



Healthy food on every table

2017 Annual Report





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Dear Harvest Pack Supporters,

Welcome to our 2017 Annual Report. The demand for Harvest Pack has never been stronger. New evidence in a 2017 United Nations report shows the number of hungry people is on the rise: 821 million people – around [one out of every nine people](#) in the world - were undernourished in 2017. Nationally, [40.0 million people, including 6.5 million children](#), lived in food-insecure households in 2017. Food shelves across the country continue to see an increased demand for both the amount of food and quality. In Minnesota alone, food shelf visits totaled [3.4 million, an all-time high](#). Data also showed food shelf clients - nearly unanimously - are specifically [requesting healthy staples](#). Neighbors across the United States and the world understand the vital necessity to feed healthy food to their families. We are proud to share Harvest Pack is meeting these needs better than ever:

2017 MARKED OUR 5 MILLIONTH MEAL PACKED IN OUR 5-YEAR HISTORY! #5MILLIONIN5!

Businesses, community organizations, and schools across the US came together to provide funding and contribute meaningful volunteer hours to accomplish this milestone. Individuals gave financial gifts (undoubtedly encouraged by Harvest Pack's 2017 "Gold Seal of Transparency" [GuideStar rating](#), awarded to the top 0.5% of registered nonprofits for sound financial practices) to fund event support. Harvest Pack works hard to ensure 90% of every event dollar is invested right back into donated meals.

But Harvest Pack's work is much broader than simply bringing a meal-packing opportunity to an event host. Harvest Pack events help educate people of all ages about the significance of their volunteerism: the difference each volunteer makes by packing nutritious meals, the impact of the donated food to those in need, the importance of good nutrition and accessibility of healthy food to everyone.

This is community connectedness at its best, and we are proud to work together on this vital need.

Share the Harvest,



William McNally
Executive Director
Harvest Pack



Doug Rude
Board Chair
Harvest Pack Board of
Directors

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- Celebrated our **5-year anniversary**, and, our **5 MILLIONTH meal** served!
- Held first open house of new warehouse and office space in St. Paul, MN
- Achieved GuideStar Gold Seal of Transparency rating

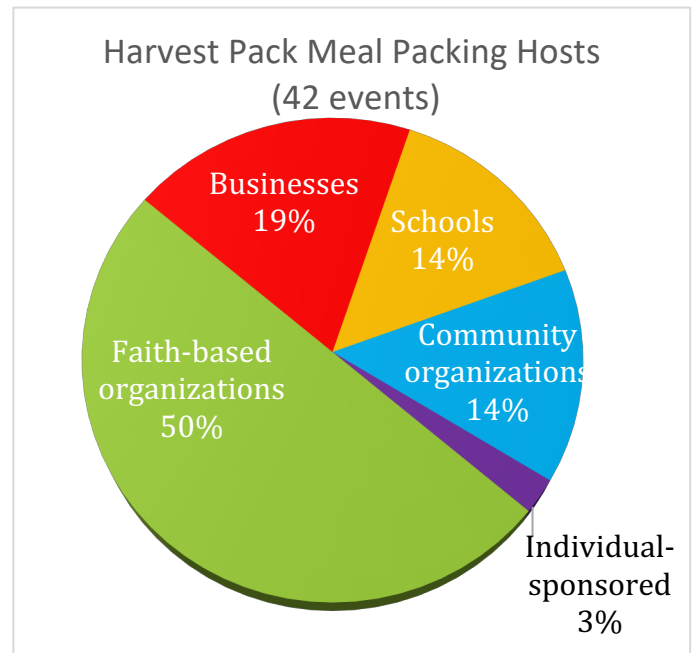
Where We Worked

42 Meal packing events
11 States

In 2017 Harvest Pack held 42 meal packing events in eleven states across the United States. This was nearly double the total number of 24 meal packing events held in 2016, and also included many repeat hosts. West Coast events produced some of the largest meal donation totals. Nearly half of all events were held in the Midwest region, building out from our organization's headquarters in St. Paul.

Community Engagement

Harvest Pack worked with a variety of event hosts throughout communities across Minnesota and the U.S. Meals were packed by businesses, schools, community groups and faith-based organizations. Event hosts packed meals to donate as near as their local schools and food shelves and shared the harvest with others in need across the U.S. For example, event hosts in Minnesota donated to the Hurricane Irma relief efforts in Florida and to the Santee Reservation in Nebraska. Additional generosity extended beyond our borders with donations to our partner ICM in the Philippines.



