



2025 Impact Report

2025 brought rising grocery prices, increased housing costs, and ongoing economic pressure. That uncertainty deepened when the temporary government shutdown paused SNAP benefits for many households. Families who were already carefully balancing their budgets suddenly faced gaps they could not control. In moments like these, stability is not abstract. It is the difference between getting through the month or falling behind.

At Urban Recipe, our work this year was grounded in a simple but essential commitment: **to show up consistently and with dignity**. With your support, our Food Co-ops continued to meet bi-weekly, offering families reliable access to food and a rhythm they could count on. These gatherings provided more than groceries. They offered reassurance, connection, and a sense of shared responsibility.

At the same time, stability required flexibility. As needs increased in the fall, we responded through our Mobile Pantry and by partnering with community organizations to provide additional food distributions. These efforts allowed us to quickly and collaboratively meet families where they were, as we worked to help ensure that short-term disruptions did not become long-term crises.

Behind the scenes, we worked intentionally to strengthen partnerships and steward resources wisely so that access did not waver, even as food costs rose and supply chains fluctuated throughout the year. This balance of consistency and responsiveness proved critical.

The impact of this work cannot be captured by numbers alone. Stability builds trust. It creates space for dignity. It allows parents to focus on work and school, seniors to feel secure, and children to experience food as a source of care rather than stress.

None of this happens in isolation. It happens because donors, co-op members, volunteers, partners, and staff believe that food security is foundational to strong communities. Your support made stability possible in 2025, and it continues to shape what comes next.



With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeremy Lewis". The script is fluid and cursive.

Jeremy Lewis
Executive Director, Urban Recipe

IN 2025, Urban Recipe distributed **673,163 pounds of food**, including **96,240 pounds of produce**, across our programs. That is over **\$2.49 million in meal value.**

WHERE THE FOOD WENT

6 INTERNAL CO-OPS

- 205 co-op members
- 842 family members served bi-weekly
- 57,644 pounds of fresh produce

WHO'S WHO:

Co-op member:

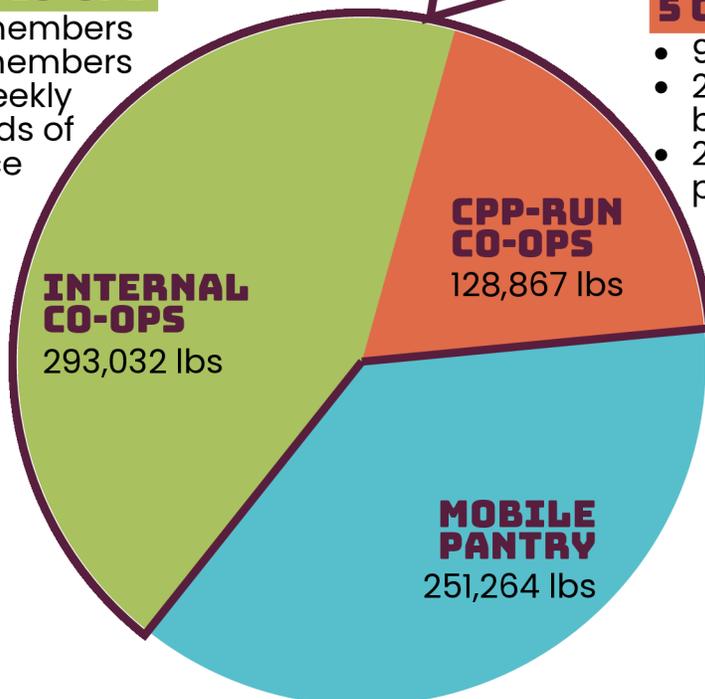
Person that shows up to co-op, participates, and volunteers their time

Family member:

People that live with co-op members, receiving free food from co-ops

Mobile Pantry recipient:

Person that gets food from our drive-up boxed food program: Mobile Pantry



5 CPP-RUN CO-OPS*

- 92 co-op members
- 223 family members served bi-weekly
- 22,906 pounds of fresh produce

