



2025

ANNUAL REPORT

(filling in
the blanks)

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FILLING IN THE BLANKS - A YEAR IN REVIEW 2025

Thank you for your support of Filling in the Blanks! We wanted to take this opportunity to share what we have been able to accomplish together this past year.

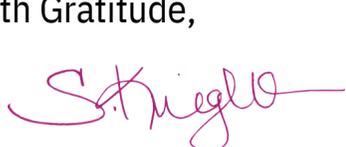
We are deeply grateful for the impact we have made together, all because of your support. In 2025, Filling in the Blanks reached new heights, increasing our student enrollment and responding to a growing need across our communities. This remarkable progress was made possible by you, our dedicated donors, volunteers, and community partners, whose generosity and commitment fueled every milestone we achieved.

This year, we proudly raised over \$5 million, allowing us to strengthen and expand our programs at a critical time for families facing food insecurity. Thanks to your unwavering support, we provided more than ONE million weekend meals, continued to expand our Fresh Food on the Move Mobile Pantry, and deepened partnerships that bring essential health and wellness services directly to the families who need them most. Each meal we provide represents more than nourishment – it offers stability, dignity, and hope for a brighter future.

These efforts reflect our steadfast commitment to meeting families where they are and ensuring consistent access to nutritious food. We have seen firsthand the profound difference that reliable, healthy meals make in the lives of children and their families, and we are more motivated than ever to expand our reach and deepen our impact. While we celebrate how far we've come, we know the work is far from finished. The need continues to grow, and with your continued support, we are ready to meet it.

Together, we are filling in the blanks for thousands of children today and building a stronger, healthier future for our communities in 2026 and beyond. Thank you for being part of this journey. Your generosity powers our mission, and we are truly grateful to have you by our side.

With Gratitude,



Shawnee Knight
Co-President/Co-Founder



Tina Kramer
Co-President/Co-Founder



Where We Served

PRE-SCHOOLS

Brewster

Brewster Pre-K

Bridgeport

Adam J. Lewis

Alterine Johnson

Big Dreams

Bright Giggles Learning Center

Classical Studies Magnet

Cesar Batalla

Cora Wright

Hall Neighborhood House

Harding

Inner City Children's Center

Interdistrict Discovery Magnet

Jaime A. Hulley

KColorful

Lucille Johnson

Precious Memories

Danbury

AaBbCc Early Learning Center

Action Early Learning Center

Early Childhood Center

Danbury School Readiness

Mill Ridge Primary PreK

Head Start Danbury

Greenwich

Family Centers of Greenwich

Norwalk

Greater Norwalk Head Starts

Family and Children's Agency

ASPIRE

Growing Seeds

Norwalk Early Childhood Center

Odyssey

Room to Grow

Stepping Stones ELLI

Stamford

Apples Early Child

Children's Learning Centers

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Brewster

John. F Kennedy

Bridgeport

Achievement 1st

Black Rock

Beardsley

Blackham

Bridgeport Learning Center

Bryant

Cesar Batalla

Classical Studies Magnet

Claytor Magnet

Columbus

Curial

Edison

Geraldine Johnson

Hall Elementary

Hallen

High Horizons Magnet

John Winthrop

Luis Munoz Marin

Madison

Multicultural Magnet

New Beginnings

Park City Magnet

PL Dunbar

Skane

Read

Roosevelt

Tisdale

Thomas Hooker

Waltersville

Wilbur Cross

Danbury

Ellsworth

Great Plain

Hayestown

King Street

Morris Street

South Street

Shelter Rock

Stadley Rough

Saint Peter

Park Avenue

Pembroke

Western Connecticut

Academy for International

Studies

Darien

Royal

Hindley

Tokeneke

Fairfield

Stratfield

Holland Hill

Jennings

North Stratfield

Greenwich

Hamilton Avenue

Julian Curtiss

New Lebanon

New Cannan

East Elementary

South Elementary

West Elementary

New York

Bedford Hills

Mt. Kisco

Norwalk

Brookside

Cranbury

Concord

Fox Run

Jefferson

Kendall

Marvin

Naramake

Rowayton

Silvermine

Sono

Tracey

Wolfpit

Stamford

Davenport Ridge

Hart

Julia A. Stark

KT Murphy

Newfield

Northeast Elementary

Rogers International

Roxbury

Stillmeadow

Strawberry Hill

Springdale

Stamford Charter

School for Excellence

Toquam

Westover

Stratford

Franklin

Westport

Coleytown

Greens Farms

Kings Highway

Long Lots

Saugatuck

In 2025 we served 203 schools.

