

2024: LET'S GET TO THE CORE OF IT



In 2024, Brighter Bites highlighted our core values.

We shared with you the core of our program, from the reason we exist to the key changes we see in our families. See our highlights from the year 2024 in this annual impact report.

12 cities

served across seven states

222,923

students, teachers, & families impacted

21,892

nutrition education lessons & PE activities

\$21,708,305

retail value of fresh produce distributed

*Based on USDA average retail prices for fruits and vegetables







MISSION

Our mission is to create communities of health through fresh food.

VISION

Our vision is to improve health outcomes among children and families in under-resourced communities by using data-driven, evidencebased strategies of providing fresh produce and nutrition education.





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LETTER FROM OUR FOUNDER

Dear Supporters and Friends,

As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with both gratitude and excitement for what we've achieved together. This year has been a testament to the resilience of our community, the incredible support of our partners, and the unwavering commitment of our team. Our mission to improve health outcomes and create equitable access to resources has never been brighter.

Thanks to your support, we have been able to make significant strides in our mission to creater healthier communities across the country. This year, we had the opportunity to share our work at Harvard, join like-minded organizations through the White House commitment, build our partnership with MyPlate, and serve even more families through expansion. Our work is part of a bigger picture, and I am so grateful to be a part of this important conversation.

But we know there is still much work to be done. We remain focused on our goal of ensuring that everyone, regardless of their background or circumstances, has the opportunity to live a healthy and fulfilling life.

As we look forward to another year, I want to thank you—our donors, volunteers, partners, and supporters—who make all of this possible. Your dedication is the foundation of our success, and we are deeply grateful for your continued belief in our mission. Together, we are creating a healthier future for thousands of families across the country.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I look forward to the continued impact we will make in the year ahead.

With gratitude,

Lisa Helfman Founder

NOTE FROM OUR CEO

Dear Friends, Supporters, and Partners,

As we close another year, I want to take a moment to reflect on all we have achieved together and express my heartfelt gratitude for your continued support of Brighter Bites. Your generosity, dedication, and shared vision have made 2024 a remarkable year for our organization and the communities we serve.

This year, we celebrated several major milestones that underscore the impact of our collective efforts:

We proudly announced our status as a National Strategic Partner for MyPlate and were later awarded a prestigious "Champion" Gold Level Badge, recognizing our commitment to promoting healthy eating and nutrition. We participated in the Harvard Agribusiness Seminar, joining thought leaders to advance innovative solutions for global food systems. Brighter Bites was approved as part of the White House Challenge to End Hunger and Build Healthy Communities, reaffirming our role as a key partner in driving systemic change. We had our second annual gala in Houston and it was a resounding success, bringing together supporters and raising critical funds to further our mission. We expanded our reach by launching new programming in Las Cruces, extending our impact to even more individuals and families.

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the unwavering support of our donors, the dedication of our partners, and the hard work of our team. You are the driving force behind everything we do. Together, we are building brighter, healthier, and more resilient communities across the country.

As we look to the future, I am filled with optimism about the possibilities ahead. With your

continued support, we will remain steadfast in our mission to create lasting change and empower individuals to lead healthier lives.

Thank you for believing in Brighter Bites and for being an integral part of our journey. Here's to another year of partnership, growth, and impact.

With deepest gratitude,

Richard Such men

Richard Dachman CEO





"The Brighter Bites program has significantly enhanced our school community by providing fresh, nutritious produce and provides nutrition education to our teachers and students. This program has encouraged and provided a way to incorporate healthier eating habits and promoted overall wellness at our campus and our school community. Brighter Bites has strengthened the supportive school environment that we have at Fisher Elementary that encourages healthy lifestyle choices and has helped grow the connection between school and home."

PRINCIPAL HOUSTON, TX

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

2024 PROGRAMMING

At Brighter Bites, our mission goes beyond addressing immediate health needs – we're committed to creating lasting change. This year, our programming efforts have been at the heart of our work, driving transformative outcomes for individuals and communities. In this section, we're proud to share the highlights of our programming aimed to empower individuals to lead healthier lives and to create a healthier tomorrow for all.

