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Mission:

Mercy Chefs is a faith-based, non-profit disaster relief and humanitarian organization. We exist to serve professionally prepared meals for victims, volunteers, and first responders in natural disasters and emergencies. We are committed to using our resources to meet the needs of others in and out of disaster through our community kitchens outreach & food insecurity response across the country and around the globe.





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This year, we provided hope in
the form of a meal over

5.5 million

times for families, children, elderly, and
first responders in the midst of natural
disasters, emergencies, war,
and food insecurity.



In 2022, Mercy Chefs deployed 10 times to natural disasters and emergencies. Although it can be exhausting and challenging, we feel honored to be on the frontlines of feeding people in their greatest hour of need. From Florida's Gulf Coast to the frontlines of the war in Ukraine, Mercy Chefs was there.

There is something sacred that happens when a hot, chef-prepared meal is shared — a moment of comfort, nutrition, and a sense of newfound hope on the hardest days of a person's life.

nine states
+ four countries
served

The Storehouse



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We ended 2021 with a directive to establish The Mercy Chefs Storehouse — a place to house all of our deployment equipment, donated product, and more. This year, the dream became a reality for our team when a location in Tanner, AL, became available.



TANNER, AL

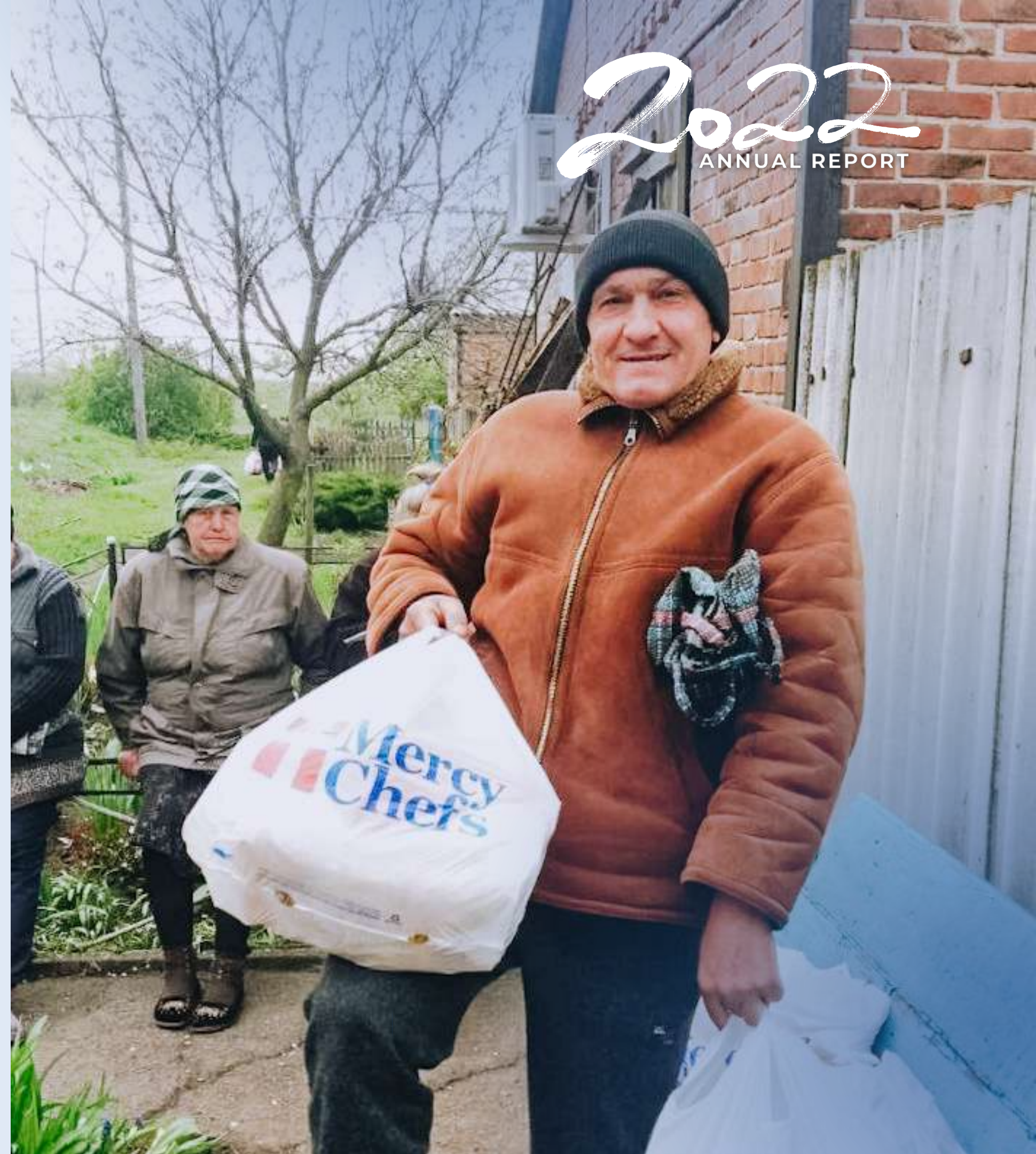
After Hurricane Ian devastated Lee County, FL, we deployed three Mercy Chefs mobile kitchens, along with support vehicles and a large team of chefs and staff members from The Storehouse. Within 24 hours of the storm's landfall, we were serving hot, chef-prepared meals made with love, and our team continued to provide thousands of meals a day for 15 days. This rapid response would have never been possible without the strategic placement of The Storehouse.