FITB's programs are at every public school in Bridgeport, Danbury, Norwalk, and Stamford.

Where We Served

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Brewster

CV Starr Intermediate
HH Wells

Bridgeport

Achievement 1st
Barnum

Danbury

Broadview
Rogers Park
Westside

Darien

Middlesex

Fairfield

Covenant
Tomlinson

Greenwich

Western

New Canaan

Saxe

New York

Fox Lane

Norwalk

Nathan Hale
Ponus Ridge

Roton

West Rocks

Stamford

Cloonan

Dolan

Rippowan

Scofield Magnet

Turn of the River

Westport

Bedford

Coleytown

HIGH SCHOOLS

Brewster

Brewster High School

Bridgeport

Bassick
Bullard-Havens Tech
Central High School

Fairchild Wheeler

Harding

Military Academy

Danbury

Alternative Center for
Excellence
Danbury High School

Darien

Darien High School

Fairfield

Fairfield Ward
Fairfield Ludlowe
Walter Fitz

Greenwich

Greenwich High School

New Canaan

New Canaan High School

Norwalk

Brien McMahon
Norwalk High School
Future Ready
Norwalk HS Next Steps
PTECH
Center for Global Studies

Stamford

AITE
JM Wright Tech
SPS Anchor
Westhill High School

Westport

Staples High School

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS & CAMPS

Danbury

ABD Enrichment Club
Grassroots Academy

Bridgeport

YMCA PALS 5 Camp

Greenwich

Greenwich Boys and Girls Club
Horizons at Brunswick

Norwalk

Colonial Village Community Center
Family and Children's
Agency/ASPIRE
Odyssey Pre-School Camp
Stepping Stones Pre-School Camp

Stamford

The Yearwood Center

PARTNER AGENCIES

Bridgeport

Mercy Learning Center

Darien

Darien Town Hall

Westport

Westport Town Hall



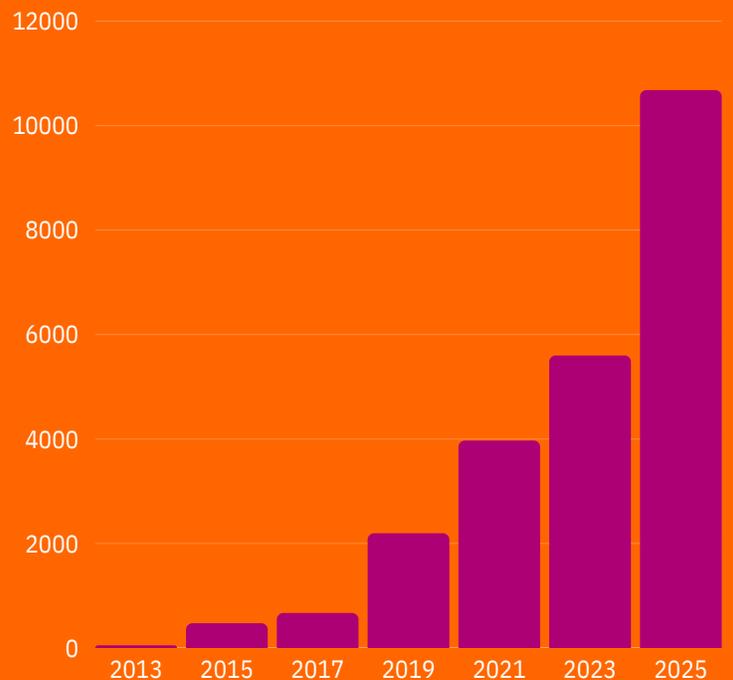
Meals We Served

For many children, school meals are the most reliable source of nutrition; but when school is out, hunger sets in. Weekends, holidays, and summer breaks create real challenges for families already stretched thin, forcing difficult choices between food and other essentials.