MOBILE PANTRY

- 118 distributions
- 23,001 people served

- 156 co-op meetings
- 115 co-op meetings
- 14,279 grocery boxes



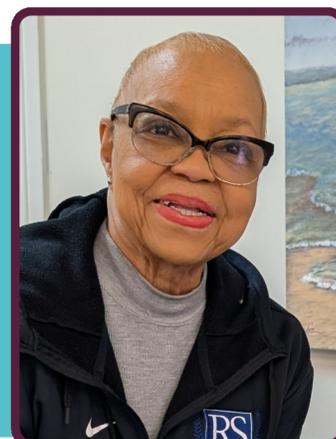
CO-OP SNAPSHOT

Co-op members go home with 107% more food each distribution than Mobile Pantry recipients. They also receive fresh produce, unlike our Mobile Pantry.



I feel more confident in meeting daily food responsibilities and enabled to spend money more efficiently in other areas where the co-op helps me save.

-Parish Grove Co-op Member



*CPP Co-ops are run by our Cooperative Pathway Partners. Urban Recipe provides training, food, evaluation and reporting, and logistical support and our partners take shared financial responsibility and lead their co-ops.

WHY FOOD CO-OPS?

Similar to a pantry in many ways, we are proud to stretch that model of “free food for all” to focus also on depth, dignity, and sustained impact and stability.

FOOD CO-OP

STANDARD PANTRY

✓	Free Food	✓
✓	Available to anyone in need	✓
✓	Consistent Support	?
	Emergency Access	✓
✓	Quantity and Variety	?
✓	Community	
✓	Decision Making	
✓	Leadership Opportunities	



The community and a sense of solving problems together is what I enjoy most about co-op. It has also made a huge difference in our ability to feed our family!

-International Community School Co-op Member





OZZY AND MIDGLADIS

COMMUNITY

Ozzy and his wife Midgladis joined co-op because, like so many, they needed food support. Upon joining the Parish Grove Co-op, they have found more than just food - they have found community.

Ozzy shared that they love activities, dancing, and socializing. He loves that the community and friends they have made at co-op have made them, as well as their their refrigerator, very full.

LEADERSHIP

Geraldine has been in the South Atlanta Co-op for a decade, coming every two weeks to help feed her family balanced meals. As she has stayed in co-op, she was elected to the Steering Committee as president, a volunteer role where she serves her peers. She's been leading for two terms, and is proud to be able to care for her community members.

She goes to bed every Tuesday night before co-op, preparing herself to arrive ready to lead and serve her neighbors.

