

# Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank

## ANNUAL REPORT 2009

*Feeding Hunger,  
Feeding Hope.*



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*Our mission is to feed the hungry in Baton Rouge and the surrounding parishes  
by providing food and educational outreach through faith based and other community partners.*

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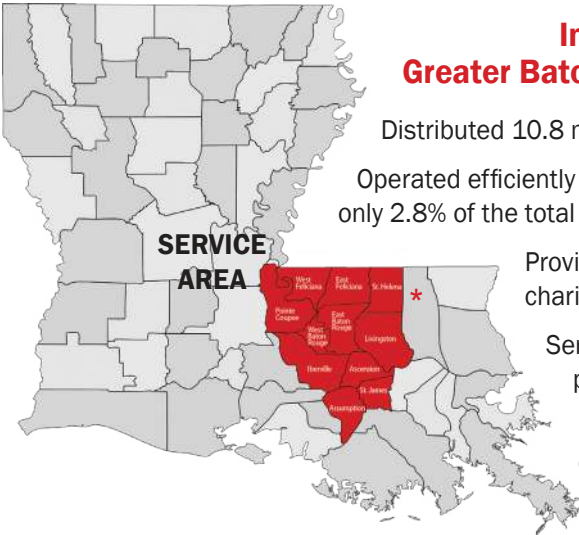
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### In 2009, the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank...

Distributed 10.8 million pounds of food.

Operated efficiently - administrative costs were only 2.8% of the total operating budget.

Provided food to more than 120 charitable agencies.

Served an area where 17.55% of people are below the poverty line.

Had more than 1,600 volunteers donate time equivalent to roughly 12 full-time employees.

\*Tangipahoa is outside our contractual service area.

Parish Served	# of Agencies	Pounds Distributed
Ascension	6	379,579.02
Assumption	4	346,162.01
East Baton Rouge	65	5,362,397.93
East Feliciana	4	491,293.89
Iberville	5	680,932.03
Livingston	5	470,029.91
Pointe Coupee	4	348,666.41
St. Helena	2	440,467.20
St. James	5	227,740.17
West Baton Rouge	6	393,562.98
West Feliciana	2	150,724.82
*Tangipahoa	18	1,442,803.47
other (Louisiana Food Banks)		49,638.00
other (Feeding America Network)		13,149.00
		<b>Total = 10,797,146.84</b>

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2009 brought an increase in the number of people in need and a different face of those in need coming in for the first time. We saw a 35% increase in one-time emergency assistance requests at our door. Our battle over childhood hunger was heightened as we learned that Louisiana ranks number one in food insecure children under five years of age. Increasing reports of seniors in need of food assistance and senior malnutrition are creating new challenges. It may surprise you, but some of these seniors in need of assistance may be your neighbors or members of your church. The face of hunger is changing in our community.

Your Food Bank continues to meet this increasing demand while striving to improve the nutritional quality of the food we distribute. In addition to the economic crisis and increased demand for assistance, your Food Bank faced a 90% decrease in state funding for the purchase of food from Louisiana farmers, producers, and providers. In spite of these challenges, our community helped us distribute approximately 10.8 million pounds of food or approximately 8.3 million meals.

In 2009, we broadened our scope in collecting perishable and nonperishable items from an increased number of grocers in our service area. Your Food Bank continues to expand its efforts to acquire additional food from new and existing sources and broaden our food rescue programs with more grocery stores and businesses to meet the increased demand.

With the acquisition of the Fraenkel Company Warehouse, gifted in part by the Albert Fraenkel II family, the Food Bank has a transformational opportunity to move to a significantly larger facility upon completion of our **“from Hunger to Hope”** capital campaign. This expanded facility increases our ability to collect more food and distribute more food to the people most in need in our communities. It also better positions us to continue our important role and expand our capacity to deliver assistance in time of disaster.

As we have faced every opportunity and challenge presented to us, your Food Bank has worked diligently to rise to the occasion with your support. Your Food Bank’s accomplishments are a direct result of your generosity and support. There are three key supports on which your Food Bank relies upon for its existence and success - your donations of food, your financial donations and your donations of time through volunteerism. Your volunteered hours gave us the equivalent of 12 more full-time employees.

Your generosity has a direct impact on the thousands of people in need in our community on a daily basis. Thank you for helping us bring the people we serve from hunger to hope.