284 SCHOOLS

85
SUMMER SITES

313,838BAGS DISTRIBUTED

727,529+

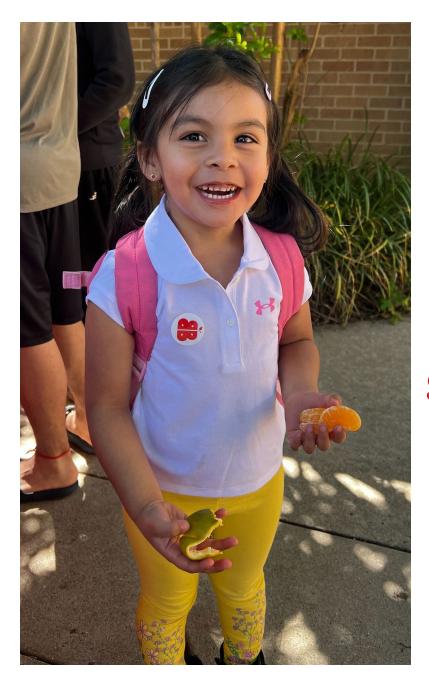


*All nutrition education statistics are self-reported by teachers. Some information may be incomplete, and the actual numbers are likely higher.

PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

HIGHLIGHTING OUR PRODUCE VARIETY IMPACT

In this year's annual report, we are excited to showcase the diverse array of fruits and vegetables that we have brought to the families participating in our program. Through our partnerships, we have expanded our reach and ensured that there is a variety of high-quality produce for each distribution. Together, we're not just providing food – we're cultivating stronger, healthier futures for all!



380

UNIQUE PRODUCE

VARIETALS DISTRIBUTED

8,899,399

POUNDS OF FRESH PRODUCE DISTRIBUTED

So much variety!

HERE ARE SOME OF THE BRIGHTER BITES FAMILIES' FAVORITE PRODUCE ITEMS IN 2024:

apple, banana, grapes, orange, strawberry, watermelon

broccoli, carrots, cucumber, lettuce, potato, tomato

FUN FOOD EXPERIENCE

INSPIRING HEALTHY EATERS

At Brighter Bites, we have seen that our nutrition education initiatives have played a vital role in equipping students with the knowledge and skills they need to make informed, healthy choices. In this section of our annual report, we are excited to share the successes of our nutrition education efforts and highlight the positive changes we've seen in the communities we serve. By building a foundation of knowledge, we are helping individuals lead healthier, more vibrant lives, one meal at a time.

"Your program has had a profound impact on our students, families, and staff. Thanks to your generosity, we've seen families not only gain access to healthier options but also embrace a more nutritious lifestyle."

SCHOOL STAFF MEMBER HOUSTON, TEXAS

SCHOOL STAFF MEMBER P.E. COACHES TRAINED

TRAINED

TRAINED

20,914

EXPANDING PALATES

This year, our Fun Food Experience initiatives have brought nutrition to life in exciting and interactive ways, making healthy foods both fun and accessible. Through hands-on activities, or culinary demonstrations, we've inspired individuals and families to explore new foods, develop cooking skills, and embrace healthier eating habits. In this section of our annual report, we are thrilled to share the impact of these vibrant, creative experiences, and how they've fostered a deeper connection to food and wellness. By making healthy eating enjoyable, we are nurturing a culture of health that resonates with all ages and backgrounds.



"My 5-year-old daughter has learned to appreciate the joys of cooking using the delicious produce that we've received from Brighter Bites. We've used recipes provided in the Brighter Bites app to experience new flavors while learning about nutrition. Through the generosity of the Brighter Bites program my family has been able to make healthier choices in eating while learning about nutrition, cooking and even gardening. Thank you, Brighter Bites, for making such a positive impact on my whole family."

PARENT SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

MYPLATE NATIONAL
STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP
GOLD BADGE

5 NEW RECIPES

Fruit Skewers Culinary Demo

269
CULINARY
DEMONSTRATIONS

10,787

TOTAL STUDENTS AND ADULTS PARTICIPATING IN CULINARY DEMOS

VOLUNTEERS

CREATING CHANGE TOGETHER

We know that the strength of our organization lies in the passion and dedication of our volunteers. This year, our volunteers have been instrumental in advancing our mission, providing critical support and enriching the lives of those we serve. In this section of our annual report, we are proud to highlight the invaluable impact of our volunteers. We are grateful for their ongoing support in creating healthier communities!

