



ANNUAL REPORT

2022

ABOUT HIGHER HOPES!



Higher Hopes! is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that serves families with children enrolled in Early Head Start Child Care Partnership Programs in Metro-Detroit. We provide a bounty of food in nutritious, multiple-meal food kits. Our goal is to inspire independence, relieve food anxiety and encourage family meals together.

www.higherhopesdetroit.org

2022 IMPACT

117K

117,000 packages of sliced apples were distributed in July to all seven Michigan food banks to supplement summer lunch programs.

\$50K

\$50,000 in gas cards were distributed in November to help offset the rise in gas prices.

1K

1,000 Thanksgiving meal kits were distributed to 1,000 families, marking the 9th year of this program.

1K

1,000 Labor Day BBQ kits, along with 1,000 hygiene kits, were distributed at this 2nd annual holiday event.

300

300 people at Development Center's Family Fun Day were treated to a lunch of hot dogs, drinks, chips, cookies, fruit cups, and yogurt.

12

12 months of food kit distributions helped to combat food insecurities in Metro Detroit.

Because of you, **someone will eat today.**

TESTIMONIALS

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Gleaners has partnered with Higher Hopes since 2016 to support Head Start Families with supplemental food assistance and nutrition education. Together we have worked to not only provide fresh, healthy food, but also the direct and indirect nutritional education that assists these families in putting the food to good use.

~Patrick J Schulte, Chief Development Officer
Gleaners Food Bank

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We at Brilliant Detroit are so thankful for this partnership! We were able to support families at all 14 of our currently operational sites. There are many great cooks in the Brilliant community who much preferred getting the ingredients for a meal, rather than a precooked one. The gas cards were also a huge hit. Transportation can be a challenge for some of our families and that certainly helped out a lot. On top of that, our volunteers had a great time packing, passing out the food, and overall contributing to the magic of the event. We look forward to working with Higher Hopes for years to come!

~Aryeh Perlman, Volunteer Engagement Manager
Brilliant Detroit

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I wanted to take a minute and thank you for the wonderful donation of single serve apple slices, these will come in great use for our Children Summer Lunch Feeding program.

The donation through the Foodbank Council network will help feed many children during the summer when school is out and the school lunch program is not accessible.”

~ Kelly McEvoy, Director of Food Programs
Forgotten Harvest

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YEAR IN REVIEW



MONTHLY MEAL KITS

Working with the Gleaners mobile food pantry, Higher Hopes! sponsored 1,000 monthly meal kits to supplement the diets of food insecure families in Detroit.

SUMMER PROGRAM APPLES

With the help of the Food Bank Council of Michigan, Higher Hopes! purchased and delivered 117,000 bags of apples to be distributed through the state's food banks.



LABOR DAY BBQ

In addition to 1,000 food kits containing everything for a weekend BBQ, Higher Hopes! also distributed 1,000 health and hygiene kits to get kids ready for a great school year.

"1,000 TURKEYS, 10,000 SMILES"

The 9th annual Thanksgiving program saw 1,000 Detroit families receive meal kits as well as \$50 gas cards.



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2023

- Restructure our current monthly meal program to better meet the needs of the community.
- Secure funding to continue to provide \$50 gas cards to our Thanksgiving meal recipients.
- Partner with other charitable organizations to help provide additional necessities at our pass outs.
- Celebrate our 10th anniversary!



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THANK YOU

Our work would not be possible without the help of our many volunteers, donors, and sponsors. Because of your support we can continue our fight against food insecurity in our community. Thank you!

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OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE

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