



# Claver House

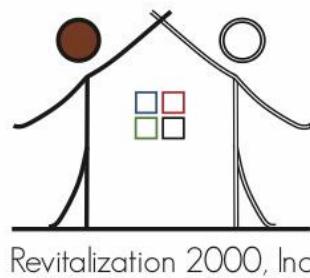
## Annual Report Revitalization 2000, Inc. / Claver House Fiscal Year 2024 (October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025)



### Together Making Claver House OUR House!

Working and learning with the Historic Ville Neighborhood of North Saint Louis, we bring people together to build relationships, support, educate, inspire, and promote positive change.

- Revitalization 2000 Mission Statement



Revitalization 2000, Inc.

# Claver House

*The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; do good anyway.*

*Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;*

*give the world the best you've got anyway.*

*You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God;*

*it was never between you and them anyway. – from St. Teresa of Calcutta poem "Do it Anyway"*

Dear Friends of Claver House,

The helplessness I at times feel in witnessing poverty can tempt me to ignore it. Yet our faith compels all to care for those in need. The Torah includes gleaning laws to help feed the poor and foreigners. Christ dedicates His ministry to the poor, calling them "blessed", feeding them, healing them, and treating them with dignity. Both acknowledge that material poverty will remain, but in assisting we instill hope and give strength to not despair, to not be afraid.

A meaningful impact that Claver House makes is in the hope that our programs offer. Another is in the trusting relationships that our lasting presence builds between our neighbors in the Ville and with those from outside the neighborhood who come to volunteer. Over time these create a mutual respect that helps dissolve economic and racial barriers. Like our namesake St. Peter Claver, we do not change the fabric of society, but we nudge it a bit through extending love, giving a measure of comfort to an underserved neighborhood, and offering a channel through which others can witness poverty, more fully understand its causes, and engage.

As St. Teresa's prayer reads, we like to think we give "the best we've got anyway." You and our other supporters are important partners in our mission and are not forgotten. We are so grateful to those of you who are part of Claver House, and we invite all to join us in giving the best we've got. Thank you!

Stephen E. Hutchison  
President  
Revitalization 2000 – Claver House

## About Claver House

Claver House assists the Ville neighborhood of North St. Louis, a once vibrant, now underserved, but very historic community. The Ville is a 96% Black neighborhood with a rich history of African American education, business, entertainment, and culture. Today, however, more than 65% of the adults have no high school degree; and the median income is less than \$23,000.



We operate educational enrichment programs for youth. These include breakfast and fun-learning activities on Saturday at Claver House and a STEAM summer camp. Hunger exists in the Ville, a food desert in an area with limited access to public transportation. In addition to the homeless and the elderly shut-ins, many Ville families are "the working poor" who often must wrestle with the decision to pay their utility bill or keep food on the table. In response we collect and distribute food and personal care items for distribution to residents and our neighborhood schools.

Claver House also touches several hundred residents through its collaborations and co-hosting of annual events such as the "Back to School Block Party" and "Christmas in the Ville" events.

Our strategic plan calls for improving our current programs, building capacity to ensure sustainability, and leveraging our collaborative relationships and partnerships to support program growth. As a neighborhood residence, our Claver House is "right there" to serve the underserved. Through our programs we build empowering

relationships with neighborhood residents, while also bridging them and the metropolitan area so that together we can build a better neighborhood. Claver House offers a safe, functional, homelike, and loving program space in this very poor neighborhood. It is also home to a resident faith-based volunteer community and a gathering place for our many non-resident volunteers.

