



Quarterly Report

July - September 2023



BE A GAME CHANGER

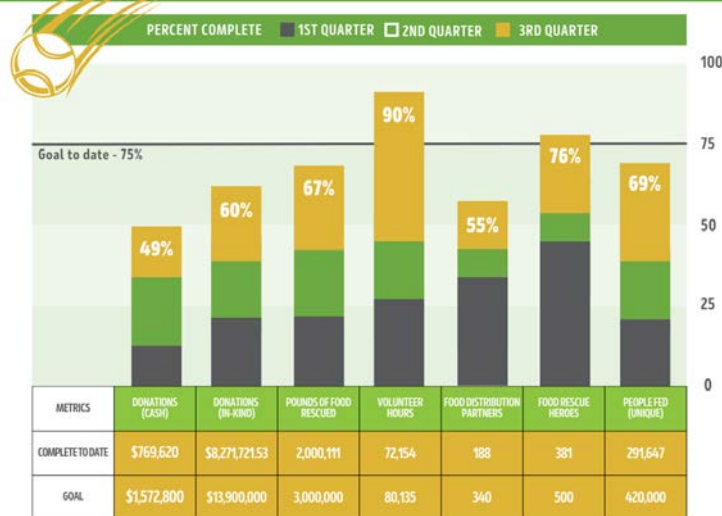
A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER:

NEW FEEDBHM BUILDING AT MORGAN UMC

On August 21, 2023, we moved into the new FEEDBHM HUB. God brought us three 18-wheeler truckloads of food, bananas, oranges and chicken, in the first month of opening. 1,180 volunteers, representing 57 total serve teams, said yes to the Morgan Miracles project, giving 3,943 volunteer hours and providing a wage savings of \$118,092.85 at this location alone.

We have raised \$121,472.34 of the \$442,000 renovation goal.
Give today at morgan.gkcbhm.org.

2023 GOALS TRACKER #BeAGameChanger



Batter up! Fourth quarter is here!



I never dreamed we would receive 18 wheelers of food to feed the hungry in our communities, but God gave us THREE of them this month. I never dreamed we would have the privilege to talk about Jesus and pray with strangers every single day, but we do. I never dreamed churches all over the city would share space with us, but they do. I never dreamed this would be my life, but it is. Every day, I see God move. EVERY DAY. And every day I get to surrender my life afresh to Jesus and rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to live my days. Sometimes I cannot quit smiling and sometimes I am in tears. What God is doing is more than I can hope for, imagine or carefully articulate. I see Jesus in the way someone loads up their car to deliver chicken to their neighbors. I hear Jesus when I listen to older men talk about how little football means as they fall more in love with Jesus. I felt Jesus when I watched a friend pack up her friend's house, who died last week, to give it all away. I taste the love of Jesus when homemade pizza is waiting on the stove for me, when I come in late.

Jesus is coming alive in people all around me. I see them smile a little wider, watch them give their time, the crazy things they say yes to, and how they are saving scripture on their phones and meditating on God's Word all day long. I want you to feel what I feel. I want you to know Him. It's real and His goodness is chasing you too. Slow down and let Jesus' goodness overtake you. He's better than anything you have ever tried. Believe me.

Here is what Jesus said: "Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in Me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. **And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.** You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. If you love me, keep my commands." (John 14:12-15)

Let's glorify God by looking more like Jesus,

♥ Jenny Weetman

We are wrapping up the 3rd quarter and reviewing our strategic initiatives: **Contributions, Process Improvements, Tell the Story, and Volunteers.** We break down our initiatives into project goals to drive results, not accolades, to intentionally bring God glory in all we do. Let's check out our progress...

Contributions:

- ☒ 48 new business partners
- ☒ 65 church partners
- ☒ 36 new food donors
- ☐ 96 canned food drives - 37 to go!
- ☐ 650 individual donors - 131 to go!
- ☐ Increase sustaining monthly revenue to \$18,000 - \$7,547.68 to go!
- ☐ Submit 60 grants - 3 to go!

Process Improvements:

- ☒ Create Procedure Documents
- ☒ Implement CRM system - we did it!
- ☒ Renovate and open Morgan UMC Phase 1 - opened April 3, 2023
- ☒ Renovate and open Morgan UMC Phase 2 - opened August 21, 2023
- ☐ Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance Tracking

Tell the Story:

- ☒ Host 75 meals with community
- ☒ 24 speaking engagements
- ☒ 2 Mailchimp emails per week
- ☒ One quality reel per week on Instagram
- ☒ 12 community events/festivals
- ☒ 150 community engagements
- ☐ 24 city or school board meetings
- ☐ 24 blogposts - 8 more to go!

Volunteers:

- ☒ 80 new food distribution partners
- ☒ Food safety certification of all staff
- ☒ Implement 2 Eagle Scout Projects
- ☐ Activate 500 food rescue heroes - 140 people to go!
- ☐ 120 serve teams - 16 to go!
- ☐ 150 Interns - 20 to go!

Help us complete the outstanding goals!

SERVE TEAM RECRUITMENT

12 out-of-state serve teams and 92 local serve teams, plus our food rescue heroes, families, and individuals have contributed 72,154 volunteer hours, a savings of \$2,161,012.30 wage dollars for the organization. Are you coming to serve in 2023?

Sign up at volunteer.feedbhm.org and we will see you soon!

Imagine if we could double those hours in the last three months of 2023? Let's try!



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TO
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UP!**



ELEVATE

Elevate 2023, a summer job readiness program through Grace Klein Community is held each year in June and July. We had 12 students from 9 area schools participate this year. Each student serves with us at the Liberty Church BHM drive thru and our new FeedBHM Hub at Morgan UMC, receives ACT prep, hands on job skill training, and participates in Friday fun days. We prepare all year, and the support of our community is what makes every day, of every session, special.

A little snapshot of what our students did... sorting tomatoes and building food boxes, rock climbing for the first time at HighPoint Climbing, trying Venezuelan arepas, meeting James Spann and the Birmingham Squadron management team, Alabama Adventure, Church of the Highlands Motion Conference, interactive math games, hanging clothes and raking leaves.

DELIVERY DRIVERS

36 Drivers have delivered 1,426 food boxes so far this year. The waiting list for new requests is approximately 8 weeks.

Sign up and help us deliver food faster!



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FOOD RESCUE HEROES

Join us in the fight against food waste and food insecurity by becoming a "Food Rescue Hero." Your small efforts can make a big difference in ensuring surplus food reaches those in need, creating a more sustainable and compassionate community for all.



Join the
Food Rescue
App today!



SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

Our 2023 School Supplies Giveaway served 367 children (in 2022 we served 198 children) thanks to the capacity building of our UAB-AmeriCorps VISTA Statewide Program volunteer Mackenzie Severt and the 23 organizations who provided \$24,511.09 in school supplies!!

