



Food for Thought



Greetings from the Director

HANNAH GODFREY

What a year of growth and new opportunities 2025 has been! This summer we completed an install project of our new walk-in refrigerator and walk-in freezer. This project has allowed us to take in even more food for the growing need. Our November Scouting for Food brought in the most donations ever (!) with the neighboring communities donating over 26,000 pounds of food.

Throughout the year, our executive team, led by consultant Steve Liga, and comprised of volunteers, social workers, staff, and clients, has been hard at work clarifying our mission, vision, and values as well as naming, writing, and filing the paperwork to become a new non-profit. Officially beginning July 1, 2026, we will be Grains of Hope.

As always, we couldn't do all these wonderful things without our amazing volunteers and donors. You put in 35,000+ hours and donated \$122,247.

Year in Numbers

Families Served:
13,433

Individuals Served:
53,748

Pounds of Food Rescued:
227,391

**Children Served With
the School Supply Drive:**
127

**Children Served at
the Angel Shop:**
203

**Scouting For Food
Donations:**
26,000 Pounds

Number of Volunteers:
920

Total Hours of Work Put In:
35,000+

**Total Number of
Partners Organizations:**
13

To give go to:
gohopenova.org/donate



Thank YOU!

Help Needed

As we get ready to officially launch, there will be new opportunities to use your gifts to support our efforts - through the elected Board, behind the scenes writing grants, or serving on a team (client support, fundraising, communications, speaker's bureau, etc.). If you are interested in finding out more about what it means to serve in these ways, please email Hannah at food@cofumc.org or Pastor Abi at pastor@cofumc.org. Thank you!

A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words

