

STUDENT NUTRITION ACCESS CENTER (SNAC)

ANNUAL REPORT

FY26

Student Nutrition Access Center

UtahStateUniversity

Acknowledgements

We thank our colleagues in the Department of Nutrition, Dietetics & Food Sciences, S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney College of Agriculture & Natural Resources, and Utah State University for their support and commitment to our mission of a hunger-free education.

We thank SNAC staff and volunteers from this year and years prior for their dedication that has helped us serve more students than ever before.

We thank our many community partners and friends, both named and unnamed in this report, for their monetary and in-kind contributions. We could not do this work without you.

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Lastly, we thank the growers, producers, and manufacturers whose work allows food to be on SNAC's shelves.



S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney
College of Agriculture & Natural Resources
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A MESSAGE FROM THE
PROGRAM COORDINATOR

HUNGER-FREE EDUCATION

As we reflect on the 2025–2026 academic year, one thing is clear: the need for food assistance among college students continues to grow. At the Student Nutrition Access Center (SNAC), we remain committed to ensuring that no Aggie has to choose between purchasing food and pursuing their education.

This year, SNAC expanded its reach through innovative programming, strengthened community partnerships, and enhanced opportunities for experiential learning. We served more students than ever before while continuing to foster dignity and empowerment in every aspect of our work.

These accomplishments would not have been possible without the dedication of our student employees, volunteers, campus partners, donors, and advocates. Together, we are creating a campus where every student has access to the nourishment and support they need to succeed.

Thank you for being part of this important work.

Sincerely,

Jonathon Walters

Jonathon Walters, M.Ed.
Program Coordinator



OUR IMPACT. REAL PEOPLE.



“The SNAC got me through some tough days”

-anonymous



“Last year I was out of money and the SNAC was actually my saving grace and kept me alive for 2 months”

-anonymous

“With SNAC, I don’t feel anxiety about having enough food.”

-Derek

341,537
POUNDS FOOD DISTRIBUTED

5,903
UNDUPLICATED INDIVIDUALS SERVED

54,588
POUNDS FOOD DIVERTED FROM LANDFILL

THOUSANDS
OF EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION HOURS PROVIDED

OUR MISSION



We provide Aggies with a **hunger-free education** by being a supportive and welcoming environment that offers nutritious and diverse food options, while also fostering educational opportunities to empower students in their academic pursuits. **We are dedicated to helping students thrive.**

Our work is guided by 3 interconnected pillars:



Food Access

1



Food Recovery

2



Experiential Education

3







WHAT WE DO

AT SNAC

Supporting Aggies

Food insecurity remains a significant challenge among college students. Research conducted at Utah State University found that approximately **62% of respondents experienced some level of food insecurity during the academic year**. This impacts their academic performance, stress levels, and rates of degree completion.

Any USU student, staff, or faculty member can receive free food at SNAC once per week, no questions asked. Thanks to many supporting donors, we keep stocked with fresh foods, gluten-free and dairy-free items, and Halal products in addition to canned goods and hygiene products. **Many students rely on our services to meet their nutritional needs.**

Recovering Food

Every year, billions of pounds of food are wasted in the United States. SNAC works to establish partnerships with local food establishments and community members to recover food otherwise headed to the landfill. In this way, we honor the Earth and resources that went into producing food while simultaneously bringing quality items to SNAC. These donors benefit from tax write-offs from their donations, creating a win-win solution. This year **we recovered 54,588 pounds of food**.

STUDENT COLLABORATION

EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT

650+
project hours across

4 of 6
USU Colleges



Highlighting:

1. **USU Dietetics**
   Hands-on learning through meal prep classes, food demos, and nutrition education for SNAC patrons.

2. **USU Business**
   Students performed a cost analysis to inform future SNAC moves and organized a food drive engaging students across campus.

3. **USU Arts & Sciences**
   Students created a TV piece about SNAC and turned previously prepared recipes into an accessible cookbook.

...and many more!

GROWING SINCE MAY 2025

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

"Free food helps...me keep a food supply"
-anonymous





SNAC COMES TO YOU

In response to increasing demand and barriers to accessing services, SNAC expanded outreach efforts through its monthly Mobile Pantry program.

Since its launch, the Mobile Pantry has increased access to food resources for students and community members who may face transportation challenges, scheduling conflicts, or other obstacles to visiting the pantry location.

BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS

By bringing food directly into the community, SNAC continues to remove barriers and strengthen local food security efforts.

110,209
pounds distrubuted

2,063
households served

7,684
individuals reached

SNAC SUCCESSES

FOR THE STUDENTS!



Together with our Harvest Rescue partner, SNAC ranked
#3 IN THE NATION
by the Food Recovery Network

At USU's elite Robin Awards Ceremony, SNAC received the
VAL R. CHRISTENSEN SERVICE AWARD
for their service to the Aggie community