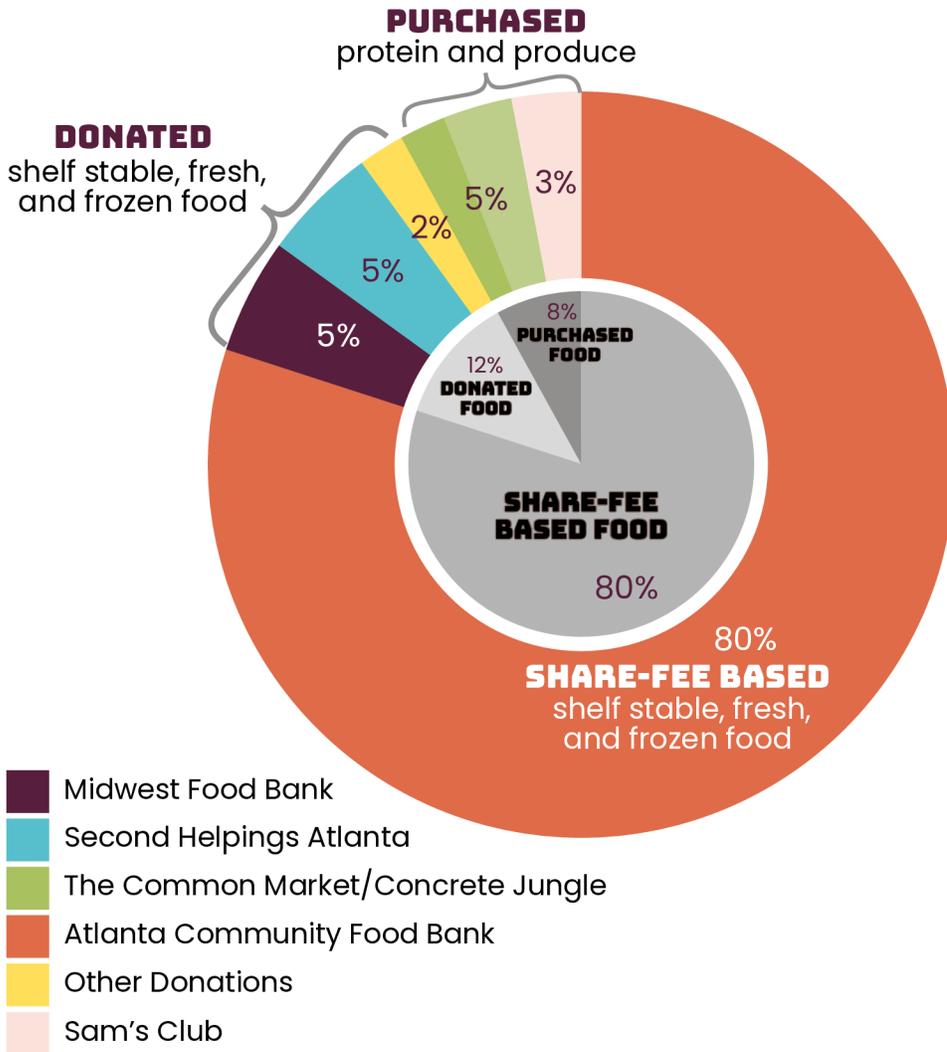


GERALDINE

2025 BY THE NUMBERS

FOOD SOURCES

Our food sources are a combination of paid, donated, and shared-fee food. We prioritize variety, nutrition, and quality when serving our families, taking into account their preferences as well as needs.



96,240 LBS OF PRODUCE

That's 438 carts full of fresh fruit and veggies!



560,969 MEALS

Lined up, these would reach all the way from Atlanta to Macon!



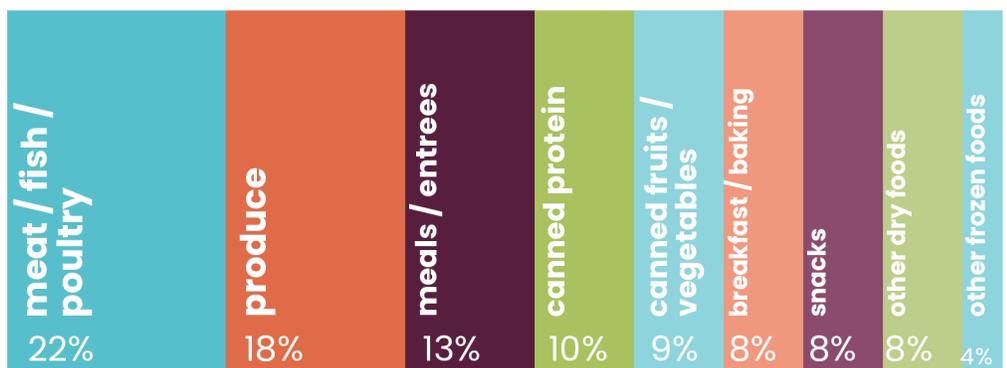
149,319 POUNDS OF PROTEIN

That's the same weight as over 100,000 basketballs!



ESTIMATED FOOD VARIETY

Our co-op members' favorite kinds of food:



WHAT YOU MADE POSSIBLE



COOPERATIVE PATHWAY PROGRAM GROWTH

In 2025, our CPP program grew, training our partners and opening a second co-op in Decatur in July 2025. **This new co-op, Clairmont Oaks, is filled with 22 active co-op members**, all seniors, who have grown not only in food security, but also in community in the last 7 months.

