## IOWA

# THE FOOD PANTRY AT IOWA

## **OUR MISSION**

Provide nutritious food and necessities for University of Iowa students, post docs, faculty, and staff in need and to fight food insecurity through education and advocacy.



## **OUR VALUES**

*Integrity* – conducting ourselves in a manner that maintains the highest ethical standards and conveys mutual respect for ourselves and others

*Sustainability* – ensuring that no initiative is undertaken without a plan to ensure its ability to thrive

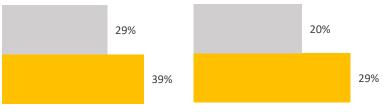
*Flexibility* – building a strong operation that can leverage the greatest results and can accommodate change and growth

*Teamwork* – valuing the development of the individual and enabling them to work together towards a common goal

*Client Choice* – Allowing clients to choose their own food promotes dignity, respect and self-efficiency

### FOOD SECURITY (LOW/VERY LOW)





**2021 2023** 

University of Iowa National College Health Assessment

### POUNDS DISTRIBUTED

### 117,536 FY 2024

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**91,141** | FY 2023

**99,343** | FY 2022

**86,436** | FY 2021

### 13 LBS FY 2024

#### **AVERAGE LBS/PERSON**

**16** | FY 2023

22 | FY 2022

23 | FY 2021

1st GENERATION STUDENTS

## 10,179 FY 2024 4 FY 2024

#### NUMBER OF VISITS

6,649 | FY 2023

**4,528** | FY 2022

**4,247** | FY 2021

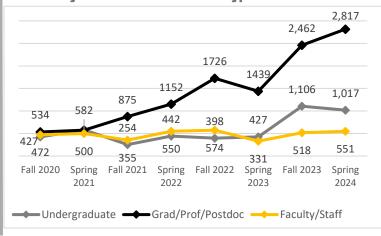
#### **AVERAGE VISTS/PERSON**

3 | Undergraduate

10 | Graduate/Professional

10 | Faculty/Staff

#### Visits by Semester and Client Type



### 2.3 PEOPLE

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE** 

### 31% UNDERGRADS

48% STUDENTS

### FACULTY/STAFF

55.2% | MERIT

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## **NEW/UPGRADED SPACE IMPACT**

On August 16th, the Food Pantry and Clothing Closet relocated to a new space on the ground floor of the IMU, formerly Hills Bank. This new space brings together the two essential services previously housed in separate areas within the IMU. The new location is more accessible and visible. With our new location, tours for prospective students now include the Food Pantry and Clothing Closet, exposing the services to nearly every new student. The renovation of this space was made possible through the generous contributions of Undergraduate Student Government and Graduate Student Government.

### **CLIENT DIVERSIFICATION**

2411 FY 2024
UNDERGRADTE VISITS

987 | FY 2023

741 | FY 2022

1054 | FY 2021

130/0 FY 2024

NEW CLIENTS

9% | FY 2023

10% | FY 2022

13% | FY 2021

### **FOOD INTAKE (34% Increase)**

#### INCREASE IN STORAGE SPACE

The increase in storage space in the new pantry allows us to take in more food. Additionally, we can distribute food equally throughout the week to insure everyone has access to the variety of foods.

|       | HACAP  | Donated | Table to Table | Purchased | Total   |
|-------|--------|---------|----------------|-----------|---------|
| FY 24 | 41,751 | 15,887  | 29,241         | 21,567    | 108,446 |
| FY 23 | 31,093 | 12,478  | 16,669         | 20,513    | 80,753  |

### **CLIENT FEEDBACK SURVEY**

**MAY 2024** 

**98%** Treated with respect by volunteers/staff (always)

810/0 Amount of food met needs (extremely/moderately well)

**940/0** Variety of food met dietary restrictions (extremely/moderately well)

### Additional services/resources to be provided by the pantry

- 1. Health Screenings/Exams
- 2. Nutrition or other health info
- 3. Financial Literacy

#### **Food suggestions**

- Vegetables (especially yams)
- Fruit
- Halal meat
- Fufu
- Palm oil
- Protein (meat and plant based)
- Tofu and fish
- Vegan and lactose free

"I don't qualify for other food assistance but still need to supplement my family's groceries. So, I appreciate this food pantry. It helps to get a few diapers, milk, eggs, bread, staples (rice, beans, pb), and snacks (cheese stick, fruit, granola bar). I hope to be able to give back in the future."

### **PEOPLE POWER**

### 1 FULL TIME

**BASIC NEEDS COORDINATOR** 

#### **5 HOURLY**

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT WORKERS** 

2 PART TIME GRADUATE ASSISTANTS

45 VOLUNTEERS 12 Lead volunteers

### **OUTREACH/DRIVES**

**37 FOOD DRIVES** 

**62 TOURS** 

**32 PRESENTATIONS** 

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# THE CLOTHING CLOSET

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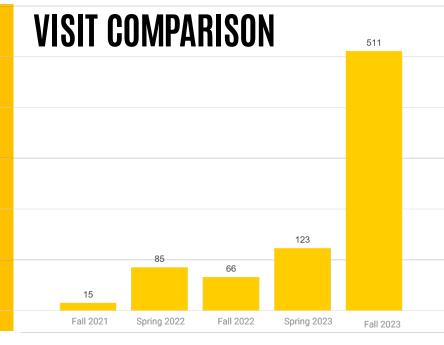
To provide University of Iowa students, postdocs, faculty, and staff with access to quality, new or used, professional clothing at no cost.

