



**South Utah County**  
**Annual Report: 2018**

As 2018 draws to its end and we begin a new year, I wanted to take this time to express our gratitude for your generous support of our organization.

With each day that has passed, we have been blessed to see individuals, families and children with lifted spirits and a sense of hope as they struggle through their tough times. At times I feel a bit selfish as we, at Tabitha's, are the ones who get to see and experience these treasured moments. Thousands of hugs, tears and answered prayers have been made possible by you, our supporters. I wanted to share with you a few highlights from this past year. Here's what you have helped us accomplish:

In March, Tabitha's Way South Pantry moved into its new home after 2 years of remodeling. The new building gives greater ADA access to serve populations who are at higher risk of food insecurity. The new facility increased our capacity to receive, store and redistribute nearly 80% more food.

From our Spanish Fork Pantry, we distributed 1.3 million pounds of food and appropriately 2.3 million meals to those in need. We served 12,365 total client shoppers in 2018. Including the client shoppers, a total of 51,166 family members were assisted. Of that number, 25,828 were children and 2,387 were senior citizens. Though we have some long-term clients our average client uses our pantry less than 6 times a year, just enough to get them through their tough time which created their temporary financial crisis.

22,215 hours were performed at our pantry by hundreds of regular weekly volunteers and volunteers that dropped in to help once or twice with special projects. These volunteers helped pick up food donations, sorted food and served clients among many other activities that helped keep morale up and our expenses down. We were blessed to provide meals to thousands of individuals each month for approximately \$0.20 cents per meal.

Tabitha's received donations of food and needed items that totaled 1,252,908 lbs. We appreciate every neighbor who donated. A special shout out to local churches and schools for food/supply drives, and to our Grocery Rescue Partner Stores: Smiths Foods, Walmart, Stokes Market, Macey's, Costco, Olive Garden, Pizza Hut, Jimmy Johns, and Chick-fil-a from which 787,361 lbs. were gathered.

Our goal is to serve the local communities well. The larger vision includes creating a No Hunger Zone—a specific area where no one ever has to face hunger or food insecurity because neighbors (citizens, businesses, schools, and other organizations) have taken emotional and financial responsibility to assure that never happens. To achieve that vision, we need to continue to improve what we do, to find and serve specific areas, to engage many more individuals and organizations to volunteer and donate money.

Whether it was giving of your time, funds or resources; YOU have made a significant impact upon the lives of those we serve. You have fed the widow, the veteran, the crippled and more importantly innocent children. There is no "thank you" sufficient enough to describe how our hearts feel for what you have helped us do. Without you this would not be possible. In conclusion, I hope that you will find that we have diligently stretched every penny and resource donated until it cried "uncle". We invite you to come visit us. We invite you to help.

Thank you and God Bless you,

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