Last year, **we trained 18 people to help lead co-ops**, including the Shareable community in Rome, GA, who launched an Urban Recipe Certified Co-op of their own in Fall 2025.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

When the government shut down and SNAP benefits were temporarily suspended across Georgia, we were ready to react. Through our incredible partners, **we distributed 2,987 boxes of groceries - 37,944 lbs of food - as an emergency response.**



The best part about it? **The overwhelming reaction from our co-op members during this time of crisis was that they were ok.** They repeatedly said, because of co-op, they were not pushed into dire circumstances. Things were tight, but they knew where their next food was coming from, and that community and consistency fueled all of our co-op members.



SERVING ALL PEOPLE

Our co-ops are filled with families of all types. **18% of those we serve through co-ops are seniors, 37% are children.** Our co-op members come from 58 zip codes across Georgia and speak at least 7 different languages.

Co-ops are co-ops because of active participation, and the ownership members take in the food they receive.

A YEAR SPENT TOGETHER



TUMMY AND SOUL

We celebrated with gratitude the growth of Urban Recipe at our annual Tummy and Soul fundraiser event!

Decatur First United Methodist Church was the recipient of our Growth and Gratitude Award, honored for their commitment to the cooperative model.

SERVING CHILDREN

In partnership with the Atlanta Community Food Bank, we were able to give additional food to our co-op families with kids. **We distributed over 15,000 extra pounds of GNAP food** (Georgia Nutritional Assistance Program) to households with children.



VOLUNTEER SNAPSHOT

1,734
volunteers

144
volunteer
sessions

3,887
hours logged

36 members of the 5 Timers Club
(volunteered 5+ times with Urban Recipe)

Lo que mas disfruto es la amistad entre los integrantes y la unidad, y gracias a este grupo tengo suficiente comida para mi familia y con pertir con los demas.

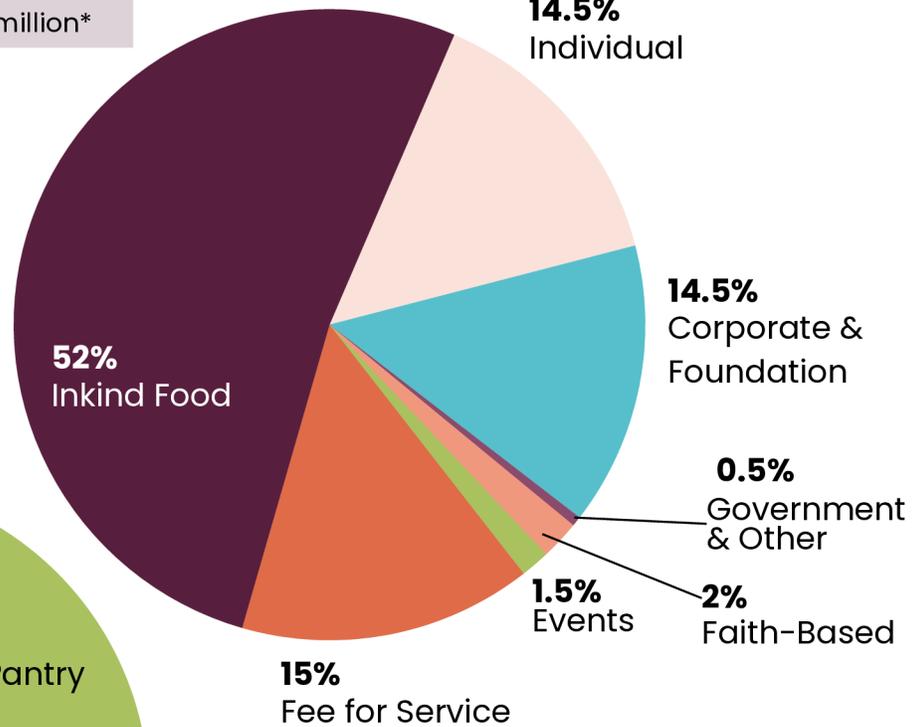
What I enjoy the most is the friendship among the members and the unity, and thanks to this group I have enough food for my family and can share with others.