During our time in Lee County, we set our single day-record for meals served, with 23,243 hot meals, as the need continued to increase during the first week of our response. Mercy Chefs served 204,338 hot, chef-prepared meals this deployment in addition to 216,000 meals through grocery giveaway for a grand total of 420,338 meals!

In addition to developing rapid response times for our domestic disaster relief deployments from the Mercy Chefs Storehouse, we dreamt of an expanded grocery box program that would flow from this location.

These grocery boxes were inspired by our work in 2020 at the beginning of the pandemic distributing USDA “Farmers to Families” boxes nationwide, and this year as we provided groceries in Ukraine and Honduras as the seeds of an official Global branch of Mercy Chefs were planted. In Ukraine alone, we provided more than 5 million meals through groceries in addition to hot meals.

At Mercy Chefs, we believe that “something amazing happens over a shared meal,” like our Founder and CEO, Chef Gary LeBlanc, always says. With this in mind, we know that something transformational can happen when a family gathers around their table for a meal. We look forward to expanding our reach through providing groceries and recipes for families in 2023 in addition to the hot meals we serve across the country and around the globe.



More nations to feed. More people to love.

**LAUNCHING
Mercy Chefs**

Global

SCAN ME



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This year, we had more than
2,852 NEW volunteers sign up to
serve alongside us! All together, we
had **6,000** volunteers join our forces
this year with a total of over

18,243
Hours Served!

We are humbled and honored by the
gift of their time and service.

Agents of Change

Financials

**In 2022,
we raised
\$19.2M**

total revenue: \$19,229,877

program expense: \$11,102,300

**deployment support,
administration, & fundraising:
\$1,782,044**

**endowment for infrastructure &
continued programming:
\$6,345,533**

**Program
58%**

**Continued
Programming
33%**

Overhead 9%

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Funds not dispensed in 2022 were used to strengthen our infrastructure through the purchasing of vehicles, equipment, and building space so that we are better prepared to serve more as we “just go feed people” in 2023.

Targeted funds will also be used in 2023 for various long-term recovery projects and ongoing support in communities that we served in 2022 like Ukraine, Honduras, Kentucky, and others.

[Read our full financial report here](#)

Coming Up...