48,872
VOLUNTEER HOURS

9,866

UNIQUE VOLUNTEERS

578

EXTERNAL VOLUNTEERS

*Volunteers not affiliated with partner schools.

"It's been very nice to work with you and the others distributing the groceries that the Brighter Bites company have granted with such great consideration to alleviate the high cost of life. I want to truly thank Brighter Bites for this kind of initiative."

VOLUNTEER AND GRANDPARENT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS





GROUP VOLUNTEERS: MAKING LIVES BRIGHTER TOGETHER

We are grateful for the growing interest from groups and companies across the country wanting to support Brighter Bites. This year, we launched a remote volunteer project, making it easier for teams of any size and in any location to get involved. Through these events, Brighter Bites brings the project right to you! Volunteers participate in two meaningful activities—creating colorful produce banners for Brighter Bites classrooms and writing "Notes of Nourishment" for families. Kudos to Whole Foods, Morgan Stanley, and others for joining us on this new project!

58

VOLUNTEER GROUPS

464

TOTAL GROUP VOLUNTEERS

Difference Makers

ALBERTSONS · CHOBANI ETSY · GOLDMAN SACHS H-E-B · MOODY CENTER MORGAN STANLEY WEGMANS · WHOLE FOODS PONEER



"Thank YOU for allowing us the opportunity to help out. Everyone on my team walked away with a sense of pride yesterday. We love what your organization stands for, and of course know that your team rocks!"

ALBERTSON'S GROUP VOLUNTEER

GROUP HIGHLIGHT: GOLDMAN SACHS



We love building lasting relationships with dedicated volunteer groups. This year we launched a new partnership with the Goldman Sachs Community TeamWorks program. Through this collaboration, we hosted six volunteer groups across New York City, Dallas, and Washington, D.C., where employees helped bag and distribute fresh produce to families. We are grateful for their support and look forward to growing this partnership in the future!

RESEARCH

BRIGHTER BITES IS DATA-DRIVEN

Brighter Bites continues to strengthen its research footprint through school and clinic-based initiatives. This year, Brighter Bites expanded their partnerships for collaboration on Food Is Medicine efforts to include Legacy Community Health School-Based Health Clinics, while continuing existing partnerships with Harris Health and UT Physicians clinics. These partnerships have allowed for expanded research and evaluation efforts to understand the implementation and evaluation outcomes of



Brighter Bites Produce Rx. Additionally, with funding from the National Institutes of Health, we are conducting a deep dive evaluation of the impact of Brighter Bites school-based programming on child and parent obesity, diabetes, blood pressure and other health and behavioral outcomes. We are excited for this research and the learnings we will be able to have from it.

Dr. Shreela Sharma Brighter Bites Co-founder



NIH FUNDS BRIGHTER BITES IN ACRES HOMES:



Starting fall 2024, with funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Brighter Bites has partnered with MD Anderson Cancer Center and UTHealth Houston School of Public Health to implement the Brighter Bites school-based program among ~800 children and their families across 12 schools in Houston, Texas. This research is part of the NIH-funded Acres Homes Cancer Prevention Collaborative to implement and evaluate evidence-based cancer prevention strategies in the Acres Homes community. This five year study will provide short and longer term data on the impact of Brighter Bites on obesity related outcomes among participating children and their families.

FOOD IS MEDICINE

Our Produce Rx program bridges the gap between healthcare and nutrition. Doctors prescribe fresh fruits and vegetables to patients in need, promoting healthier diets and preventing chronic illnesses. The Brighter Bites Produce Rx program focuses on both "clinic and healthcare engagement" and "family and patient engagement".