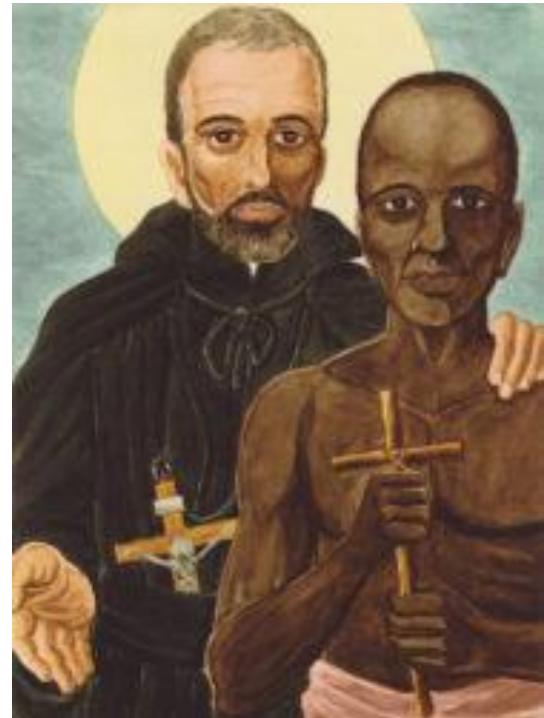


## Our Name and Origins



In 1998 St. Matthew the Apostle Church initiated a project named Revitalization 2000 to revitalize the parish and to stabilize the surrounding block. We were a parish committee responsible for that neighborhood outreach effort. We quickly determined that we could better achieve this goal if we incorporated, and so in 1999 we created the 501c3 corporation Revitalization 2000, Inc. Our first major effort was to rehab a dilapidated building next to the parish center. We named that building Claver House. With time, people began referring to our overall operation by that name, and so we registered ourselves as Revitalization 2000, Inc. dba Claver House.

Claver House is named after St. Peter Claver, today referred to as "the slave of the slaves." He was born in 1580. As a young Jesuit in Majorca, Spain, he received spiritual direction from the humble and future saint Alphonsus Rodriguez, who urged Peter to travel to the New World and serve the needy slaves in what is now Cartagena, Columbia. Peter's 40+ year ministry there involved providing enslaved people with food, water, medicine, and spiritual guidance, and he is credited with baptizing over 300,000 people. One biographer writes, "He was not a 'revolutionary' priest, intent on changing the fabric of society; he simply cared for the slaves and exhorted the slave masters to be humane." Pope Leo XIII was so moved by his work that he said, "No life except the life of Christ has so moved me as that of Peter Claver." He was canonized in 1888, and one of the miracles attributed to him occurred in 1864 at St. Joseph Shrine in St. Louis.



"..spiritually enriching and moving. So evident [the] Mission and a true sense of actualizing community service grounded in Catholic teaching and love in motion based on partnering with those in the Ville who want to make a difference." - David Cronin, Professor Emeritus, Washington University Brown School of Social Work

## Why Assist Claver House?

Claver House embodies the Catholic Social Teaching concepts of solidarity and subsidiarity. It is hard to find a more nuts-and-bolts approach than Claver House. It is equally hard to find a place that, through the combined efforts of its projects and its loving, compassionate environment, more effectively reduces economic and racial barriers and therein builds understanding and trust — things we greatly need in our metropolitan area.



Claver House invites you into this effort. There is great need in the Ville — and through Claver House there is an opportunity to be present, to better understand, and to help. We invite you, as Pope Francis wrote, "to build bridges not walls," and as Jesus says, to "love your neighbor as yourself."

"We helped the Claver house staff and other volunteers during their Saturday morning bimonthly food/necessities distribution. We helped set up the tables and organized the food. We helped the local residents pick out their groceries and household staples and bagged them up for them. We also picked some produce to hand out to the residents as well. I liked talking to the people shopping, and it was nice to know we were helping people. Everyone was really nice, and it made me feel proud to be part of a community that helps others." – Jack C., High School Volunteer



# FY24 Program Summary Outcomes/Impact

## Project Read and Feed

- Bi-monthly distribution of food and pantry items. Provided breakfast treats and personal care items Sumner High and Hickey Elementary as needed. Contributors include Ste. Genevieve du Bois, White House, DOT Foods, and private donors
- Weekly delivery of home-prepared frozen meals, Einstein Bagels, and Panera goods
  - St. Ambrose: 50 meals/month
  - Ste. Genevieve du Bois: 25 meals/month, including pickup and repackaging of bakery goods
- Partnering with Ascension and YMSL, provided neighbors with 60 Thanksgiving turkeys or Cornish hens plus sides
- Maintained 15 Little Libraries in the neighborhood, making repairs and equipping them with 50 books

## Community Garden Program

- Collaborated with YMSL, NCL, Ste. Genevieve du Bois, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Gabriel to grow seedlings indoors for our 22 garden beds
- Together planted, maintained, and beautified our gardens
- Made all produce available to neighbors at no charge

## Resident Community Program

- Hosted 2 urban plunges for DePaul University students
- Hosted and mentored 4 Notre Dame student interns for 8 weeks in summer
- Provided housing for 3 Claver House residents in exchange for volunteering in neighborhood programs