Since 2013, we stepped in to bridge this gap by providing children with nutritious, non-perishable, easy-to-prepare meals they can count on every weekend, all year long.

By rotating three carefully planned menus, we ensure children receive not only nourishment, but consistency and variety.

Number of Children Served Weekly Since 2013
Increase of 260% in 5 years



5.3 Million Meals Served Since 2013



Our Impact

Families and teachers have seen our impact on children.

76%

of families say the whole family benefitted from the weekend meal bag

83%

of families say the weekend meal bag decreased stress in the household

59%

of teachers reported a decrease in hunger symptoms amongst their students



Fresh Food on the Move Mobile Pantry

The Fresh Food on the Move Mobile Pantry launched in October of 2023. It complements the weekend meal program, providing fresh fruits and vegetables, grains, proteins, dairy products, and hygiene items.

Each month, the Mobile Pantry rolls into Bridgeport, Norwalk, and Stamford, bringing fresh, nutritious food straight to the heart of local neighborhoods. By showing up where families live, the program fuels healthier meals and makes it easier than ever to access the wholesome options everyone deserves.

The mobile pantry goes beyond providing quality food—it's a trusted source for nourishment and support, serving as a community hub that offers health and wellness services for the entire family.

In 2025, our Fresh Food on the Move Mobile Pantry distributed 878,611 pounds of fresh food to 15,146 families.



Community Partners at the Mobile Pantry

Family Services

Alliance for Community Empowerment
Bank of America
Bike and Walk Commission
Book Joy
Bridgeport Prospers
Catalyst CT, The Hub
Clothes to Kids of Fairfield County
Comunidad sin Fronteras
Family Centers
Family and Children's Agency
Family Center Mothers for Others
Knights of Columbus
Lanthon Wider Community Center
LifeBridge Community Services
Norwalk ACTS
Parents Connecting Parents
Stamford Public Education Foundation
Waterford

Health and Wellness

Community Health Center
CT Food Share
CT Early Detection and Prevention Program
Dr. Betsy Herold
Dunkin
HUSKY Health/Dental
Layla's Falafal
Liberation Program
Norwalk Health Department
Nuvance Health
Optimus Health Care
Rebel Daughter Cookies
Stamford Health
Stamford Department of Health
Walgreens

Immigration

Building One Community



"Working alongside Filling in the Blanks has given my students and the buildOn program an incredible opportunity to engage and pass out food to the community that is very much close to home. We look forward to being able to assist the Bridgeport residents every month and being a part of something wonderful!"

-Sebastian Arbelaez, Engagement Specialist for buildOn

Volunteer Impact

At FITB, we rely not only on generous donations but also the dedication of thousands of volunteers who give their time, energy, and talents to support our mission.