Michael H. Manning



2009 REVENUE

General Contributions.....	\$1,819,299
Investment Gains.....	\$71,280
Capital Area United Way.....	\$200,000
Grants.....	\$174,485
Other Income.....	\$270,135
Government Support.....	\$423,197
Food Donations.....	\$14,561,941
Partial Donation of Fraenkel Facility.....	\$2,200,000
TOTAL REVENUE.....	\$19,720,337

2009 EXPENSES

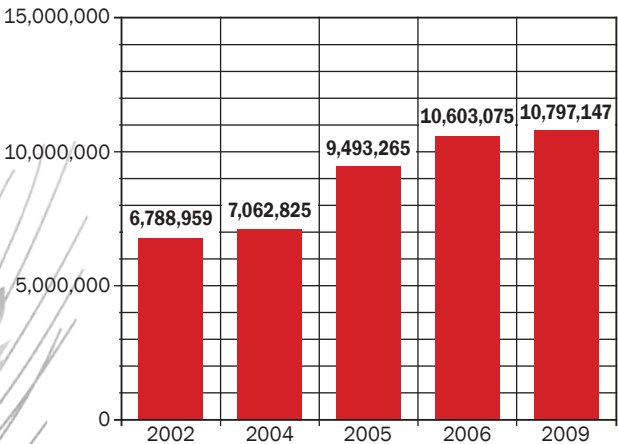
Program.....	\$16,803,732
Fundraising.....	\$424,385
Administration.....	\$131,995
TOTAL.....	\$17,360,112

*The Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank provides 7 meals for every \$1 donated.*

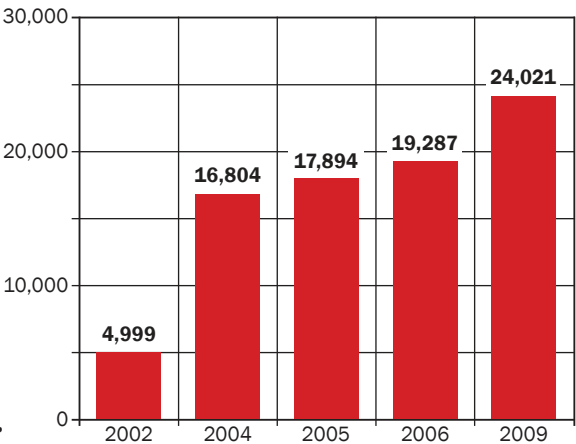
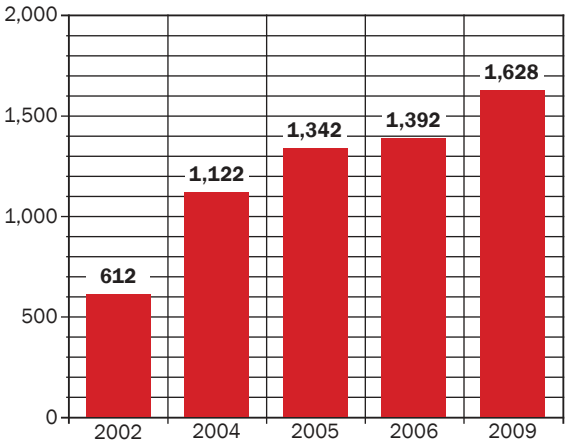
POUNDS  
DISTRIBUTED  
BY YEAR

NUMBER OF  
VOLUNTEERS  
BY YEAR

VOLUNTEER  
HOURS  
BY YEAR



**8,305,497 meals were provided in 2009, compared to 5,222,276 in 2002.**



Help Greater Baton Rouge Area Families Fight Hunger

*Every dollar makes a difference. Please give what you can.*

YES! I want to help make sure that hungry men, women and children in our area have enough to eat every day.

☐ \$15   ☐ \$25   ☐ \$50   ☐ \$100   ☐ \$250   ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_

☐ I'd like for my gift to go to the **“from Hunger to Hope”** capital campaign.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your generosity! Your support makes our community a better place to call home.**

**For more information, please visit us at [www.brfoodbank.org](http://www.brfoodbank.org) or call 225-359-9940.**

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**In 2009, Louisiana Ranked #1 in Food Insecure Children Under Five Years of Age**