

We Nourish...

Sharing & Caring opened its doors on January 2, 1985 as an emergency food bank providing a basic staple of foods for needy individuals and families. Originally, we started in a building donated by the First Baptist Church of Fort Walton Beach.

With help and a lease from the First Presbyterian Church, we relocated to our current facility at 126 Beal Parkway in June 1992.

Our clients include families, children, seniors, the homeless, and those unemployed; they are often referred to us by churches, other social agencies or word of mouth.

All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent provided by law. The Sharing & Caring, Inc. State of Florida registration number is CH2193. A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling toll-free (800-435-7352) within the state. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval, or recommendation by the state.



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Inc.

You Can Help...

Sharing & Caring relies upon contributions and pledges from area churches, local organizations, and individuals to provide the majority of the day-to-day funds and food that keep the center operating. After the recent financial and economic crisis, hunger remains high in Okaloosa County. The impact of high unemployment, increased food costs, and decreased financial support has made it more challenging to serve our community within our available budget. You can help!

- *Make a tax-deductible donation directly to Sharing & Caring, Inc., or designate Sharing & Caring through the United Way or Combined Federal Campaign*
- *Volunteer to work at the center*
- *Donate food individually or organize a food drive on behalf of Sharing & Caring*

Suggested items:

Peanut butter, tuna, pork & beans, beef stew, cereal, corn, green beans, carrots, canned fruit, canned meats, jelly, macaroni and cheese, grits, rice, beans, fruit juice, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, powdered milk, baby food and formula.

Items we **CANNOT** use:

Home canned foods, already opened foods, outdated or badly dented cans.

1 in 6 people in Florida struggle with hunger

Feed the Hungry.



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Established in 1985

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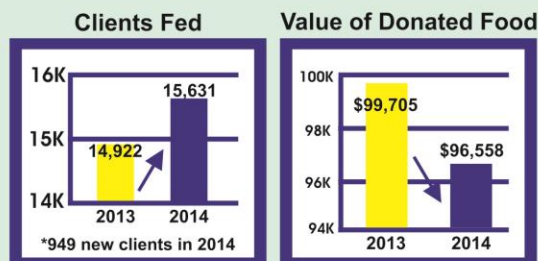


Sharing & Caring of Okaloosa County Inc



A United Way Agency Serving Okaloosa County

We Share...



Pantry Usage

Clients may receive pantry items once every 30 days. The food assistance is intended to be a supplement; groceries provided typically supply meals for two to three days. We also offer bagged lunches every Friday to those in need.

Types of Food Available

Our basic menu of food provided includes: canned vegetables and fruits, pasta, beans, rice, canned tuna, peanut butter, eggs, cheese, and other products, depending on availability.

In addition to food items, baby diapers, and personal care products are provided when available.

Residency Requirements

Food is available to anyone in south Okaloosa County who qualifies within our guidelines.

Hours

We are open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We close at 11:00 a.m. on the third Monday of each month for a general membership meeting and are closed on Federal holidays.

We Care...

PROUDLY, Sharing & Caring is operated entirely by an all-volunteer force of over 60 individuals.

Clients are greeted by a member of our welcome desk who assists with check in, paperwork, and general inquiries about services. Our trained volunteers then interview each client and perform a complete evaluation of the needs of the individual or family. Finally, our dedicated pantry staff manages our food inventory and fulfills each order based on client requirements.

Although our primary goal is to provide food for those in need, Sharing & Caring offers outreach services, as well. Through networking, we often refer a client to other resources for clothing, household goods, shelter, or job opportunities.

Additionally, we dedicate considerable resources to helping clients address their health care needs.

Our Pettengill Prescription Program provides individuals with monetary vouchers to be redeemed at local pharmacies. These vouchers often cover the total cost of their medications or, at a minimum, significantly offset the expense associated with filling their prescription.

Our partnership with the Okaloosa County Health Department enables us to work together as a team to qualify client needs and provide education about health care options.

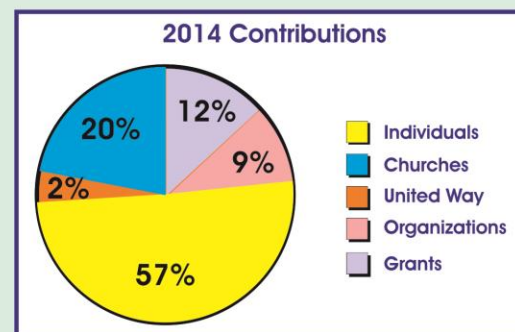
398 students were homeless in Okaloosa County 2013-2014.

We Give...

Our team is always looking for new ways to actively address the needs of those we serve. For instance, each Thanksgiving and Christmas, we raise donations that enable us to provide extra food for holiday meals to families in need.

In 2012, Sharing & Caring became a proud sponsor of the Kids Backpack Program to ensure that children who rely upon subsidized meals at school do not go hungry over the weekend. The initiative was a success, and we look forward to our continued involvement as a backup resource to local sponsors and schools as needs arise.

Our new and improved client management software enables us to better track and analyze client data, to provide more efficient service, to more accurately report our progress, and to more clearly understand the needs of the community.



If you want to eliminate hunger, everybody has to be involved.
~ Bono