OUR APPROACH:









clinics and healthcare

providers equipped to prescribe produce

up to 50 servings of fresh produce delivered to patients healthy recipes & tools provided to teach healthy habits

*Bi-weekly delivery of fresh produce for 16 deliveries or in accordance with the medical needs of the patients

BRIGHTER BITES RECEIVES NEW FUNDING TO STRENGTHEN **FOOD IS MEDICINE EFFORTS:**

Brighter Bites has received funding from the Humana Foundation and the Cigna Foundation to strengthen Food Is Medicine efforts in Texas. With funding from the Humana Foundation, in partnership with UT Physicians and UTHealth Houston, Brighter Bites is implementing our home-delivery based Produce Rx program among children 5 to 12 years at risk for obesity. Using a randomized controlled trial design, this study will evaluate the impact of the program on childhood obesity, food security, diet quality and other related outcomes.

The Cigna Foundation has provided funding to support the implementation of Brighter Bites Produce Rx among 150 adult patients with type 2 diabetes and receiving care at UT Physicians clinics in Houston, Texas.

BRIGHTER BITES LAUNCHES PRODUCE RX IN SCHOOL-BASED **HEALTH CLINICS:**

As part of our commitment to the White House strategy on Hunger, Nutrition and Health, Brighter Bites had committed to launching Produce Rx with Legacy Community Health in school-based health clinics. Brighter Bites has fulfilled on this commitment and we are delighted to announce the launch of Brighter Bites Produce Rx across four school-based health clinics serving schools in Galena Park ISD.



UPCOMING RESEARCH:

Rebecca Gyawu, MSc, third-year PhD student and UTHealth Houston, was awarded the Shreela and Vibhu Sharma Endowment for Excellence in Community Nutrition, Climate Health, and Sustainability. Ms. Gyawu will conduct research on Brighter Bites families participating in Produce Rx program implemented in partnership with UT Physicians to understand barriers and facilitators to utilizing the produce received as part of the program.

PUBLICATIONS

In 2024, Brighter Bites published three new scientific papers contributing to the science of food. These publications include:

1. Sharma, SV., Senn M., Zieba A., Tang M., Chuang, RJ., Byrd-Williams C., Pomeroy M, Gaminian A., Cox J., French K., Ranjit N. Design, protocol and baseline data of Nurturing Healthy Teachers, a cluster non-randomized controlled trial to improve the health, well-being, and food security of preschool and elementary school teachers in Houston, Texas. Prev Med Rep. 2024; 40: 102674. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pmedr.2024.102674.

The purpose of this paper was to present the design of the Nurturing Healthy Teachers study that aimed to improve teacher health through implementation of Brighter Bites and a teacher-targeted nutrition education curriculum. Overall, prior to starting the program, 50% of teachers were classified as being obese and 20% had high cholesterol. Moderate to severe depression was experienced by 18% of teachers and 23% of teachers experienced moderate to severe anxiety. These findings warrant immediate attention for lifestyle changes to improve teacher health. Thank you to the Vitamix Foundation for being an ongoing supporter of Brighter Bites, including funding this effort.



2. Parthasarathy N., Ranjit N., Chuang RJ., Markham C., Pomeroy M., Noyola J., Ernest DK., Sharma SV. Changes in unhealthy food consumption among vulnerable elementary-aged children in the United States during the COVID-19 pandemic: a serial cross-sectional analysis. Front. Nutr. 2024; 11: 1468767. https://doi.org/10.3389/fnut.2024.1468767

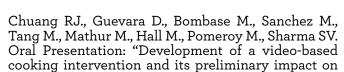
This research was conducted by Dr. Niveditha Parthasarathy as part of her PhD dissertation at UTHealth Houston that was successfully completed in Spring 2024. This study assessed the changes in unhealthy food consumption among school children during the COVID-19 pandemic among families participating in Brighter Bites. Results showed a significant decrease in consumption in sugary food intake from preto-mid-pandemic period. Interestingly, there were significantly lower levels of convenience/fast food and sugary food consumption among those who were most economically disadvantaged across the pandemic period.

3. Kwentua, Victoria, Allison Marshall, Ru-Jye Chuang, Jessica Chen, Christine Markham, Mallika Mathur, Mike Pomeroy, Megan Hall, and Shreela Sharma. "Nourishing Change in Houston, Texas: Exploring Grocery Shopping Behaviours and Fruit and Vegetable Consumption among Low-Income Families in the Brighter Bites Program." Public Health Nutrition 28, no. 1 (2025): e40. https://doi.org/10.1017/S136898002400260X.

