



Destin Harvest

BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN FOOD SURPLUS & LOCAL HUNGER

2020 Annual Report

Word from the Executive Director:

Destin Harvest truly demonstrated its value to NWFL in the face of uncertainties ushered by a global pandemic. DH distributed over 2.46 million pounds of food to 43 feeding programs in Okaloosa and Walton County in 2020. Over 750k of those pounds were sourced from regional and statewide providers to meet the profound need prompted by COVID-19.

Amid development for new store pick up routes in Niceville and Bluewater and shopping for two refrigerated box trucks with the support of Impact 100 of NWFL, DH was suddenly operating within a global crisis that would render its services more relevant and busier than ever.



Drive-thru Food Distributions



Same Day Food Deliveries

2020 Food Distribution Totals in Meals (pounds):

Total foods from local retailers for 2020: 1,707,760

Total from Farm Share, USDA, and similar food networks: 751,000

Total Foods DH Distributed 2020: 2,458,160

Total Foods DH Distributed 2019: 1,979,629

Total Feeding Programs Served in 2020: 43 (combined churches, food pantries, shelters, afterschool programs, and clinics in both counties.)

Overview of Food Distributions in 2020

DH was instrumental in delivering, distributing, and facilitating the mobilization of 751k pounds of fresh and shelf-stable foods into Northwest Florida during a pandemic. Distribution of food to the public at-large was an unprecedented program activity until 2020. DH has always delivered foods exclusively to feeding programs that serve the hungry in our community for free.

DH organized and directly participated in eight distributions of its own in 2020. Over 3,000 cars were served by DH's distributions at NWFL Fairgrounds and Morgan's Sports Complex.



Morgan's Sport's Complex Food Distribution – 04/11/2020

Many valuable partners were immense aids to DH at the food distributions such as United Way, Harbor Docks Seafood Market, FWB Police Department, and NWFL Fairgrounds.

All foods at these distributions were sourced by regional, federal, and state-level programs. Harbor Docks "Fish Market" provides a tractor and box trailer to secure 26' to 48' refrigerated loads of bulk product from Farm Share and Feeding the Gulf Coast when foods are available. Shannon Johnson and his crew at the seafood market made it possible for DH to mobilize an additional 20k to 40k pounds each week.

The staff at NWFL Fairgrounds and the FWB Police Department were lifesavers to those unable to make it to a food distribution. Any leftover boxes were delivered directly to families and households in at-risk neighborhoods by volunteer staff and officers.



The Matrix C.O.C., P.E.R.T., Food For Thought, United Way, and many other local programs hosted similar drive-through efforts that served thousands of households in NWFL in 2020. DH has been a food channel for many of these distributions.

Daily Food Rescue and Distribution

DH captured 1.7 million pounds of food donations in 2020 from local retail grocery stores. These foods were distributed out the same day for free to recipient feeding programs in Okaloosa and Walton County. This is a decrease of 200k pounds from 2019, even after adding a Walmart, Publix, and Winn Dixie in Niceville to the daily route. Grocery stores are cutting back!

If not for Farm Share and USDA's Farmers to Families Food Boxes, those served by DH's recipient agencies would have suffered greatly. Hunger relief has more demand than ever, and local resources are not what they used to be. DH now pulls from regional, state, and federal programs, when available, not only to host drive-through food distributions to the masses, but also to buffer deliveries to recipient feeding programs in two counties. DH's primary focus for 2021 is to haul more food into NWFL through outside networks and maintain distribution efforts to address the community at large while continuing daily deliveries to local feeding programs.

2020 Financial Summary

Revenue	
Foundations and Grants:	\$196,175.00
Direct Public Support (non-website):	\$24,080.56
Direct Public Support (Website)	\$12,630.55
Other (refunds, quick loans, etc.)	\$3,098.25
PPP Funds	\$33,707.40
Food Donations	\$3,982,220.00
2 Refrigerated Trucks and Wrap (Impact 100)	\$101,425.00
Total	\$4,353,336.76
Program Expenses	
Program Expenses (Operating)	\$4,164,919.96
Management and General	\$81,202.21
Fundraising	\$2,164.40
Total:	\$4,248,286.57

Some figures subject to change upon financial review by CPA in 2021

Agency Distribution:

DH distributed over 2 million lbs. of fresh and nonperishable items from retail donors and regional food banks to 43 feeding programs in Okaloosa and Walton County in 2020. The programs DH make weekly deliveries to include faith-based feeding outreaches, food pantries, soup kitchens, low-income afterschool programs, backpack programs, Meals on Wheels, emergency shelters, mental health clinics, and more. Every recipient program is a registered 501 c3 and provides foods to their clients for free and without requirements to participate in any religious or volunteer activity.



DH distributed 1.43 million lbs. directly to 34 feeding programs in Okaloosa County and 663k lbs. to 9 programs in Walton County.



2020 proved how fast communities everywhere can be impacted by a pandemic, or any type of crisis. Food security suddenly became relevant to almost everyone. The economic challenges of COVID-19 will prevail long after the pandemic has run its course entirely.

DH will continue to work diligently to connect bulk volumes of foods to those in great need throughout NWFL, while maintaining daily deliveries to as many possible feeding programs in Okaloosa and Walton County. The gap between food surplus and local hunger requires more attention than ever. As working households recover financially from a devastating year, DH intends to seek more opportunities to enhance access to large volumes of free food and connect it to those who need it most.