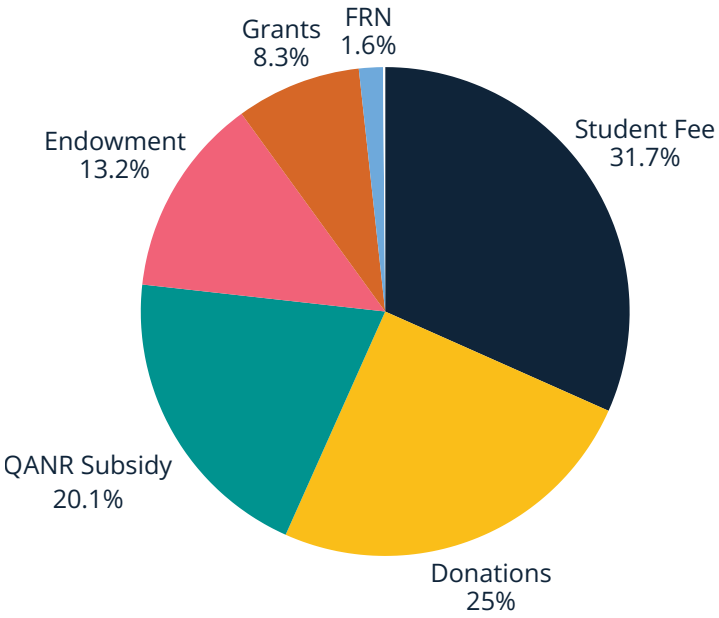
"SNAC is the G.O.A.T."
-anonymous student



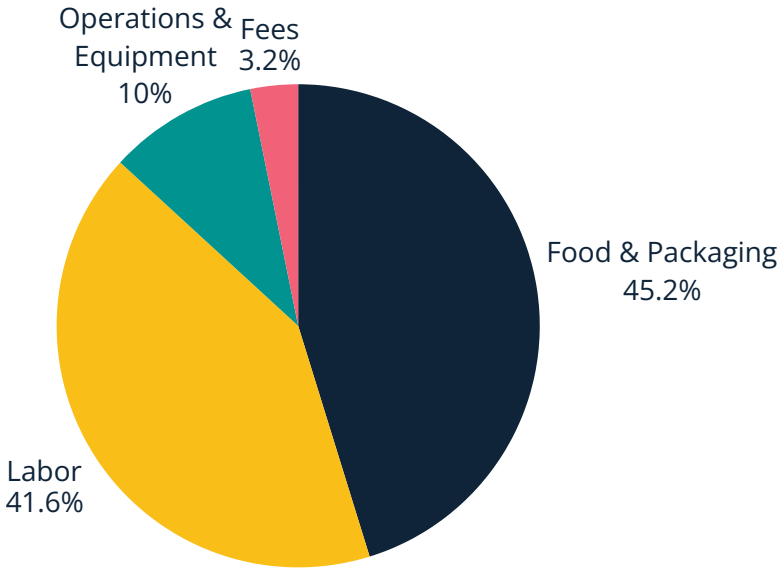
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FINANCES

Sources of Funds



Distribution of Funds



Financial Summary

Revenue	***$324,454.00***
$3 Student Fee	$102,711
Donations	$81,184
QANR Subsidy	$65,167
Endowment	$42,938
Grants	$26,850
Food Recovery Network (FRN)	$5,140
Other	$464
Expenses	***$268,138***
Food & Packaging	$121,253
Labor	$111,549
Operations & Equipment	$26,788
Fees	$8,548

THANK YOU



SNAC LEADERS & DONORS

Jonathon Walters
Program Coordinator

Derek Mclean
S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney College of Agriculture & Natural Resources Dean

Heidi Wengreen
Department Head

Casey Coombs
Faculty Director

Kaiah Thomas
Student Director

Georgia Wilde
Student Director

Kaylie Meccariello
Student Director

Gabby Love
Pantry Assistant

Alyssa Smith
Pantry Assistant

Janey Van Dyke
Pantry Assistant

Lydia Williams
Pantry Assistant



Utah Food Bank
USU Dining Services
USU Harvest Rescue
USU Harvest Extend
Bussin' Bread
Le Croissant
Kneaders
Fairway Bagels and Donuts
Schreibers
Cache Community Food Pantry
USU Permaculture Garden
USU Student Organic Farm
Utah Conservation Corps
Wallipini Impact
Cake It Easy
Little Lambs Foundation
Poole Orthodontics
Cache Humanitarian Center
Nicholas & Co
Holy Trinitan Lutheran Church
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
USU Urban Community Farm
Gossners
Schreibers
Smiths
Cafe Ibis
USU Student Body
Treehouse Pediatrics
USUSA
Logan City Limits
FTT Utah Farmworker Program
USU Transforming Communities Instituite
Rocky Mountain Power Foundation
Utah Department of Workforce Services
Pepperidge Farms
Natural Grocers
Aggie Ice Cream
Gee-Fee's
Himalayan Flavor
Flores Family Community Farm
USU NDFS Department
USANA
University Inn
Utah Farm Bureau Foundation
Food Recovery Network
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Cecile E Gilmer
Dirk K Vanderwall
Jody Burnett
Katherine E Twohig
Michael Twohig
Kenneth Carr
Larry H Smith
Michelle L Smith
Norman L Jones
Paula Zsiray
Vicki Allan
William Segura
Yenpo Chiu
Chamberlain
Nothrop Grumman
Philip & Gemma Hwang

SNAC-TO-COME

LOOKING FORWARD

"SNAC gives me hope to live stress free my first year!"
-Claire, Freshman

EXPANDING SERVICES, LESS HUNGER

With rising grocery costs and expanded awareness of SNAC, student demand continues to grow. We are taking conscious steps to prepare for this demand and expand our services in sustainable ways. This requires more collaboration, support, and wise analytics than ever before. In striving toward our mission of a hunger-free education, we also continue to host projects aimed at improving student knowledge and self-efficacy of how to prepare and manage food. **We are excited for the following two major projects coming this year:**



Nourish University

A collaborative cook-along lesson series aimed at creating lasting behavior change and greater food security.



New Location!!

SNAC is preparing to move to a bigger location, ensuring enough space to carry adequate and diverse foods while maintaining accessibility for all students.



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