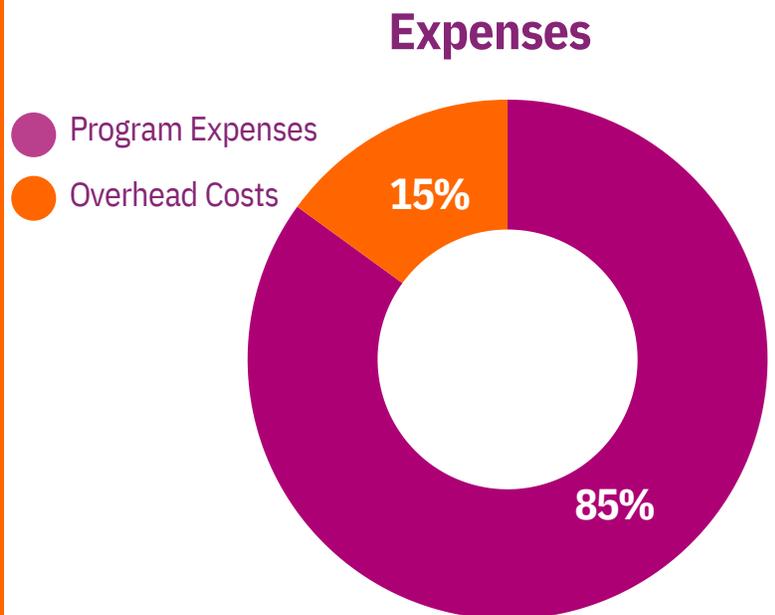
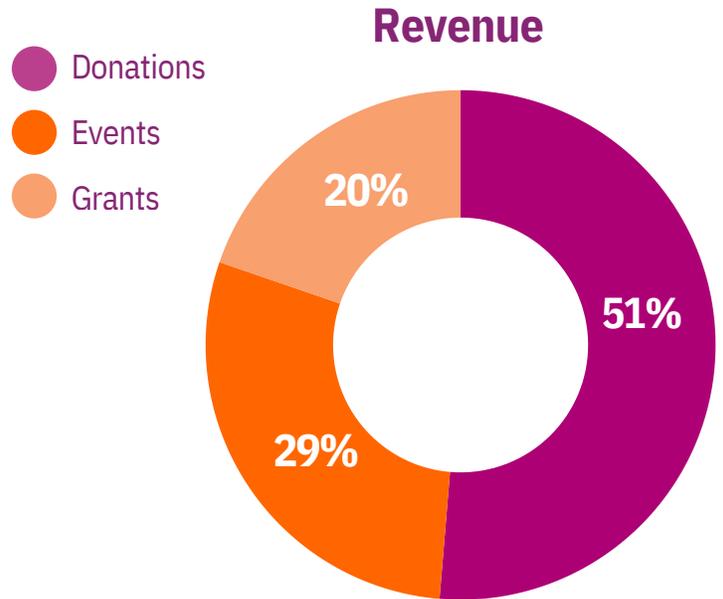
Whether packing weekend meal bags, distributing food at our mobile pantry, or serving on our leadership committee, their efforts help provide nutritious meals to children facing food insecurity.

In 2025 FITB welcomed over 4,541 volunteers, who collectively logged 19,129 hours of service.



Expenses and Revenue

Our largest expense, by far, is our food program. We are funded primarily by individual donors, corporate sponsors and grants.



Filling in the Blanks Purchases 99% of our food delivered
In 2025 that equaled just over \$3M

Ways to Give

Join us in fighting childhood hunger

This last year was tough, but our community is tougher.

With your help, families across CT and NY have felt immediate relief from hunger as we expanded our reach to new public schools. Food insecurity takes a physical, mental, and emotional toll, and your support helps kids feel like kids again.

Join us, fight childhood hunger, and bring relief to these families that need us now.

Volunteer Opportunities

volunteer@fillingintheblanks.org

Giving

fillingintheblanks.org/give

“The weekend meal bags have helped so much. They help me stay fed and also help my parents stop worrying when we are going to eat.”

- Student in Program, age 9



Our Partners



Who We Are

Our Founders

Shawnee Knight
Co-President/Co-Founder

Tina Kramer
Co-President/Co-Founder

Our Team

Paola Arango
Family and Community
Engagement Coordinator

Jen Badalamenti
Administrative
Assistant

Kevin Demmo
Warehouse Manager

Sidney Hayes
Warehouse
Assistant

Matt Knight
Assistant Director
of Operations

Andrés Lapadula
Grant Writer &
Development Coordinator

Dave Lawrence
Delivery Driver

Jenn Mason
Director of
Development

Joe Midi
Delivery Driver

Jennifer Moran
Special Events Coordinator
& Development Assistant

Luca Palombo
Director of Operations

William Restrepo
Warehouse Assistant/
Delivery Driver

Brenda Sanatar
Bookkeeper

Glenn Spearman
Delivery Driver

Our Leadership Team

Kara Bonitatibus
Government Relations Specialist
& Volunteer Coordinator

Michele Casey
Volunteer
Coordinator

Roseann Conheeny
Holiday Backpack Chair

Jera Flood
Communications &
Public Relations Specialist

Kevin Kaster
Food Procurement
Specialist

Caryn Kelly
Community Outreach
Coordinator

Kristin Thomas
Grant Writer



Who We Are

Board of Directors

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Tina Kramer
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Director

Michael Johnson
Director

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Director

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Director

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Director

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Director

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