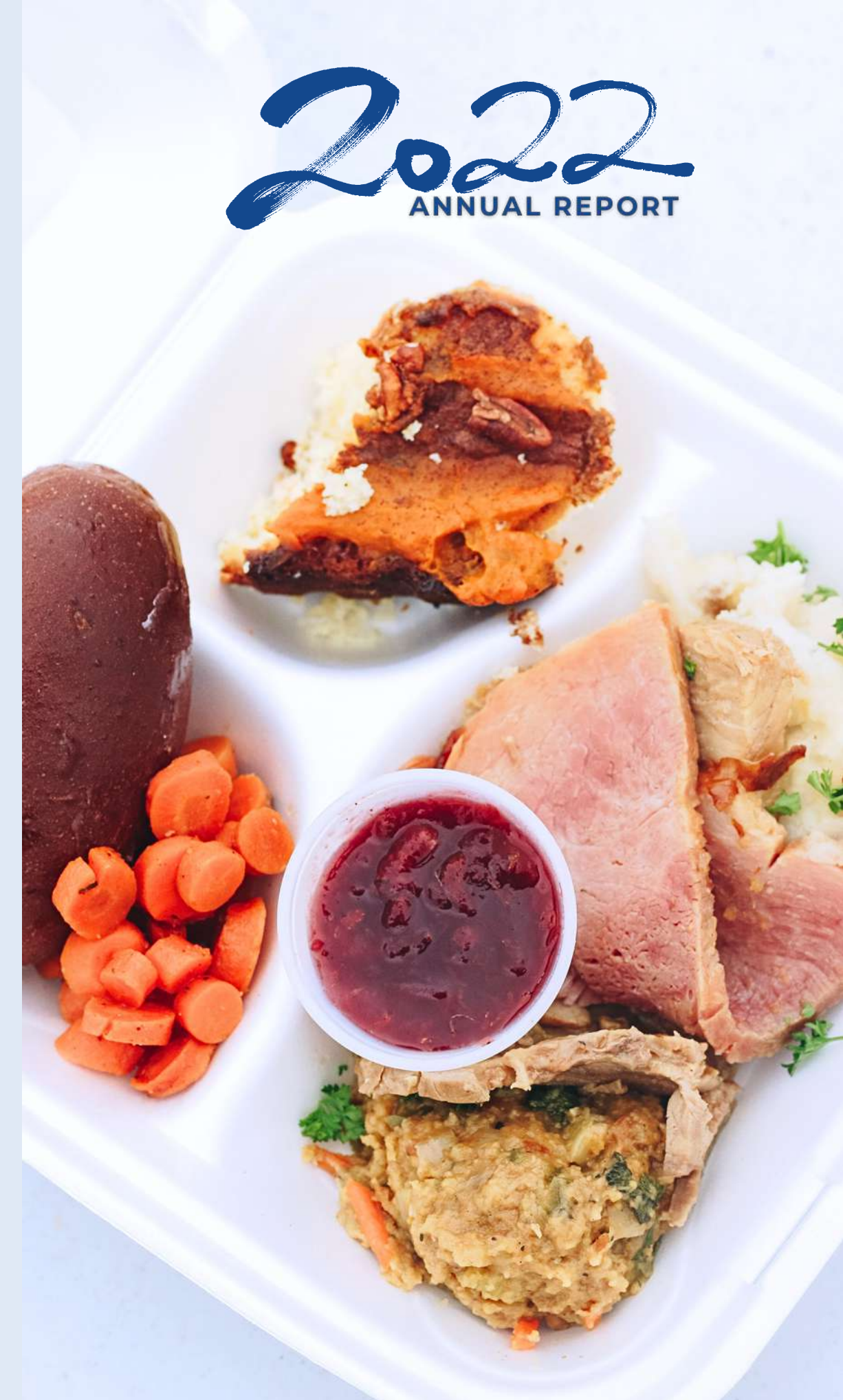
Because of the generosity of our supporters in 2022, we were able to not only establish The Mercy Chefs Storehouse in Tanner, AL, but officially launch Mercy Chefs Global.

Expediency is key to providing practical relief in the direct aftermath of any emergency around the world, and this year we extended our reach to ready ourselves for whatever call we would receive.

When it feels like all hope is lost, Mercy Chefs is there to provide comfort for those who are enduring their darkest hours. We are uniquely prepared to shine the light of love, even as we are surrounded by tragedy and despair. A restorative, hot meal creates a moment of normalcy in the midst of chaos, and it makes room for hope to return in the hearts of victims who have lost so much in a short time.

From the war-torn neighborhoods in Ukraine to Florida's hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast, Mercy Chefs' reach in 2022 was greater than ever before. As we look to 2023, our goal is to establish more kitchens globally and to expand our community kitchen programs to reach more communities here at home and around the world.

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“I know every to-go container packed to the brim with one of our beautiful, chef-prepared meals is also packed to the brim with hope. It’s all the love we can muster—fit into a box.”

Mercy Chefs Founder & CEO, Chef Gary LeBlanc

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