This study was conducted and published by doctoral student Ms. Victoria Kwentua who completed a research fellowship with Brighter Bites as part of the Sharma endowed fellowship. Results outlined factors influencing grocery shopping behaviors for fruits and vegetables among Brighter Bites families. Involving children in grocery shopping, balancing quality and affordability, and exposure to new varieties of produce through Brighter Bites increased the probability of parents purchasing new fruits and vegetables.

PRESENTATIONS

In 2024, Brighter Bites and UTHealth Houston School of Public Health collaboratively presented their research at several local, national and international conferences.





low-income participants' self-efficacy in basic cooking skills." ISBNPA 2024 Annual Meeting, Omaha, NE, May 2024.

Marshall A., Mathur M., Chuang RJ., Pomeroy M., Gaminian A., McKay S., Yeragi P., Prabhu V., Markham C., Sharma SV. Oral Presentation: "Process and Implementation Evaluation of the Brighter Bites/UT Physicians Produce Rx - a Community-Academic-Healthcare Partnership." ISBNPA 2024 Annual Meeting, Omaha, NE, May 2024.

Senn M., Tang M., Zieba A., Chuang RJ., Ranjit N., Byrd-Williams C., Perkison W., Cox J., French K., Pomeroy M., Gaminian A., Sharma SV. Oral Presentation: "Cross-sectional Associations of Food Insecurity with Mental Health and Cardiometabolic Health at Baseline among Elementary School Teachers." ISBNPA 2024 Annual Meeting, Omaha, NE, May 2024.

Mathur M., Marshall A., Markham C., Chuang RJ., Yeragi P., Prabhu V., McKay S., Pomeroy M., Gaminian A., Sharma SV. Oral Presentation: "Evaluating the impact of a produce prescription program among low-income overweight and obese children and their families." ISBNPA 2024 Annual Meeting, Omaha, NE, May 2024.

Senn M., Tang M., Zieba A., Chuang RJ., Perkison W., Ranjit N., Byrd-Williams C., Cox J., French K., Gaminian A., Pomeroy M., Sharma SV. Poster Presentation: "Design, Protocol and Baseline data of Nurturing Healthy Teachers, a cluster non-randomized controlled trial to improve the health, well-being, and food security of pre-kindergarten and school teachers." ISBNPA 2024 Annual Meeting, Omaha, NE, May 2024.

Parthasarathy N., Ranjit N., Markham C., Chuang RJ., Pomeroy M., Noyola J., Sharma SV. Oral Presentation: "Home food environment of low-income households with elementary-aged children in the United States before and during the COVID-19 pandemic – A serial cross-sectional analysis." ISBNPA 2024 Annual Meeting, Omaha, NE, May 2024.

Mathur M., Marshall A., Yeragi P., Prabhu V., Markham C., Preston A., Stark K., Pomeroy M., Gaminian A., McKay S., Hall M., Chuang RJ., Kow R., Tang M., and Sharma S. Oral Presentation: "Lessons learned from the field for a comparative effectiveness RCT assessing the impact of produce prescription on overweight and obese children and their families." American Public Health Association 2023 Annual Meeting and Expo, Atlanta, GA, November 2023.

Marshall A., Mathur M., Yeragi P., Prabhu V., Markham C., Preston A., Stark K., Pomeroy M., Gaminian A., McKay S., Hall M., Tang M., Sharma S., and Chuang RJ. Poster Presentation: "Design and recruitment strategies of a comparative effectiveness randomized control trial to evaluate the impact of produce prescription program strategies among low-income overweight and obese children and their families." American Public Health Association 2023 Annual Meeting and Expo, Atlanta, GA, November 2023.

Chuang RJ., Larue D., Mathur M., Gaminian A., Tice, N. Panel discussion: "From Prescription to Plate: Leveraging Partnerships for Healthier Communities." Healthier Texas Summit 2024 Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, October 2024.



"At Smith's Farm we believe that every American deserves access to fresh, healthy produce. Our collaboration with Brighter Bites allows us to fulfill those values around increasing availability and awareness of fruits and vegetables, supporting our farmers, and strengthening communities."