Our Volunteers



In 2017, 4,912 people of all ages and from various areas of their communities across the United States, came together to make a difference by volunteering with their “own two hands”. While the difference in addressing hunger relief efforts is tangible, the impact is not lost on the volunteers themselves, as shown by these impact statements:

“An outstanding organization run by a caring and committed group of incredible people. I’m very proud to have participated in a number of their events.”-J.S.E.

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Volunteers

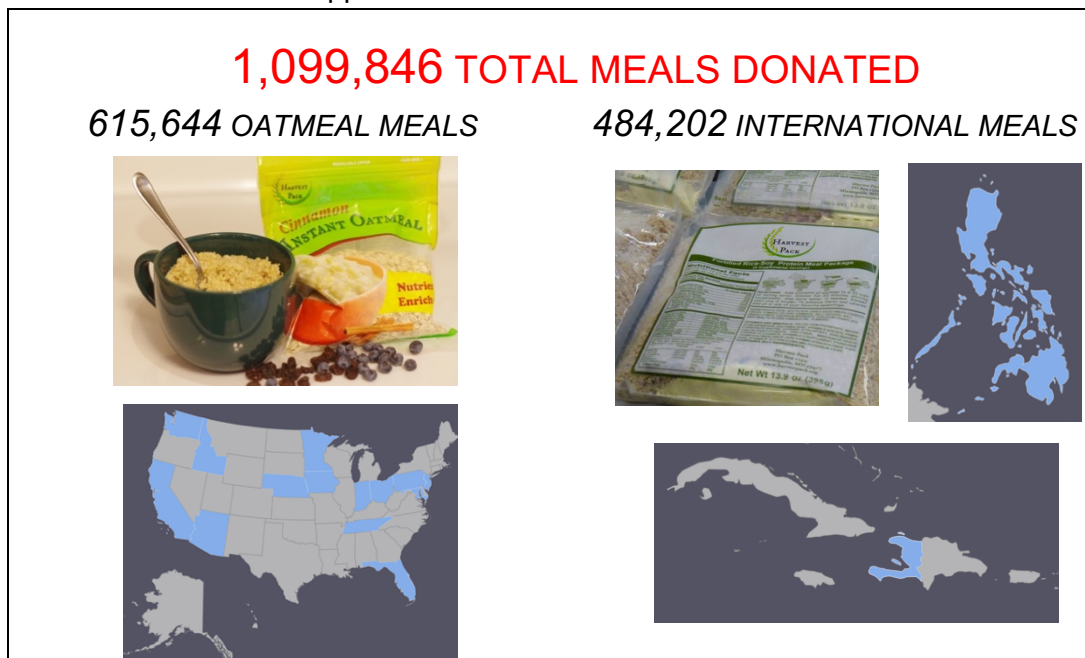
"Great organization with a positive mission to make a difference locally and globally. It is exciting to be involved when you can see the difference it makes in communities here and abroad. Our group looks forward to our food pack every year!"- D.B.

"Our Rotary club recently hosted a meal packing event as part of a club outing and we had such a great time while working together to pack hundreds of meals. Harvest Pack made it easy for all of us to participate in the packing of the meals, and everyone who I spoke with enjoyed attending the event. If you're looking for a great team-building event, a group service opportunity, or just a chance to make a real impact on addressing hunger and food insecurity within your local community, I'd highly recommend a meal packing event with Harvest Pack!"- B.M.N.



Where the Meals Were Donated

Oatmeal meals were donated to the event hosts' communities, directly addressing local hunger. A few event hosts directed their donations to special need situations, such as the Santee Nation in Nebraska and Hurricane Irma relief efforts in Florida and Texas. Rice-soy meals were donated to partner organizations in Haiti and the Philippines.



Measurements of Success

As a company organized around bringing meal-packing events to hosts, Harvest Pack measures yearly success in several ways. We donated more meals, increasing from a total of 880,574 in 2016 to surpassing 1 million (1,099,846) in 2017. The number of people volunteering at our events increased to 4,912, up from 4,519 in the previous year. The number of meal packing events nearly doubled, from 24 in 2016 to 42 in 2017.

Donation supply demands from partner organizations continued to increase as well. As stated, Harvest Pack event hosts often donate meals within their communities, typically schools to support non-school day food backpack programs and local food shelves. In Minnesota Harvest Pack's main distribution partners were The Sheridan Story and Community Emergency Services in Minneapolis, and Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People in Bloomington.

