



**NORTH END  
FOOD PANTRY**

# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Providing Free Food, Clothing,  
Diapers, and Essentials with  
Dignity and Compassion.

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# Our Mission

Our mission is to reduce hunger and improve the quality of life in Burlington by providing access to nutritious food, essential personal care items, and clothing.

# History

Founded in 2013, the North End Food Pantry is an all-volunteer run 501(c)(3) nonprofit located in Burlington's New North End. Our space and utilities are generously provided by the Odd Fellows Lodge, located at 1416 North Avenue.

The North End Food Pantry was founded in March 2013 by Thom Fleury, who recognized a need to support children at C.P. Smith Elementary School, where Thom served as principal. The pantry, operating from donated space in the basement of the Odd Fellows Lodge, served just three individuals on its first day.

Over the years, the pantry has experienced significant growth, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, when demand surged. Today, economic challenges are affecting more and more families and individuals, so our outreach has grown to meet those needs. The North End Food Pantry has grown from a small neighborhood effort into a key resource for hundreds of families in Burlington's New North End.

We've also taken steps to secure our future, forming a board of directors and obtaining 501(c)(3) nonprofit status in 2024, which has allowed us to expand fundraising and services.



***“Thank you for your trust and community spirit. Together we offer people free food, clothing, and personal care items every weekend.”***

***— Thom Fleury  
Founder***

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# Board of Directors

President – Justin Luoma

Vice President – Simon Wade

Treasurer – Hank Prenskey

Secretary – Linda Looney

Thom Fleury (Founder)

Coralyn Guidry

Phil Hammerslough

Leonard Hendee

Tim Looney

Becky Wilkins

Greta Zarro



## 2025 at a Glance

**7,069**  
pantry guests

**150+**  
volunteers

**63,200** pounds of  
food donated

# Food & Basic Needs Distribution Program

Every Saturday and Sunday, the North End Food Pantry provides free fresh produce, deli and bakery items, shelf-stable canned goods, and essential personal care items including diapers and menstrual care products, serving nearly 600 guests per month on average. In 2025, 7,069 guests visited the pantry, a 16% increase from 2024.

This surge in demand can be attributed to a multitude of factors, including the rising costs of goods as well as SNAP delays and eligibility restrictions, particularly impacting refugees and immigrant populations, which comprise a large portion of our clients.

All are welcome to access our no-barrier services. Guests do not have to provide ID, proof of income, or fill out paperwork. Many of our clients do not have reliable access to a vehicle, making our work serving Burlington's New North End essential. We are located on the bus line and near to Vermont's largest affordable housing development.

63,200 pounds of food were donated in 2025. The majority of these food donations came from Hannaford North Avenue through Hannaford's Fresh Rescue program, which redirects unsold, fresh food to hunger relief partners. Additional food donors include Williston Hannaford (through a partnership with Williston Community Food Shelf), Intervale Community Farm, Miss Weinerz, Starr Farm Community Garden, Tuberville, Frog Song Farm, neighbors' surplus garden veggies, and community food drives.

The Food & Basic Needs Distribution Program is managed by Board Member Linda Looney serving as Upstairs Operations Manager and Board Member Tim Looney serving as Downstairs Operations Manager, with support from our entire board and volunteer team.



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## Free Clothing Shop

Our free shop provides free, gently used and new clothing for all ages, sizes, and genders. The shop operates during the same hours as the pantry, making it convenient for guests to pick up clothing at the same time that they shop for their weekly food needs.

Items for the shop are sourced through volunteer-run monthly clothing drives at the North End Food Pantry on the last Sunday of the month, where we receive hundreds of pounds of secondhand clothes each month from our North End community members. Our program reduces the amount of clothes sent to the landfill by redirecting secondhand clothing to those in need.

Like all of our programming, the shop is managed entirely by volunteers, who sort donations at the monthly drives, organize all of the inventory, and keep the racks stocked. Former Board President Jim Witmer serves in the role of Clothing Coordinator.

Thanks to a generous grant in the fall of 2025 from Chittenden Solid Waste District, we purchased an industrial scale for tracking pounds of clothing donations. In November, 1,800 pounds of clothing were donated, and in December, 750 pounds of clothing were donated, for a total of 2,550 pounds. We will continue to measure donations from month-to-month.



## Volunteer Program

We are 100% volunteer run and have no paid staff. Board Member Becky Wilkins serves in the role of Volunteer Coordinator, managing our robust volunteer team. Over 150 volunteers contributed their time and skills in 2025 to keep our programs running. Volunteers are integral for every aspect of our work, from food rescue pick-up, to food sorting and distribution to guests, to running our monthly clothing drives.

Volunteers come from all walks of life, from high school students to retirees. We have partnerships with Burlington High School and Rice Memorial High School so that students can fulfill their community service hours.