## Christmas in the Ville & Block Party

- Recruited volunteers: YMSL, NCL, SJ4A, West County Collaborative
- Coordinated Giving Tree projects for Ste. Genevieve du Bois and MICDS
- Prepared gift bags for 339 children from 126 families

## Disaster Relief Program

- Established a scholarship for high school student from affected family
- Volunteered with disaster relief agencies
- Organized home cleanup and funded major repairs
- Supported 3 families with utility bills and rent

## Youth STEAM Programs

- Led weekly fun learning activities at Hickey Elementary in spring
- Reinstated Science Saturday at Claver House
- Ran Claver House Summer Camp: 4-week STEAM activities for 8 youth, with lunch and 4 field trips

## Neighborhood Collaborations

- Helped Catholic Charities connect residents to local aid programs
- Partnered with Sumner High School and Hickey Elementary to assist needy students and families
- Assisted Northside Community Housing's resident services program
- Provided volunteers for LovetheLou tornado relief efforts
- Partnered with Unfailing Love Christian Church in planning and hosting the annual Christmas in the Ville celebration and Back to School Block party.



# Claver House

## **Officers and Board of Directors**

Stephen E. Hutchison, MSEE, President

Stephen Belt, PhD, Secretary (Assistant Professor and Chair , Aviation Science, Parks College, St. Louis University)

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Robert Marshak (Member, Social Justice 4 All)

James Moore (Member, Social Justice 4 All)

Arlene Martin (Member, Cote Brilliante Presbyterian Church)

Kim Spain, MSRN (RN, ResCare Community Living)

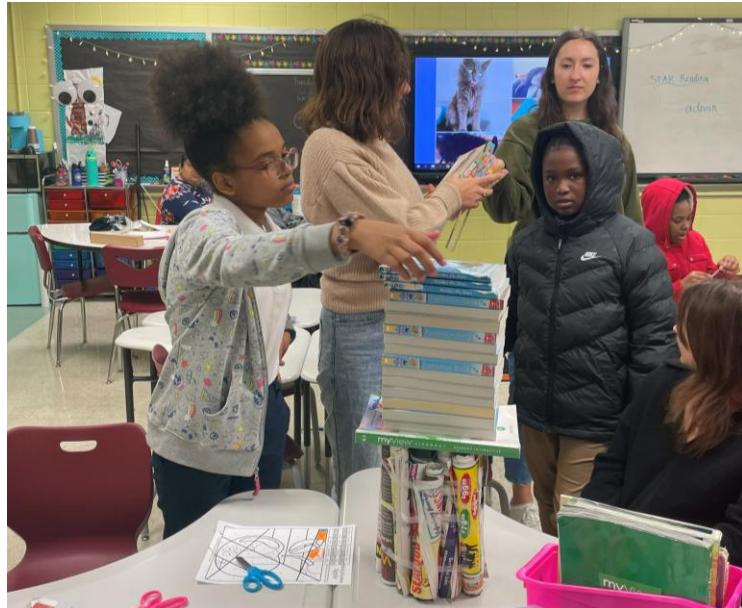
John C. Weller (Attorney)

Aaron Williams (Project Director, Alberici Constructors, Inc., Director, Ville Collaborative)

*From Board Member Bob Marshak*

## Neighborhood School Outreach

A core component of Claver House's mission is supporting students at Ville schools Sumner High School and Hickey Elementary. In collaboration with school staff and community partners, Claver House provides food supplies and personal care items throughout the school year. Through these partnerships, Claver House assists in supporting student well-being and educational engagement during times of both stability and crisis. Many students arrive at school without adequate nutrition, which can impact attendance and participation. To address this need, Claver House regularly stocks a school-based food pantry, administered by school staff, offering snacks and essential items available before and during the school day.



During the 2025 school year, Sumner and Hickey respectively served 288 and 307 students. Following the May tornadoes, students were temporarily relocated outside of the Ville neighborhood, and over 40 families attending these schools were directly impacted. In response, Claver House expanded outreach efforts to provide additional food support to affected families for the remainder of the school year, delivering over 20,000 food and personal care items to students.

