey Hargroves







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Another record-breaking produce total and a street last year



# HIGHLIGHTS



### The Festival of Food returns

After a two-year hiatus,
Foodlink's annual fall fundraiser
returned to the Public Market
in 2022! Our signature
fundraiser brought back some
of our favorite food and drink
establishments — and more
than 750 of our friends — for
a memorable and delicious
evening. Thank you to the
Public Market, our title sponsor,
Wegmans, all of the attendees,
and participating vendors who
helped make this night so special!



### Fall Fest at the farm

Foodlink also introduced a new event to our calendar last year — a Fall Festival at the Foodlink Community Farm! We invited our neighbors in the Lyell-Otis and Edgerton neighborhoods to a festive event at our farm on Lexington Avenue — with games, pumpkins, food & drink and kids' activities for local families. It's the start of a new tradition and a fun way to build community in Northwest Rochester!



### **Advocacy on Capitol Hill**

Anti-hunger advocacy has been in high gear for the better part of a year due to the recent expiration of the Farm Bill a massive piece of legislation that regulates many of our nation's most critical nutrition programs. This year, Foodlink was invited to offer testimony on one of the biggest stages possible — the U.S. Senate! Whitley Hasty, an outreach specialist at Foodlink, provided lived-experience testimony at a committee hearing about the importance of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Bravo to Whitley for a iob well done!



# **Gathering our network**

You can't mention Foodlink's work as a regional food bank without recognizing the hundreds of members who make this work possible. This past April, we had the opportunity to gather our membership network in one place for our Nourish Conference. Representatives from food pantries and meal programs spanning our 10-county service area shared a meal as we offered a "State of the Network" report about the emergency food system.

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A brand new day — and a bright future for Foodlink!

Purchasing our building last year was a monumental step forward for our organization and its commitment to this community and the thousands of people we serve.

Stewardship remains one of our core values and we look forward to transforming our headquarters into a world-class facility that matches our innovative and responsive reputation.



**Terra Keller**Senior VP / Chief Financial & Operating Officer

# FINANCIALS

	2023	2022
Public support & revenue	\$48,964,088*	\$50,624,279
Expenses	\$48,940,006	\$48,054,394
Change in net assets	\$24,082	\$2,569,885
	2023	2022
Assets	\$12,825,925	\$12,495,538
Liabilities	\$1,937,407	\$1,631,102
Net assets	2023	2022
Without donor restrictions	\$9,920,320	\$10,329,945
With donor restrictions	\$968,198	\$534,491
Total net assets	\$10,888,518	\$10,864,436



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Independent Auditor's Report, audited financial statements and IRS Form 990 available online or at the Foodlink, Inc. office located at 2011 Mt. Read Blvd, Rochester, NY 14615.





#### RAISED

Includes public support and non-government grants

#### **EARNED**

Includes fee-for-service revenue

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Federal and state funding

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# MISSION

To leverage the power of food to end hunger and build healthier communities.

# VISION

We believe that the fight against hunger and the fight against poverty are one and the same. We envision a future in which food is recognized as a human right and every person is able to feed themselves and their families in dignity. Together, we work to create a more nourished, prosperous region.