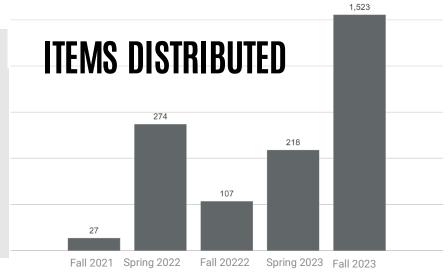


\*Starting Spring semester of 2024, the Clothing Closet started to implement a new inventory system. As a result, Spring semester data is unavailable. Data is from Fall 2023.

## **MOST DISTRIBUTED ITEMS**

- Blouses/Button-up Shirts
- Pants
- Shoes
- Dresses
- Socks/Underwear
- Ties/Belts





"I was in a bind because I was notified that my internship interview would be the next day. I didn't have a car so shopping was out of the question. The Clothing Closet saved me! I was able to find what I needed and in the right size."

"The space looks like an actual store with actual cute things!"







# HAWKEYE MEAL SHARE

## **OUR MISSION**

Hawkeye Meal Share is an initiative that provides unused guest meal swipes to any undergraduate, graduate, or professional student in need at the University of Iowa. All of this is possible thanks to the collaboration of the Office of the Vice President for Student Life, Office of the Dean of Students, University Housing & Dining, University of Iowa Undergraduate Student Government (USG)/Graduate and Professional Student Government (GPSG), Food Pantry at Iowa, Associated Residence Halls, and the charitable students of the University of Iowa.



### TOP BARRIERS TO ACCESSING FOOD

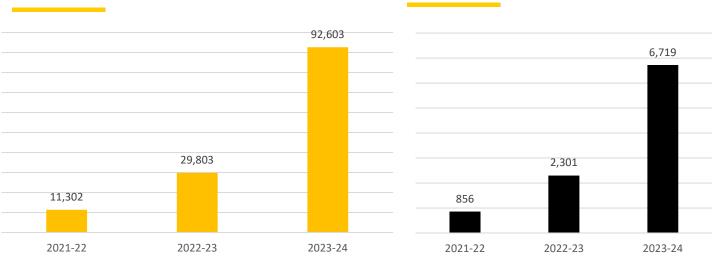
### TOP IMPACTS OF HUNGER

- Healthy food is too expensive
- Don't have time to prepare food heavy workloads/busy schedules
- Insufficient funds (mostly due to increased cost of living)
- Lack of employment/low paying job (mostly graduate students)
- Living off-campus
- No time to go shopping
- Physical/mental health issues
- Lack transportation to a grocery store
- Lack equipment/knowledge to prepare food

- Underperform academically
- Miss class
- · Opt out of social activities
- Miss a study session

### TOTAL MEALS DISTRIBUTED

### TOTAL NUMBER OF REQUESTS





# **EMERGENCY FUND**

The Student Emergency Fund helps students facing unexpected financial emergencies or catastrophic events that threaten their ability to continue their education. These funds are not for routine expenses or to supplement educational funding. The Office of Student Financial Aid assesses whether granting the fund request would affect current or future aid. The fund is supported by donations from the Undergraduate Student Government, Graduate and Professional Student Government, the University of Iowa Center for Advancement, and campus partners.

### **2023-2024\*** \$104,591 AWARDED

432 | Total Requests

323 | Unique Requests

201 | Total Awarded

231 | Not Awarded

2022-2023

\$221,491 AWARDED

414 | Total Requests

320 | Unique Requests

321 | Total Awarded

93 | Not Awarded

\*Changed criteria and implemented new assessment management system

2021-2022

\$161,618 AWARDED

399 | Total Requests

321 | Unique Requests

314 | Total Awarded

85 | Not Awarded

#### 2020-2021

#### \$51,205 AWARDED

**540** | Total Requests

421 | Total Awarded

81 | Not Awarded

2019-2020

#### \$396,000 AWARDED

1500+ | Total Requests

1261 | Total Awarded

339 | Not Awarded

#### TOP REASONS FOR REQUESTS

- Health Related Challenges
- Basic Needs
- Housing Related Issues
- Educational Expenses
- Transportation/Vehicle Expenses
- Family Emergencies
- Lack of support or coverage

45% FIRST GEN. STUDENTS

**16%** TRANSGENDER

**38%** GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL

**38%** INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

#### **REASONS FUNDING NOT AWARDED**

- · Eligible for a grant through the Office of Financial Aid
- Did not meet requirements
- · Reached maximum award
- Eligible for other loans