*"All that you touch, You Change. All that you change, changes you" - Octavia Butler*

*From Board Member Jim Moore*

## Neighborhood Outreach

More than a few years ago I made the happy mistake of facilitating a strategic planning process for Claver House. I was so taken by the dedication of the leadership and the longevity of their commitment to Ville neighbors that I stepped up to volunteer and eventually serve on the Board. My main focus has been supporting fellow board member Kim Spain's "Project Read and Feed" and its mission to provide food to needy families and live-alone seniors. What began as a small pantry at Claver House has grown to include two large food and hygiene distributions each month, and home delivery of parish provided casseroles to 25 families each Thursday. The growth of this effort has been substantial during and since the pandemic, with a corresponding increase in the number of volunteers interacting with our neighbors during the distribution.

I've also adopted Kim's project of placing Little Libraries around the Ville filled with books for all ages. Currently we have 15 in place capable of holding 50 books.

We happily accept book donations, especially those for infants and early readers and young adults, with a preference for those by or about minority culture and history.



*"It means a lot to me, especially when I might be running low at the end of the month. They're always thinking outside of the box with ways to help the community." - Martha Parnell, Ville resident*



*From Finance and Development Committee Member Emily Wallis*

## Volunteering at Claver House



Spending time at Claver House has been deeply impactful and has changed the way I see both service and community. I have attended numerous food distributions and get the opportunity to meet neighbors face to face, helping fill immediate needs wherever I could. Those personal interactions - listening to stories, offering help, and building trust - have been some of the most meaningful moments of my involvement. In light of the May 16 tornado, the annual August Back-to-School event felt far less like a celebration and more like a necessary

lifeline for families navigating hardship. It reinforced just how essential the neighborhood presence of Claver is during times of crisis.

Beyond volunteering at our Saturday food distributions, I have been involved in preparing monthly casseroles for neighbors, a simple but powerful way to provide comfort and consistency. I also had the opportunity to help deliver Thanksgiving meals to neighbors (we delivered 60 turkeys or Cornish hens with sides), and I'm grateful to have been able to do this now for several years. Seeing the gratitude, relief, and sense of being remembered reminded me that food is about more than nourishment - it is about dignity, care and connection. The more time I spend working with Claver House, and the more neighbors I get to meet, the more I see the depth of the need in this community. These experiences have strengthened my commitment to continuing to show up, serve, and support the important work Claver House is doing each and every day!



*"For me, without you guys it would be rough. This is a blessing and we all appreciate you." - Roland, Homer G Phillips Senior Center resident*

*From Resident and Resident Assistant Nichole Klco*

## Claver House Resident Community

Claver House the building is the epicenter of our various programs, but it is also home to a resident community and a place of intentionality where residents and nonresidents experience the rich neighborhood of the Ville and can become integral as a faith community. In 2025 I came back home to Claver House. I have personally been involved here since fall of 2018 but



moved away to South City for two years before migrating back in the fall of 2025. Along with board member Stephen Belt and resident community committee member Gajapriya Tamilselvan, I am helping revive the resident community established in 1999 at the founding of our organization. Our vision is to re-ignite the relational and spiritual aspects of the live-in community, non-resident volunteers, and the Ville residents themselves. As a start, this year we hosted our 3rd Annual Bike Ride to promote and give visibility to Claver House the community.

While our current full-time residency consists of Louis and myself, this past year Claver House was the summer home to four University of Notre Dame service-learning interns. Also, in March and November of 2025 we served as base camp for ten DePaul University students visiting St. Louis to live the Vincentian mission of focusing on "evangelizing and serving the poor, the abandoned, and the marginalized with compassion, dignity, and specialized care."



*"I learned so much – about service work, connecting with others, and myself. I know I'll be back, whether just to stop by or to take over for you!" - McKenna Andrew, ND Summer resident*

## FY24 Summary

- ❖ Claver House, operated by Revitalization 2000, Inc. (R2K), serves as a neighborhood-based hub in the Ville, a historically significant and underserved community in North St. Louis.
- ❖ Rooted in Catholic Social Teaching and a “right-there” model of service, Claver House works alongside residents to address immediate needs while strengthening long-term community well-being.
- ❖ In Fiscal Year 2024, Claver House responsibly stewarded over \$200,000, directing most funds to its Food and Pantry Item Program to address food insecurity in the Ville. The organization distributed 20,000+ food and personal care items, supported school breakfast programs, and provided regular meal and bakery deliveries to families and neighborhood schools.
- ❖ Additional investments supported youth STEAM programming, summer enrichment, community gardening, and resident assistance, ensuring funds met urgent needs while strengthening long-term community well-being.
- ❖ Through strong partnerships and a commitment to dignity, presence, and accountability, Claver House continues to enrich the Ville by meeting urgent needs while building trust and connection across the community