We are also grateful to the many volunteers and businesses who organized food drives throughout the year to support our work, including our Staniford Road neighbors, Appletree Point neighbors, Burlington Democratic Committee, Eagle Bay Academy, Mad River Distillers, New North End Holiday Market, Standing Stone Wines, Timberlane Dental, The Flynn, TruexCullins, UVM Health Care Coordination System, and more.

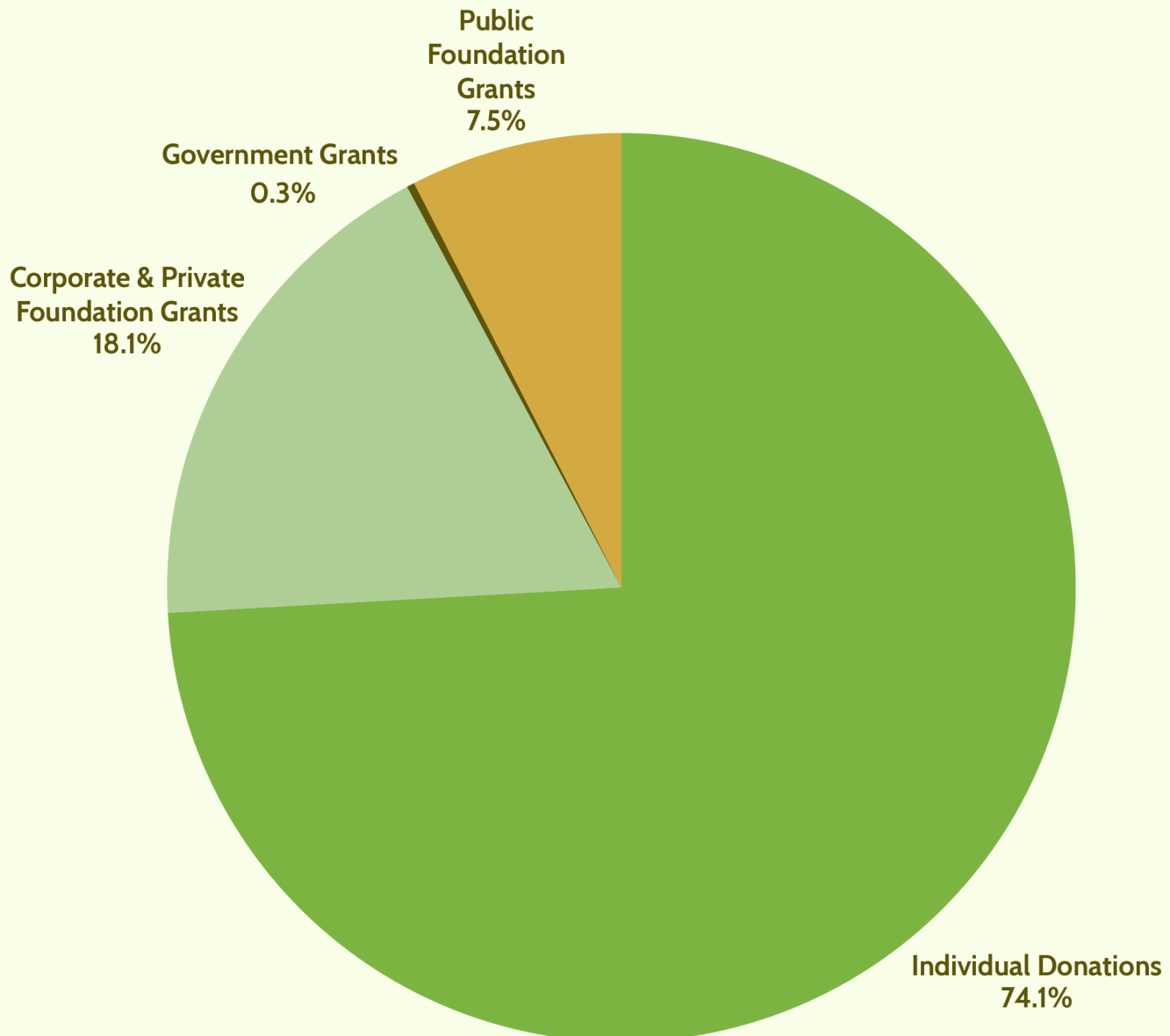


# Financials

The North End Food Pantry is generously supported by individuals, public and private foundations, and corporations in Burlington and beyond.

