



Connecting Neighbors, Enriching Lives

Freeport Community Services

Annual Report

Enriching lives, connecting neighbors, and helping those in needs has always been the core of our work at Freeport Community Services. In our 2021 fiscal year (July of 2020-June 2021), FCS refocused in ways that deepened our mission and strengthened our connection to the community. We are so proud of all we accomplished together with our staff and volunteers.



Food & Nutrition

276 people shopped in or drove up to our Food Pantry each month

204,185 free lunches were prepared and served through our partnership with RSU5 during the 20/21 summer & school year

60 children each week received our BackPack weekend food program

60 families enjoyed bi-monthly Free Drive-Up Community Lunch

\$2,500 in restaurant gift cards donated through our food pantry boosted our local economy while supporting families



Emergency Assistance

38 households stayed warm with assistance from FCS' Kaplan Fuel Fund

6 families kept the lights on with Emergency Utility funds

79 pieces of medical equipment were loaned out

15 Salvation Army fuel vouchers kept families on the road



Holiday Help

460 holiday meals and family meal-kit boxes were given out for Thanksgiving

113 families adopted for the holidays



"I can get most of the cost of camp, I just can't quite get it all. FCS gets me there. When I drop my son at camp, I watch his face just light up. He comes home more confident."
Sarah Jacobs, Freeport



Community Connections

30 community garden plots grow food in and for our community

30 summer camp scholarships let kids experience the joy of summer camp and enrichment activities

Over 500 households participated in virtual and in-person events held in partnership with the Tri-Town Equity & Inclusion Coalition, RSU5 & CascoBay CAN, and RSU5 Community Programs.



"I love that Freeport Community Services has created a large and accessible space for residents to embrace the "grow your own food" movement! Many gardeners donate produce directly to the FCS Food Pantry, bringing the idea of community supporting community full circle."
Chandra Thoits, FCS volunteer

Visit fcsmaine.org to find out more about what we do.

Volunteers

556 volunteers donated over
5,500 hours in fiscal year 2021.

Without you, our pantry and thrift shop shelves would be empty! From raising chickens to raising funds, you make what we do here possible.



Community Support

Your individual contributions were our largest source of revenue for Fiscal Year 2021 (July 2020-June 2021). Your donations to and patronage of FCS' Thrift Shop provided additional, crucial support. This is how neighbors help neighbors and it's the heart of FCS.

In-Kind Donors

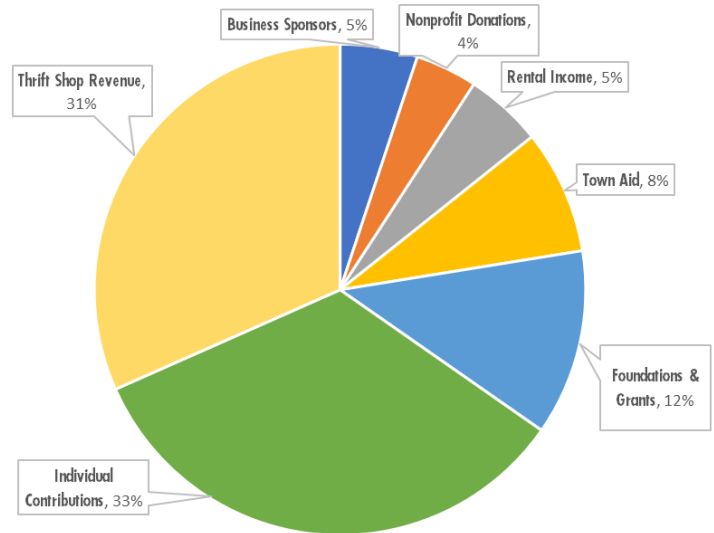
In-kind donations of goods and services and garden veggies make our day-to-day life at FCS brighter and better.



We are so grateful to the organizations and businesses, neighborhoods and clubs, friends and clients who share what they have with us.

A special thank you goes out to all who have donated to our Thrift Shop this year. Your lovely donations are a major driver of revenue for the work we do here. You helped us become Down East Magazine's Best Discount Shop in Maine.

How We Are Funded



From Our Executive Director

Despite a year and a half of uncertainty, much clarity remains here at FCS. The commitment of the community to ensure that neighbors

in need do not go without is unwavering. Our volunteers and staff are dedicated to the mission of our organization and work tirelessly to ensure the successful delivery of programs and resources to fellow residents. As a result of these efforts, the challenges we faced as a community were not insurmountable. We are reminded that creativity knows no limit when it comes to pivoting resources so that they are viable and accessible even during the most dire of times.

It's with great optimism and joy that I can say the future of FCS is bright. We welcome community involvement and engagement at every level as we continue to learn how we can better our organization and improve the outcomes of our programs. At FCS, we are so proud to be here for our community and look forward to working together to support one another and the unique needs that arise for those living in Freeport and Pownal.

With gratitude, Sarah Lundin

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