> TARA SMITH **CEO AT SMITH'S FARM**

FINANCIALS

REVENUE

TOTAL: \$15,538,286

Government:	\$6,087,442
Foundations:	\$1,168,651
Corporations:	\$1,122,538
Misc Fundraising:	\$53,300
Individuals:	\$66,516
Other Income:	\$144,000
In-kind Donations:	\$6,895,839

EXPENSES

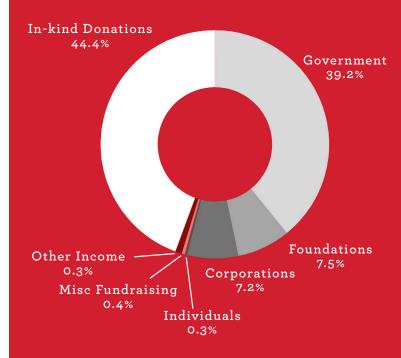
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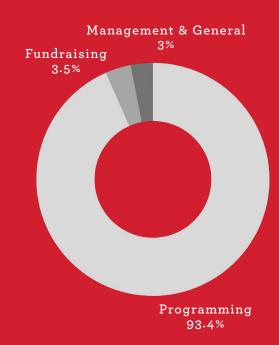
\$14,918,926 Programming:.... \$564,104 Management & General:.... Fundraising:..... \$486,169

*In 2024 we also had carryover funds from prior years' grants which covered these expenses. These funds are not reflected in these charts.

93¢ OF EVERY DOLLAR **GOES TOWARDS PROGRAMMING**

Financials are unaudited.





IN-KIND DONATIONS

\$6,895,839

PRODUCE FROM FOOD BANKS AND INDUSTRY PARTNERS

SUPPORTERS

PRODUCE & LOGISTICS

B&W Quality Growers

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Sunset

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Westpak Avocados

Windset Farms

Wonderful Citrus

Zespri



"At Grimmway, with over 50 years of dedication to bringing fresh, healthy, and safe produce to communities worldwide, we are proud to support Brighter Bites in their mission to make nutritious food accessible to families. Our commitment goes beyond delivering quality produce—partnering with Brighter Bites reflects our values, allowing us to work together to nourish communities and build a healthier future for all."

DANA BRENNAN

VICE PRESIDENT, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS **GRIMMWAY FARMS**

& CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY



"We're so proud to work with Brighter Bites to ensure children and families have access to the nutritious food they need to thrive. Together, we're fueling healthier lives and creating a more sustainable, equitable food system. We're excited to expand this impact to new cities, reaching more families than ever in 2025."

VICTORIA WILSON OPERATIONS DIRECTOR AT SHARING EXCESS

PARTNER HIGHLIGHT:

We are proud to partner with Sharing Excess in our New York City market and soon in Greater Philadelphia (coming in 2025!). In both locations, Sharing Excess provides fresh fruits and vegetables and manages the logistics of delivering the produce to our schools. Their support is instrumental in the success of our program, and we are incredibly grateful for partners like them who make our impact possible. Here are a few highlights:

NYC:

- 8 schools
- 200,000 lbs of produce distributed in 2024
- · Produce highlights: avocado, blackberries, eggplant, grapes, mangos, plantains, spinach

Greater Philadelphia:

- 6 schools
- 2025 goal to distribute 200,000+ lbs of produce

CORE SUPPORTERS

We are deeply grateful for the generosity and support of our donors, whose contributions make our work possible. Your commitment to our mission enables us to continue providing vital services and create lasting change in the communities we serve. Thank you for your belief in our vision and for standing with us as we work together to build a healthier, more vibrant future.



\$500,000+

Texas Health and Human Services Commission



\$100,000 - 499,999

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Betti Wiggins

Wish Farms





"Brighter Bites has surely helped in our budget and diet. It has changed the way we eat and way of seeing our plate since we have tried new vegetables and fruits that we did not dare to try before."

> **PARENT** WASHINGTON, D.C.



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BUILDING A HEALTHIER FUTURE

We are filled with hope and optimism for a brighter, healthier future for all! Here's to fresh starts and brighter tomorrows. Because of you, every child can have the chance for a fresh start to health and wellness through access to fresh, nutritious food and education. We look forward to the healthier future we can build together in 2025.