*THANK YOU for sustaining our work!*

## 2025 Income: \$164,427.95

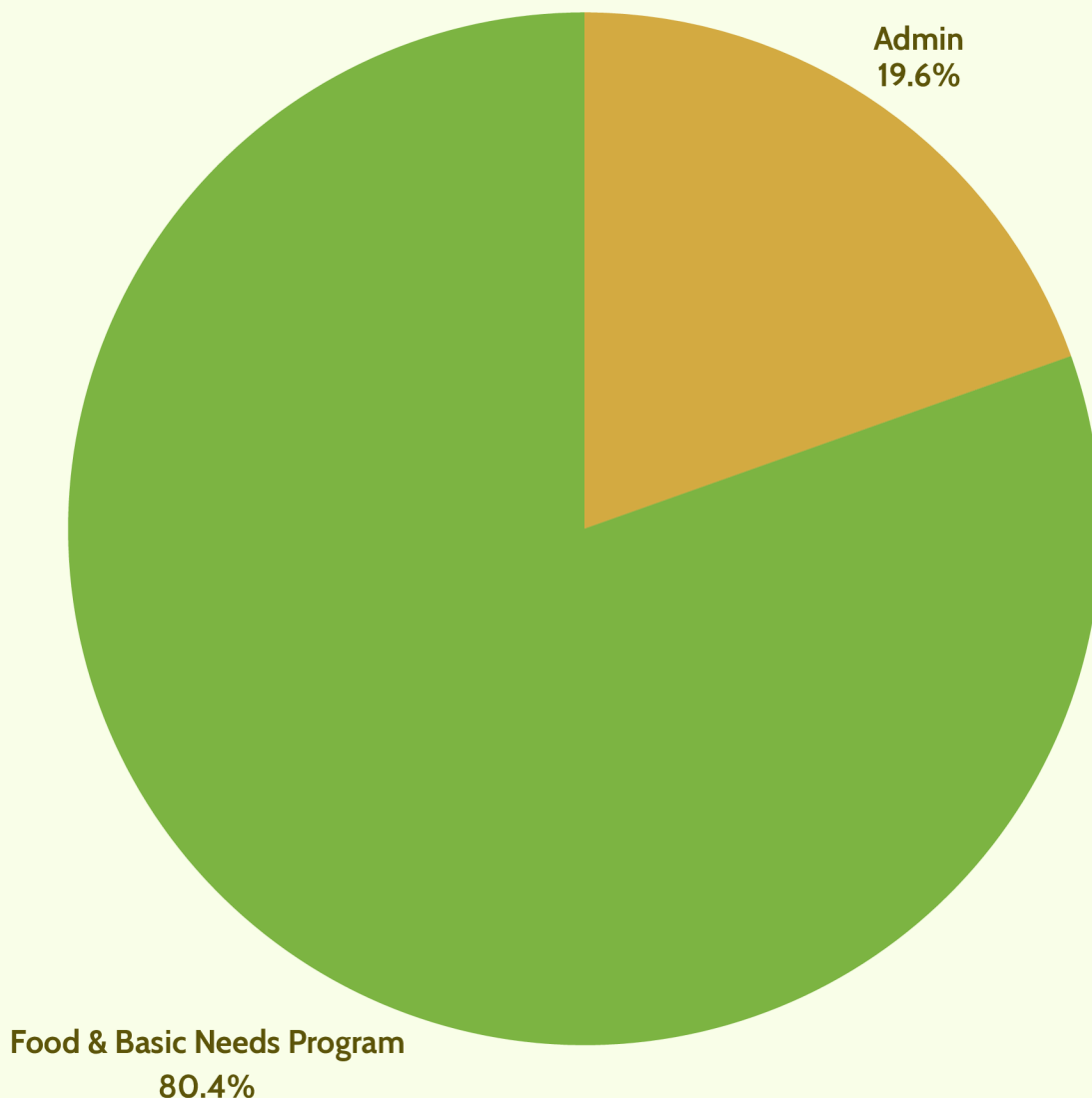


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# Financials

Since the North End Food Pantry is all-volunteer run and has no paid staff, and our space and utilities are generously provided by the Odd Fellows Lodge, we have very little overhead. We spend approximately \$4,000 a month on our Food & Basic Needs Distribution Program to ensure our shelves are stocked. While food donations provide a foundation, we regularly purchase core items such as milk, pantry staples, diapers, wipes, and menstrual products so that families can have confidence their most basic needs will be met each time they visit.

## 2025 Expenses: \$64,552.67





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1416 North Ave, Burlington, VT 05408

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## Pantry Hours (Saturdays & Sundays)

### FRESH PRODUCE, BAKERY (Upstairs):

Arrive by 8:50am to receive a number.

Distribution begins at 9:00am.

### MILK, DELI, SHELF STABLE FOOD, DIAPERS, CLOTHING, MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS (Downstairs):

Proceed downstairs. Get food first and  
then look through clothing.

### ARRIVING AFTER 10AM?

Enter at the back, downstairs to the  
basement for shelf stable food, diapers,  
clothing, and personal care items.

The North End Food Pantry is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and all donations are tax-deductible for federal income tax purposes.

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