



MAVERICK FOOD PANTRY

CULTURE OF CARING

The Maverick Food Pantry aims to contribute to UNO's culture of caring by providing resources to campus community members experiencing food insecurity.

Over A Decade of Fighting Food Insecurity

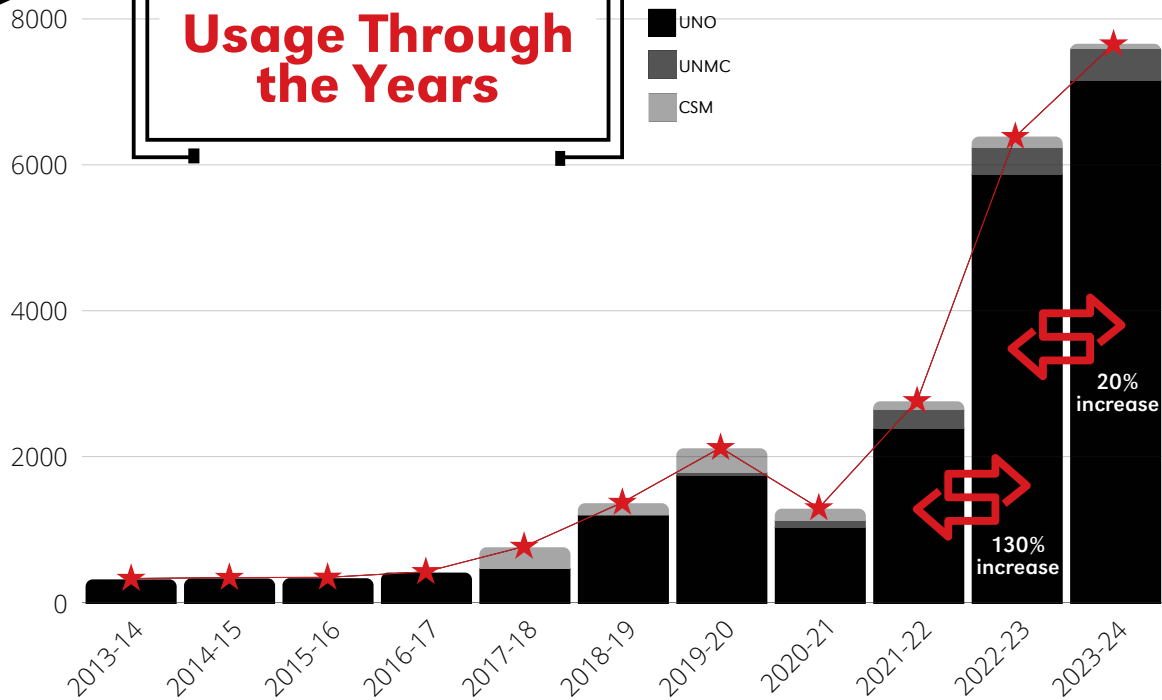
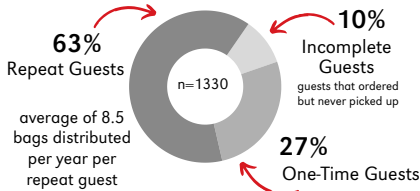
The motto of the MFP is

"when you need it, take it; when you have it, give it."

2023-24 Distribution

- 7,153 Bags
1,214 Unique Guests
- 59 Bags
36 Unique Guests
- 433 Bags
78 Unique Guests

Types of Guests



Hearing From Our Guests

Being an international student, thousand of miles away from home, I think the food pantry was one of the most significant culture shocks for me. The food pantry and what I have benefited, I would say is similar to Alice in Wonderland, being treated to a buffet. I think it emphasizes the community's altruism and care for all. Personally, it makes me think of and committed to giving back in the future and restore faith in humanity.

Having access to food & personal hygiene items lets me focus more on school giving me more time to study & relax as I don't have to work more to pay for those things for my family during school.

The food pantry has relieved much of the anxiety and burden we have surrounding groceries during the time between paychecks where we are stretched very thin.

3.9GPA thanks to not having to worry about buying/running out of food or personal hygiene items.

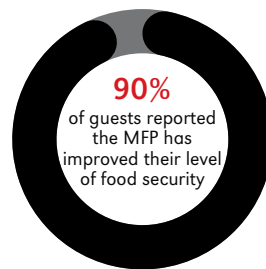
You were family to me so many times whenever I had nothing and would have starved. The pantry has truly saved me time and time again and I am eternally grateful.

I truly know that when I am in need that I will have help due to the food pantry.

Being a parent-student has its challenges and can be lonely but thanks to the program, we have a sense of being cared by the community.

