“My husband lost his job because of COVID-19,” Renee shared recently. “And I have five boys. He was out of work for a year. And we had the kids home, seven days a week, three to five meals per day.”

**Fighting For Food-Insecure Families**
Unfortunately, Renee’s story is not uncommon in our great state — where one in six children live in food-insecure homes. The effects of child hunger continue to be physical, mental, and emotional and can last a lifetime.

Every day, lower-income parents like Renee are forced to make grueling decisions:
- Buy groceries or pay a medical bill?
- Find food for the day or transportation to work?
- Pay for tonight’s dinner or tomorrow’s rent?

**What would you do?**

**You and Feeding South Dakota — Making Ends Meet**
Through the kindness of neighbors like you, Renee was introduced to a mobile food distribution in Tyndall, where she receives nutritious food for her children each month.

“**It’s a struggle just to make ends meet.**”
— Renee

Because her husband found a new job, this working family doesn’t qualify for public assistance like food stamps. So, this is where your gifts help fill in the food gaps for so many families.

“It’s a struggle just to make ends meet,” Renee explained. “So, the milk and meat for sure help. And the great variety of fruits and vegetables, too. You can base many meals off of what you get here.”

“This [food distribution] helps so many people in our community — the elderly, the working-class families with children, and other low-income people or single parents. It helps a variety of people. Thank you.”
As you’ll see in this Annual Report, unprecedented challenges over the past year were only met through the combined efforts of our volunteers, staff, donors, agency partners, guests, and community leaders — true neighbors like you. Thank you.

Amid an ongoing pandemic, the past 12 months have been a testament to the resiliency of all South Dakotans. From Sioux Falls to Pierre to Rapid City — and everywhere in between — I’ve witnessed your generosity take food to where hunger exists, rather than waiting for hunger to come to us. This approach has produced tremendous results within the lives of our neighbors in need.

Personally, I want the entire Feeding South Dakota family to know just how grateful I am for the privilege of working alongside dedicated friends like you for the past 22 years. Now, it is my distinct honor to welcome and transition to our new CEO and friend, Lori Dykstra.

In Lori, you’ll meet a dynamic leader with a servant’s heart. For over 20 years, she has led large national and international operational business teams, before segueing her expertise into the nonprofit sector.

A self-proclaimed “military brat,” having moved around quite a bit as a child, Lori’s family settled in Sioux Falls when she was a teenager. Today, Lori told me how impressed she is with the cohesiveness and longevity of many of Feeding South Dakota’s volunteers and staff — “a true family feel” is how she described it.

Moreover, Lori is eager to leverage her experience to further extend our reach across our great state. While she’s very proud of how many people we currently feed each day, her focus rests upon those we could not reach — those we haven’t been able to meet yet. “I think that’ll be something that people will hear me say for a long time,” Lori shared.

I’m so excited to introduce Lori to the kind-hearted supporters with whom she’ll accomplish so much over the coming years — friends like you, who will always be my Feeding South Dakota family. Thank you for everything you’ve done!

Matt Gassen
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So, She Decided to do Something About It.

Food Insecurity Bothers Debbie

Having worked within the Sioux Falls school system for years, Debbie Pederson is no stranger to the struggle facing food-insecure families and children. Now retired, it still bothers her. So, she became a full-time volunteer.

“Feeding the kids was my main thing to start with. Knowing that kids were going through the weekends without having enough food bothers me. We need to feed people. To me, right now, that’s the biggest need that we have.”

Dedicated Volunteer
Debbie began volunteering through Feeding South Dakota’s BackPack Program, sending kids home with easy-to-prepare, nutritious food assortments. Then, she started helping with the Senior Box Program — supplying free food to limited-income adults aged 60 years and older.

Pretty soon, Debbie was volunteering for entire weeks and months on end. She became a regular at Feeding South Dakota — an example of selfless compassion to us all.

“I’ve been involved with Feeding South Dakota for a while,” Debbie reflected. “I think it’s just knowing that you’re helping to feed people. Most of us that volunteer probably know where our next meal is coming from. Some of the people we help, don’t.”