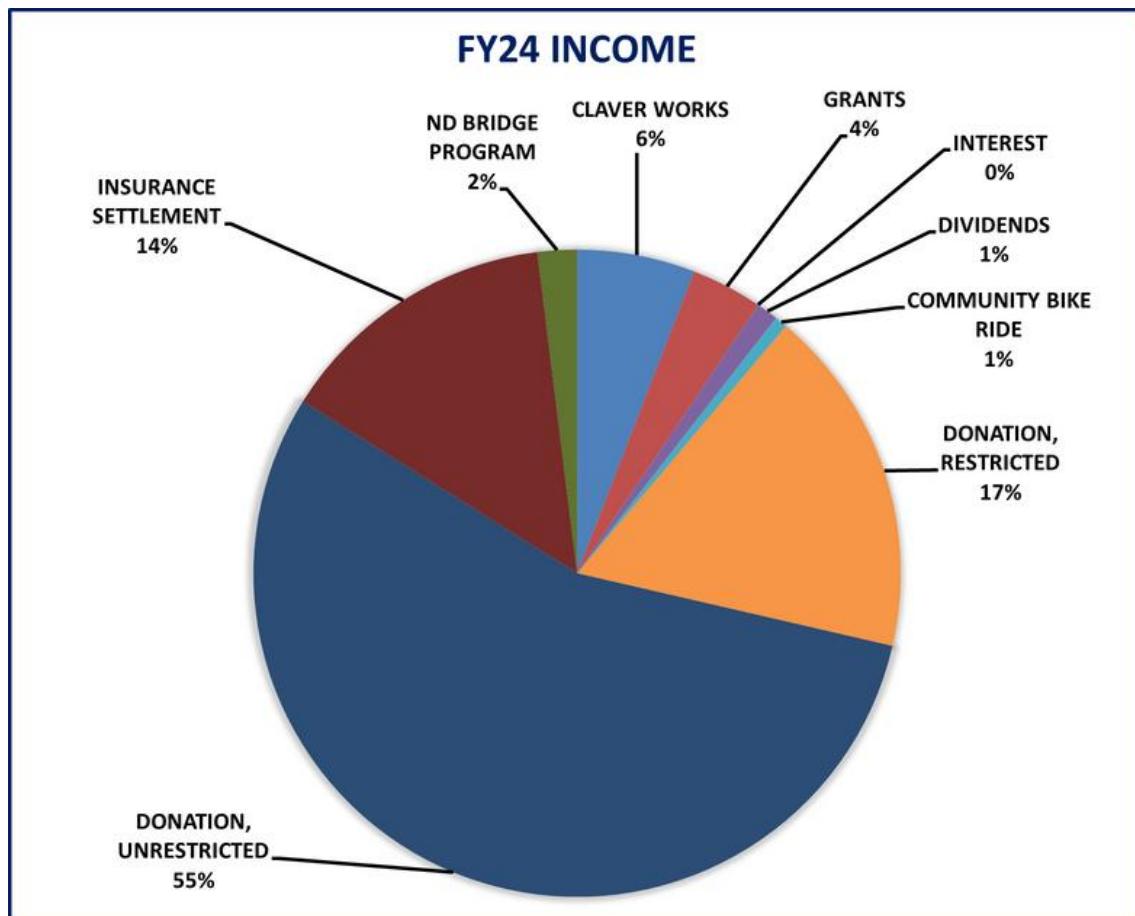
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<https://www.revitalization2000.com>

# FY 2024 Financial Snapshot

Sum of Amount	Total
Description	Total
CLAVER WORKS	\$ 12,000.00
GRANTS	\$ 7,228.79
INTEREST	\$ 5.34
DIVIDENDS	\$ 2,205.34
COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE	\$ 1,283.12
DONATION, RESTRICTED	\$ 35,485.64
DONATION, UNRESTRICTED	\$ 112,537.44
INSURANCE SETTLEMENT	\$ 28,735.69
ND BRIDGE PROGRAM	\$ 4,000.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 203,481.36</b>