According to one of these partners, the impact of Harvest Pack donations is critical to their food shelf, both in terms of allowing food shelves the flexibility and ability to stretch their budget, and importantly, for high value nutrition the Harvest Pack oatmeal provides:

"The recipients of our food programs absolutely love this product. The oatmeal is easy to prepare and has all the vital, tasty ingredients already included, such as brown sugar and cinnamon. We usually receive around 20 cases of this product twice a year and it flies off the shelves. Thank you for the regular donation of the Harvest Pack Oatmeal that you provide the agency. We truly appreciate, as do the recipients of our food programs!" – S.R.

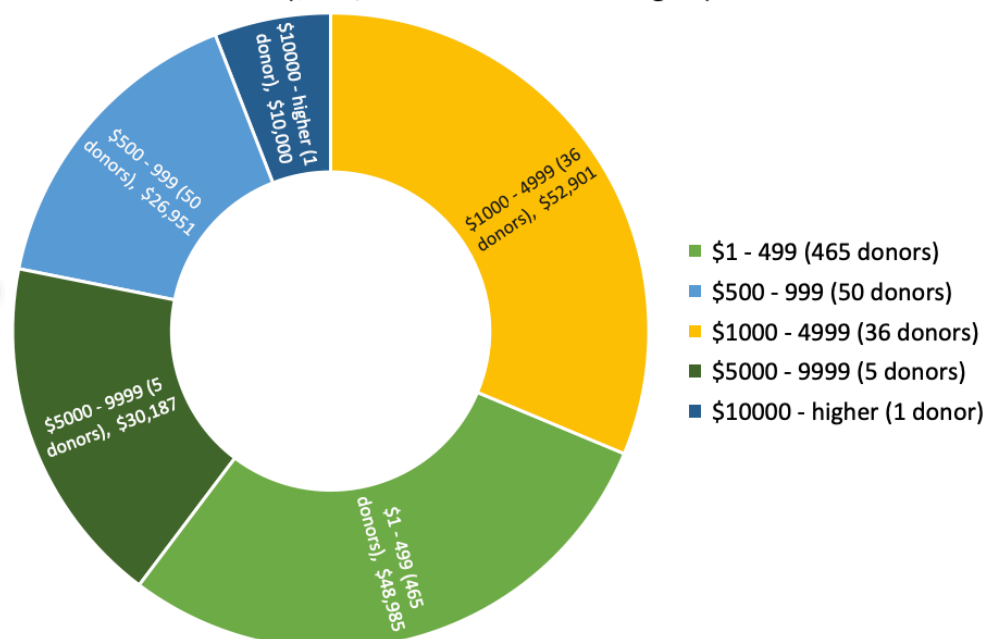
Donor Appreciation

Thank you to Harvest Pack's generous donors for a total of \$169,024 in financial contributions in 2017. These gifts provided an additional 633,840 meals to those in need.

Maintaining fiscal responsibility is essential in the Harvest Pack organization. Harvest Pack worked hard to ensure 90% of every event dollar goes directly to our mission by carefully managing expenses.



Donation Totals by Number of Donors
(\$169,024 General and Event gifts)



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Of event
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support our
mission

Financial Position

Now in our fifth year, Harvest Pack continues to see growth, as demonstrated by the 304% increase in net income from \$33,949 in 2016 to \$137,279 in 2017. This jump follows the organization's 2017 business plan change to reduce product sales and increase focus on events. This shift focused our work more closely to our mission, Healthy food on every table. Specifically, we stopped being a provider of supplies to organizations doing similar work and focused our time and energy on being great at packing meals and educating our volunteers on the importance of healthy food. The shift was a success and our partners agreed.

BALANCE SHEET				2017	2016
Assets				281,819	200,038
Liabilities				20,953	76,451
Net Assets				260,866	123,587
Total Liabilities and Assets				281,829	200,038
Revenue					
Support:					
	In-kind Contributions			63,516	75,450
	Event Contributions			155,359	132,022
	General Contributions			13,665	2,353
Sales:					
	Events			149,514	133,247
	Product Sales			207,833	425,651
	Shipping and Handling			31,088	55,742
	Other			2,922	1,122
Gross Support and Revenue				623,897	825,587
Cost of Goods Sold				(229,440)	(545,871)
Net Support and Revenue				394,457	279,716
Expense					
	Program Services			208,348	170,068
	Support Services			40,094	65,925
	Fundraising			8,736	9,777
				257,178	245,770
Change in Net Assets				137,279	33,946

On behalf of all the Harvest Pack staff, the neighbors we serve, and all who partner together in our mission to put health food on every table, thank you for your support! Together, we look forward to continuing our growth in number of meals donated, new and recurring event host partners, and making a tangible impact on hunger in our communities. Share the Harvest!

2017 Staff

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