Debbie’s New Extended Family
Through volunteering, Debbie’s made many close friends who now feel like family. “You kind of look forward to coming. I say ‘oh good,’ this group of people is going to be here because it’s a Friday, or a Wednesday afternoon. You look forward to talking with people and at the same time getting our mission done,” she said.

Paying it Forward
Recently, Debbie recruited new volunteers while substitute teaching part-time at Southeast Technical Institute. Some of her students will come by to volunteer for a couple of shifts when they don’t have class.

“I try to make as many people as possible aware of the volunteer need,” said Debbie. “I figure if anybody can come and at least volunteer a shift a week, every little bit helps.”
Thank You For Your Incredible Generosity!

We are humbled and honored to have so many friends and community partners who support the work we do. Below, we’d like to recognize friends who have given $1,000 or more this fiscal year. Thank you for leading the fight against hunger here in South Dakota!

**Hero $100,000+**
- Anonymous
- Foster & Lynnette Friess
- Darla Lenz
- Sanford Health
- South Dakota Community Foundation
- Sioux Empire United Way
- South Dakota Cattlemen’s Foundation

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- David Ebbers
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- Nick & Nicole Dumke
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  - Linda Baker
  - Chip of America Foundation

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- Paul & Rhoda Carpenter
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In addition to the names listed here, a heartfelt thank you goes out to each and every one of our dedicated friends and partners who gave to Feeding South Dakota. During a difficult year for so many, you gave your neighbors HELP keeping food on the table and HOPE in their time of need. We appreciate all you do!
Nate has two young boys at home he loves dearly. But when he’s busy transporting numerous pallets of food from our retail store partners back to the distribution center, Nate’s kids aren’t the only children he’s thinking about.

“There’s a lot of need out there,” shared Nate. “I love helping out the kids, seeing that they get what they need. And I love helping out the community, getting that food to the people and not letting it go to waste.”

Raised in Sioux Falls, Nate has been a dedicated truck driver with Feeding South Dakota for 10 years now. Growing up, Nate experienced some of the pain that the families we serve face today.

“My mom was a single mom, just me and her. I know there were times when she was struggling, working two jobs at once to try to make ends meet, trying to decide what’s more important — paying the light bill or buying dinner for the night. I can relate.”

Although Nate doesn’t come face-to-face with a lot of our guests, the image of their happiness continues to motivate him. “A good day for me is filling up my truck, top-to-bottom, front-to-back, two or three times a day. Knowing that I’m picking up birthday cakes and other stuff for children that may not have gotten something like that is really cool to see. It could end up making their day.”

“Knowing that if I don’t pick that food up from our retail store partners, it might end up in the dumpster and not going to the people that could use it. That drives me.”
Meet Dan “The Banjo Man,” From Scotland

In some public circles in Scotland, South Dakota, Dan Reub is known for his musical prowess — even nicknamed “The Banjo Man.” He’s played the difficult instrument for years in a local bluegrass band and has given many lessons.

In other, more personal settings, Dan is known for his selfless heart. Living alone, and depending on Social Security checks, he receives food from one of our church partners — then proceeds to share half of it with his sick neighbor.

**Sharing More than Music**

“I usually end up giving about half of the food to my neighbor lady. She is ill. She has Huntington’s disease, and she can’t get out. If I get two bags of apples, I give her one bag and so on and so forth.”

“I live on a very fixed income,” Dan continued. “Every little bit I can get helps me stretch my grocery budget. I don’t think a lot of people realize how many people, especially during the COVID pandemic, are really struggling. There are so many people going without.”

Whether sharing banjo music with his community, sharing food with a neighbor, or sharing his gratitude for the Feeding South Dakota family, Dan is an expressively thankful musician and gentleman.

“I just want to thank everybody, from the truck drivers to the people in the warehouse, to the people that are donating the food and the money,” Dan said.

“I want to thank everybody from the bottom all the way up the top, because this is just the greatest organization that you could ever ask for, and it has helped out so many people, including myself. I am forever grateful.”