FY24 Budget



<https://bit.ly/FY24ClaverBudget>

F24 Income/Expense



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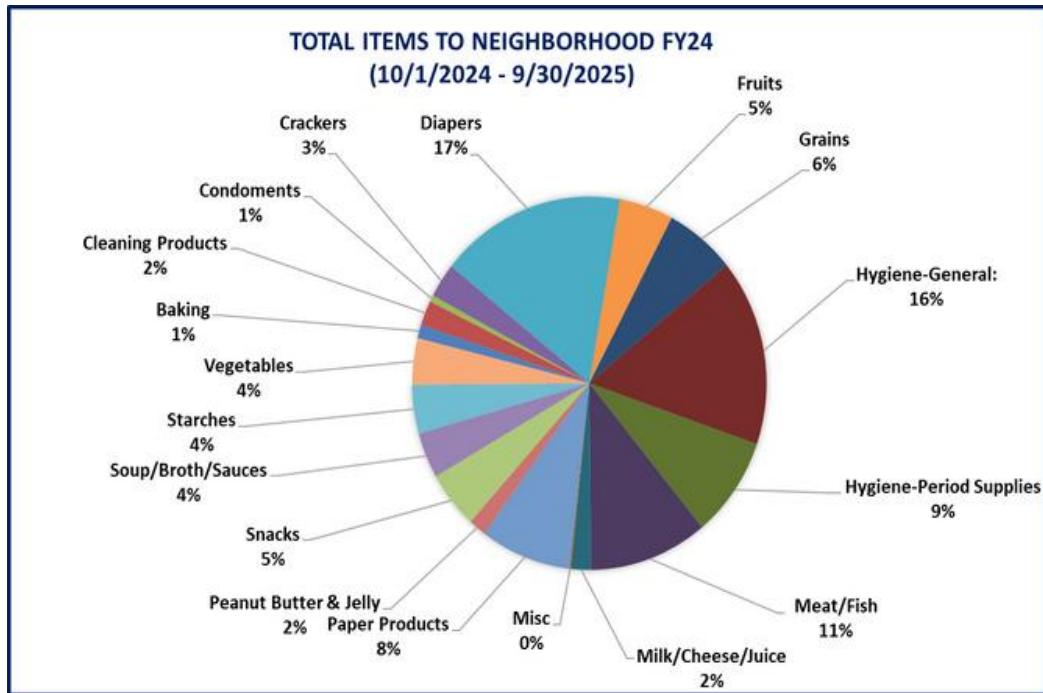
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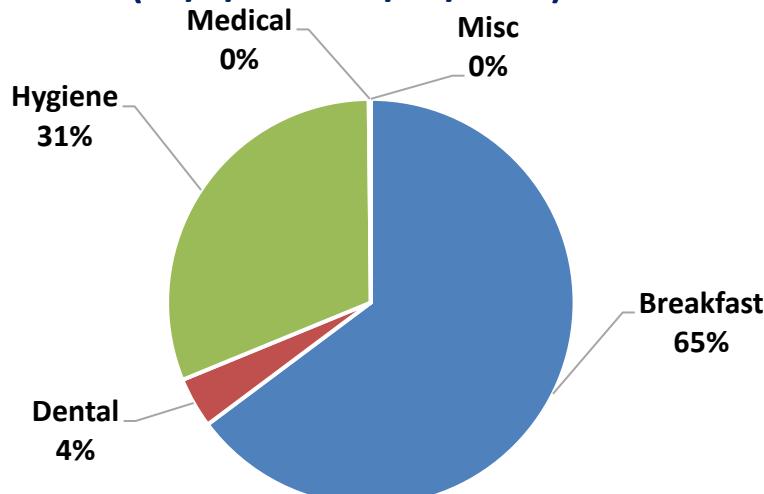
## Food Program Metrics

FY 24 Items to Neighborhood	
Item Type	Distributed
Baking	363
Cleaning Products	656
Condoments	174
Crackers	915
Diapers	5,204
Fruits	1,498
Grains	1,956
Hygiene-General:	4,960
Hygiene-Period Supplies	2,672
Meat/Fish	3,312
Milk/Cheese/Juice	550
Misc	39
Paper Products	2,546
Peanut Butter & Jelly	490
Snacks	1,521
Soup/Broth/Sauces	1,216
Starches	1,292
Vegetables	1,228
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>30,592</b>



Home cooked meals delivered to homes: 850

**TOTAL ITEMS TO SCHOOLS FY24  
(10/1/2024 - 9/30/2025)**



**FY 24 Items to Schools**

FY 24 Items to Schools	
Item Type	Distributed
Breakfast	13340
Dental	827
Hygiene	6389
Medical	35
Misc	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>20,591</b>