

City of Lawrence
Outside Agency Annual Report
For Calendar Year 2017

Reports on activity should be submitted electronically to Danielle Buschkoetter, at dbuschkoetter@lawrenceks.org by Thursday, February 15th 2018 at 5:00pm. For the following questions please refer back to your [2017 application for funding](#).

Reporting Period: Calendar Year 2017

Agency Name: Just Food

1. Refer to the program in which your agency received funding; provide a participant success story that helps demonstrate the accomplishments of the program.

Just Food fights hunger in Douglas County in three ways: direct service to families in need, distribution of food to pantries in the county, and our Just Cook and Just Grow programs. Just Food serves Douglas County residents within 185% of the federal poverty level. There are 19,190 individuals in Douglas County are at risk of hunger, which is 16.9% of the total population. Last year, the Just Food pantry served over 13,000 unique individuals in its food pantry and across their partner agencies. Additionally, Just Food distributed over 1,000,000 lbs. of food to these families. Of the food distributed, 20% was fresh fruits and vegetables. Just Food saw an overall 16.86% increase in the need for food assistance in 2017. In efforts to support food insecurity among school aged children in Douglas County, Just Food launched two new school food pantries in Lawrence: Liberty Memorial Central Junior High and Schwegler Elementary.

Meet Samantha:

Most months Samantha, a single mother, has enough to make ends meet but times can often be difficult. Samantha works two jobs, one of which is seasonal. During the off season, it is challenging to put food on the table for her and her two children. After taxes, rent, car expenses, and utilities, there is just enough to cover her costs. When her hours go down, things become hard.

When Samantha walked into Just Food, it took her a moment to gather her thoughts. It was difficult to put her feelings into words because she has gained so much from Just Food. As someone who has used the nonprofit multiple times over the course of a few years, she finds it remarkable that even when she is struggling for just a short period of time, Just Food is there.

"When I don't have food for my family, you are all so sweet to help me," said Samantha. She described the friendly faces and welcoming environment she sees every time she has come to Just Food. That's what sets Just Food apart from other nonprofits she has been to. She never hesitates to ask a question and never feels embarrassed to be here. In uncomfortable times, she has found comfort in Just Food. She and the other 9,000 individuals served each month are what inspire the staff and volunteers to keep working to end hunger in Douglas County.

2. Refer to your 2017 application for funding; provide a brief narrative of the activities funded with City funds.

Just Food has been the hub for food donations in Douglas County and plays an essential role in the lives of families in need. The demand for our services has increased every year since we have opened. Each day, Just Food rescues 1,000 to 2,000 pounds of food that would have otherwise ended up in landfills. Our 4,000 square-foot warehouse plays a vital role in our day-to-day operations by providing large-scale storage including walk-in coolers and freezers which is unique in Douglas County. Just Food and our food recovery partners play a key role in fighting hunger in our community. These partners include grocery

stores, area farmers and restaurants. Together we have increased the availability of fresh and nutritious food by recovering food that would have otherwise have been discarded. Last Year Just Food recovered 751,615 lbs. of food. This was a 24% increase from 2016 more than doubling our goal in 2017. Additionally, Just Food collects food from food drives and purchases a significant amount of food annually.

Just Food partners with more than 29 agencies to provide food at no cost to those agencies, which include The Ballard Center, The Salvation Army, Catholic Charities, Heartland Community Health Clinic, Trinity Lutheran Food Pantry, Lecompton United Methodist Food Pantry, The Eudora Food Pantry, Stull United Methodist Food Pantry, The Lawrence Community Shelter, Bert Nash Street Outreach and First Methodist Church Pantry in Baldwin. Additionally, we host food pantries in public schools and the University of Kansas as well as providing emergency food for school counselors to distribute.

3. Refer to your 2017 application for funding; provide specific detail (use supportive documents, if needed) to demonstrate what progress was made toward your proposed outcomes.

Proposed Outcomes:

1. Increase in the distribution of fresh fruits and vegetables by 30% in 2017.
 - a. Actual: Just Food increased the distribution of fresh fruits and vegetables by 45.85% in 2017.
2. Increase access and distribution of healthy foods to school-aged children by 20% in 2017.
 - a. Just Food increased two access points for school ages children to receive food assistance through a food pantry at Liberty Memorial Central Junior High School and Schwegler Elementary. Overall, Just Food saw a 17% increase in distribution.
3. Increase access and distribution of healthy foods to homeless individuals by 10% in 2017.
 - a. Just Food gained a partnership with the Lawrence Community Shelter by streamlining food recovery systems and directing their most needed items to the shelter. Last year, Just Food distributed 17,597 lbs. of food to the Lawrence Community Shelter.
4. Increase the amount of food rescued in Douglas County by 10% in 2017.
 - a. Actual: Just Food increased food recovery by 24% in 2017.

Monthly Visits Served:

Month	2014 Clients Visits	2015 Clients Visits	2016 Clients Visits	2017 Client Visits
January	3,336	7,595	8,007	9,973
February	2,305	6,357	7,272	8,809
March	2,863	7,050	8,752	9,600
April	3,332	7,531	8,826	8,822
May	3,414	6,577	9,396	10,126
June	3,526	8,300	9,925	10,723
July	4,924	9,840	7,897	11,089
August	4,318	9,324	10,823	12,848
September	4,196	9,312	7,709	10,812
October	5,237	9,294	9,798	12,117
November	6,697	7,741	9,525	10,854
December	6,770	7,634	9,707	10,016

Total Food Donations 2014-2017:

Month	2014 Lbs.	2015 Lbs.	2016 Lbs.	2017 Lbs.
January	10,012	54,324	57,008	67,575
February	10,639	34,457	53,121	55,610

March	8,635	37,098	61,267	69,812
April	8,723	32,057	51,613	70,199
May	38,197	62,577	76,621	82,786
June	18,841	47,933	68,832	90,363
July	39,508	72,607	76,918	96,849
August	34,486	79,746	81,351	83,926
September	37,393	72,068	77,908	69,342
October	35,641	79,713	67,881	77,257
November	48,669	85,504	66,668	81,616
December	48,518	88,901	86,151	98,821
Total	339,262	747,828	825,339	944,156
Value	\$592,640	\$1,375,451.32	\$1,403,076.30	\$1,605,065.20

4. Refer to the line-item budget provided in your 2017 application for funding; is this accurate to how your allocation was actually spent? If no, what changed and why?

Just Food applied for city funds to support the facility costs for the organization. The funds that Just Food received from the city covered 5.7% of the overall cost of the facility. The 2017 actuals spent on the facility are as follows:

Facility Expenses – Actuals 2017			
	Rent		\$48,996.30
	Utilities		\$34,498.77
	Warehouse Supplies		\$4,093.84
	Total Facility Expenses		\$87,588.91