SNAP application assistance & outreach program launched fall 2023

24 students served
SNAP eligibility prescreenings, applications, interviews, and recertifications



\$7,247 raised during Wear Black Give Back 2023

1,609 items + \$430 donated during 3rd annual Homecoming donation drive competition

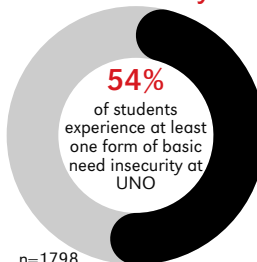
447 individuals

served through "Hunger Doesn't Take Breaks" before the Thanksgiving and winter breaks

This Year's Wins

Partnered with **5** Service Learning classes

In fall 2023, UNO conducted a **Student Basic Needs Survey**



77 volunteers logged a total of **1,252 volunteer hours**

21 volunteers volunteered weekly for at least 1 semester

Co-created a free monthly pop-up closet called **Durango's Outfitters**



287 diaper bundles distributed to **103 families**

143 children impacted
Established the **Nebraska Campus Pantry Coalition** to build community and gather data on student hunger among campus pantries in Nebraska
19 campuses represented

Partner Highlight

We cannot do this work alone... and luckily, we do not have to!

The OH SNAP! program receives 50% reimbursement from federal funds to cover approved costs of outreach activities and application assistance.
UNO is first NE university to have this partnership.



Food donations come from Sodexo weekly, Whispering Roots weekly, and Heartland Kids Against Hunger monthly. UNO Athletics holds an annual donation drive within the Summit League.

Fresh produce isn't a guarantee in food pantries. Local gardens donate produce on a weekly basis during the growing season. A grant from Farm Credit Services was awarded to us to expand our community gardens.



These partners supply the MFP with diapers for up to 50 people per month, disposable menstrual products (in addition to a donation of 1,000 pairs of menstrual underwear), and fully stocked diaper bags.



Our 1st AmeriCorps VISTA ended her year of service in February; we had two more start in June. The Hope Center conducted our Basic Needs Survey. Campus Compact funded a Basic Needs Student Support Summit in April.



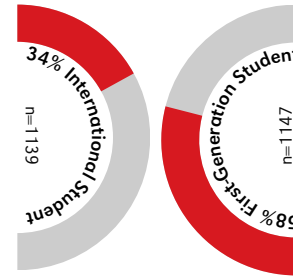
Other partnerships include Office of Engagement, Aldi, UNO Environmental Services, MavMentors, Swipe Out Hunger, Alumni Association, Facilities Maintenance & Planning, UNO Dodge Housing, Exploratory Studies, and International Studies.

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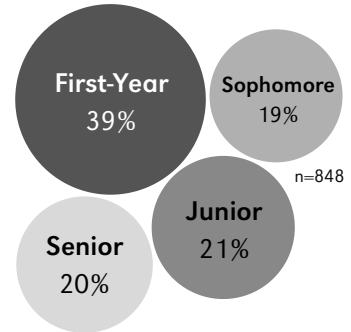
Guest Demographics

self-reported data from guests

Undergraduate vs Graduate

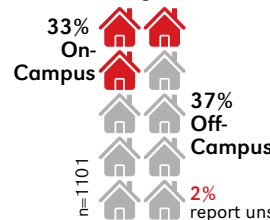


Student Information

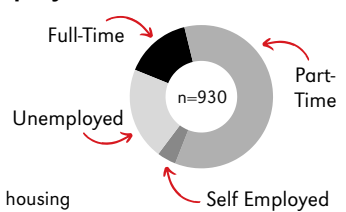


2.8% of guests are UNO staff or faculty

Housing Status

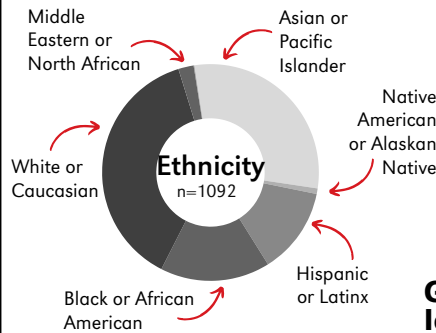


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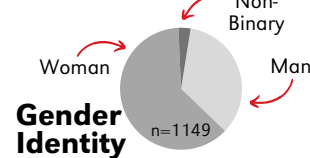


Life

Identity



Age Range
16-74

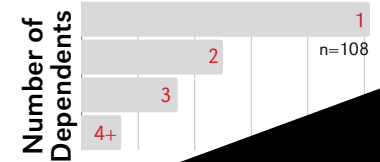
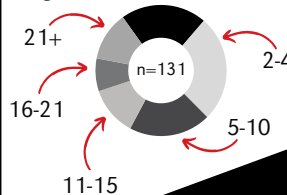


9% have dependents



Multigenerational Impact

Dependents' Ages



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