-Lake Forest Co-op Member

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

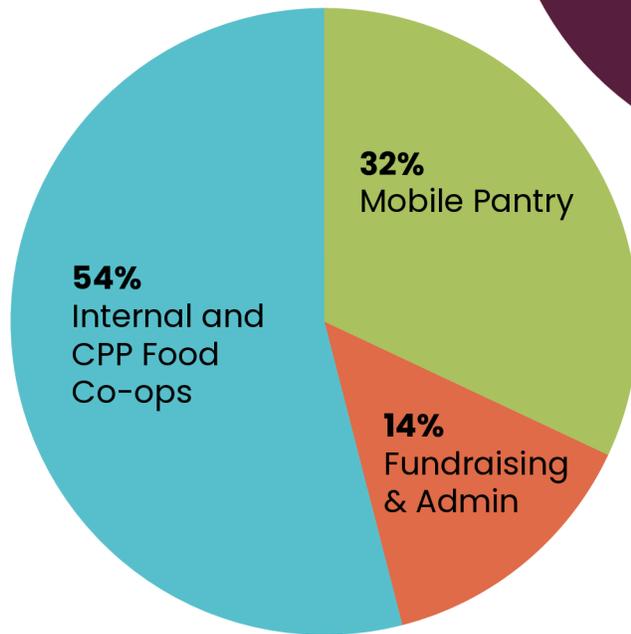
INCOME

Total Income:
\$3.36 million*



EXPENSES

Total Expenses:
\$2.30 million*



*unaudited financials

FOOD PARTNERS



MOBILE PANTRY PARTNERS



CO-OP PARTNERS





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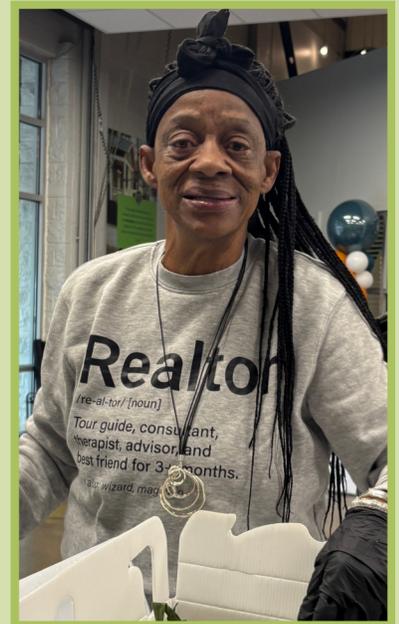
CONTINUING THE IMPACT

We are excited to keep up the momentum and continue to change lives in 2026. We look forward to continuing to serve through Mobile Pantry and our 11 co-ops, to make a real difference for people like our co-op member Ethel.

LONG-TERM STABILITY

Ethel has been in co-op for 14 years, initially invited by her aunt to volunteer at co-op and receive nutritious food. Ethel is a diabetic, on a fixed income, and was struggling to make ends meet. Years later, since joining co-op, **Ethel has shared, "I feel like I can do anything!"** She previously served as a steering committee member, stepping up into a leadership role, and actively served her neighbors in co-op through the pandemic by delivering food. "I am a better person now" she states, citing her time in co-op.

We hope to continue to walk alongside Ethel and all of our co-op members as they take deeper ownership of their lives and their food and grow each day.



BE PART OF THE IMPACT IN 2026!

If you're ready to help provide stability for more families in Atlanta this year, there are many ways to help.



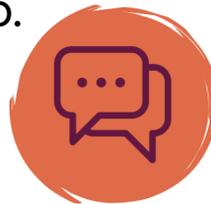
CELEBRATE!

We turn 35 years old this year! Be on the lookout for ways to engage in our mission as we celebrate this milestone.



DONATE

We rely on donations to serve families. You can support us monthly, one-time or through your company!



ENGAGE

Follow us on social media, subscribe to our email list, and tell your friends about us! We will touch more lives when we are part of your community!



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