



# FARE SHARE WNY



# ANNUAL REPORT

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2024



**MAYDA  
POZANTIDES**



**EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR**

# A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends, Supporters, and Community Partners,

As I reflect on 2024, I'm filled with pride and gratitude for how far Fare Share WNY has come—and how deeply rooted we've become in the movement for food justice in Buffalo.

This past year, we made powerful strides toward our mission of Good Food for All. From growing our Good Neighbor Solidarity Shares to piloting the 716 Collaborative CSA, we connected more families than ever to fresh, locally grown produce. We supported farmers, uplifted community-led solutions, and ensured that our work remained grounded in equity and access.

None of this would be possible without you. Your belief in our vision has helped us build something that not only nourishes people but strengthens the entire food system—making it more just, sustainable, and community-centered.

Together, we've proven that it is possible to feed our neighbors with dignity and respect—and that by working collaboratively, we can transform the way food flows through our city.

As we look ahead to 2025, I'm energized by what's to come: new partnerships, deeper community engagement, and an ever-expanding table that welcomes all.

Thank you for being part of this work.

With heartfelt gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mayda Pozantides".

Mayda Pozantides  
Founder & Executive Director



# STRATEGIC PLAN

## OUR VISION

We envision a future where our local food system is rooted in justice—where farmers are valued, communities are fed, and good food is guaranteed right for all.

## OUR MISSION

Our mission is simple but powerful: GOOD FOOD FOR ALL!

## OUR OBJECTIVES

### FOOD ACCESS

Ensure that every household in Buffalo can access fresh, local, and nourishing food—regardless of race, income, or zip code.

### FARMER SUPPORT

Partner with small and urban farmers to increase viability, improve infrastructure, and connect them with stable, values-aligned markets.

### COMMUNITY POWER

Engage, educate, and collaborate with residents to co-create solutions, deepen food literacy, and support neighborhood-led food justice efforts.

## OUR VALUES

Equity



Sustainability



Solidarity



Cultural  
Relevancy



Community  
Voices

## OUR SERVICE PILLARS



### FAIR FOOD

- Good Neighbors Solidarity Shares
- Leslie Street Community Fridge
- Pay-what-you-can fresh food distribution
- Future goal: Delivery capabilities

### FARMER COLLABORATION

- 716 CSA (multi-farm model)
- Farm-to-neighbor programs
- Shared infrastructure and coordination
- Future goal: Farmer resource hub

### EDUCATION + EMPOWERMENT

- Food justice workshops & events
- Youth and family education
- Mutual aid collaborations
- Future goal: School partnership programming



## HOW WE WILL SUCCEED

### FUNDING

We will pursue diverse funding streams, securing support through donations, grants, and socially driven earned revenue.

### PARTNERSHIPS

We will build strong relationships with mission-aligned farms, funders, & community orgs to scale our collective impact.

### CAPACITY-BUILDING

We will invest in staff, leadership, and systems that allow us to grow sustainably while staying rooted in our values.

# YEARLY SNAPSHOT

## A YEAR IN REVIEW: PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### GOOD NEIGHBOR SOLIDARITY SHARES

- 75 families received subsidized shares
- 12,500 pounds of local produce distributed
- Members received fresh produce, as well as proteins, and other staple items.
- Households all identified as low-income and food insecure- majority BIPOC, elderly and families with children

### LESLIE ST COMMUNITY FRIDGE

- Free, 24/7 access to fresh food and pantry items for all
- Supported by neighbors, growers, and mutual aid volunteers



### 716 COLLABORATIVE MULTI-FARM CSA

- Citywide, multi-farm CSA pilot launched
- 50 households served weekly
- Participating farms: Groundwork Market Garden, Massachusetts Avenue Project, Providence Farm Collective, 5 Loaves Farm, Flat 12 Mushrooms, and Journey's End Refugee Farm
- Collaborated with 3 partner organizations to provide delivery, recipe cards, and educational materials
- Distribution sites included senior housing, public housing, and community events
- Neighborhoods served: ZIP codes 14201, 14206, 14208, 14210, 14211, 14212, & 14215



# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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Fare Share WNY, Inc

As of December 31, 2024

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
<b>Assets</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Simple Checking for Business (0739) - 1	68,667.08
<b>Total for Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$68,667.08</b>
Accounts Receivable	
Other Current Assets	
<b>Total for Current Assets</b>	<b>\$68,667.08</b>
Fixed Assets	
Other Assets	
<b>Total for Assets</b>	<b>\$68,667.08</b>
<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Credit Cards	
Other Current Liabilities	
<b>Total for Current Liabilities</b>	<b>0</b>
Long-term Liabilities	
<b>Total for Liabilities</b>	<b>0</b>
Equity	
Retained Earnings	0
Net Income	15,467.85
Opening Balance Equity	53,199.23
<b>Total for Equity</b>	<b>\$68,667.08</b>
<b>Total for Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$68,667.08</b>



THANK  
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