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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 national emergencies. We are committed to using our resources to meet the needs of others in and out of disaster through our community kitchens outreach and food insecurity response.

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In 2020, Mercy Chefs served a record-breaking **7,866,659 meals** through hot, chef-prepared meals in disaster zones, microwavable family-style meals, and complete grocery boxes.

It took us 10 years since our founding in 2006 to serve our first million meals. In 2019 we served our second million. And by the end of 2020, we're approaching 10 million meals served!



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EMPOWERING families to gather around their tables.

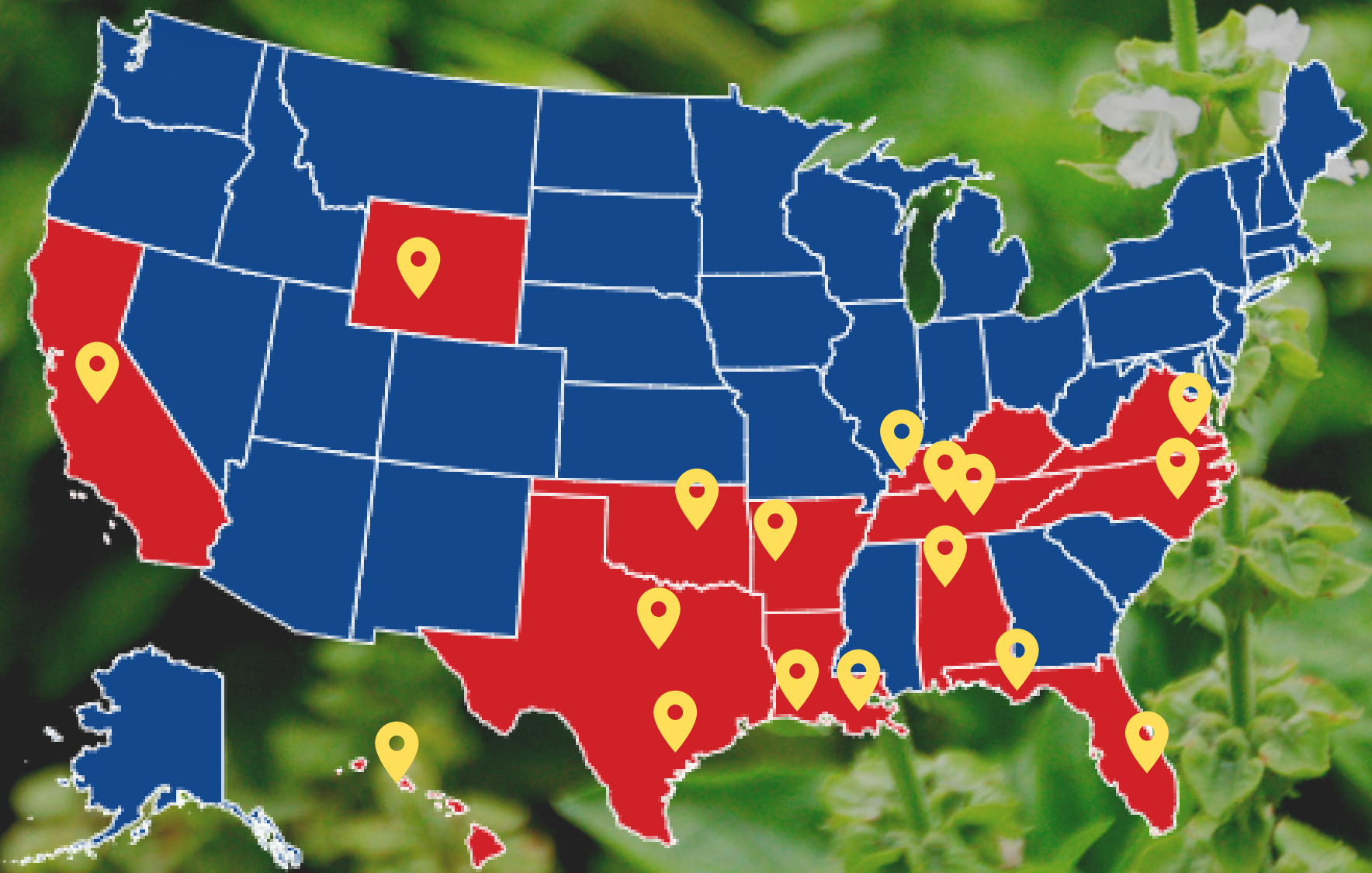
IN 2020 AND 2021,
MERCY CHEFS PROVIDED

23,455,510
LBS. FOOD

THROUGH GROCERY BOX
DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS.



14 STATES SERVED
in 2020&2021 through
disaster response and
grocery box distribution



11 DEPLOYMENTS

What does **11 deployments** across the country and internationally in the midst of a pandemic look like?

Implementation of Covid-19 safety gear. Non-stop meal prep. Long days. Late nights. Early mornings. Fatigue. Closed airports. Weeks away from family/home.

Our team has witnessed so much tragedy this year. Because the need is so great, we had no choice but to go. BUT here's what 11 deployments also looked like to us: People reached. Families united. Health restored. Hope found.



Mercy Chefs volunteers are the backbone of what we do. It takes a community coming together to provide the most relief and support in the aftermath of disaster. Neighbors helping neighbors is what makes the difference. In 2020, our volunteers served more than **20,000 volunteer hours.**

In 2020, we raised **\$6.4M**

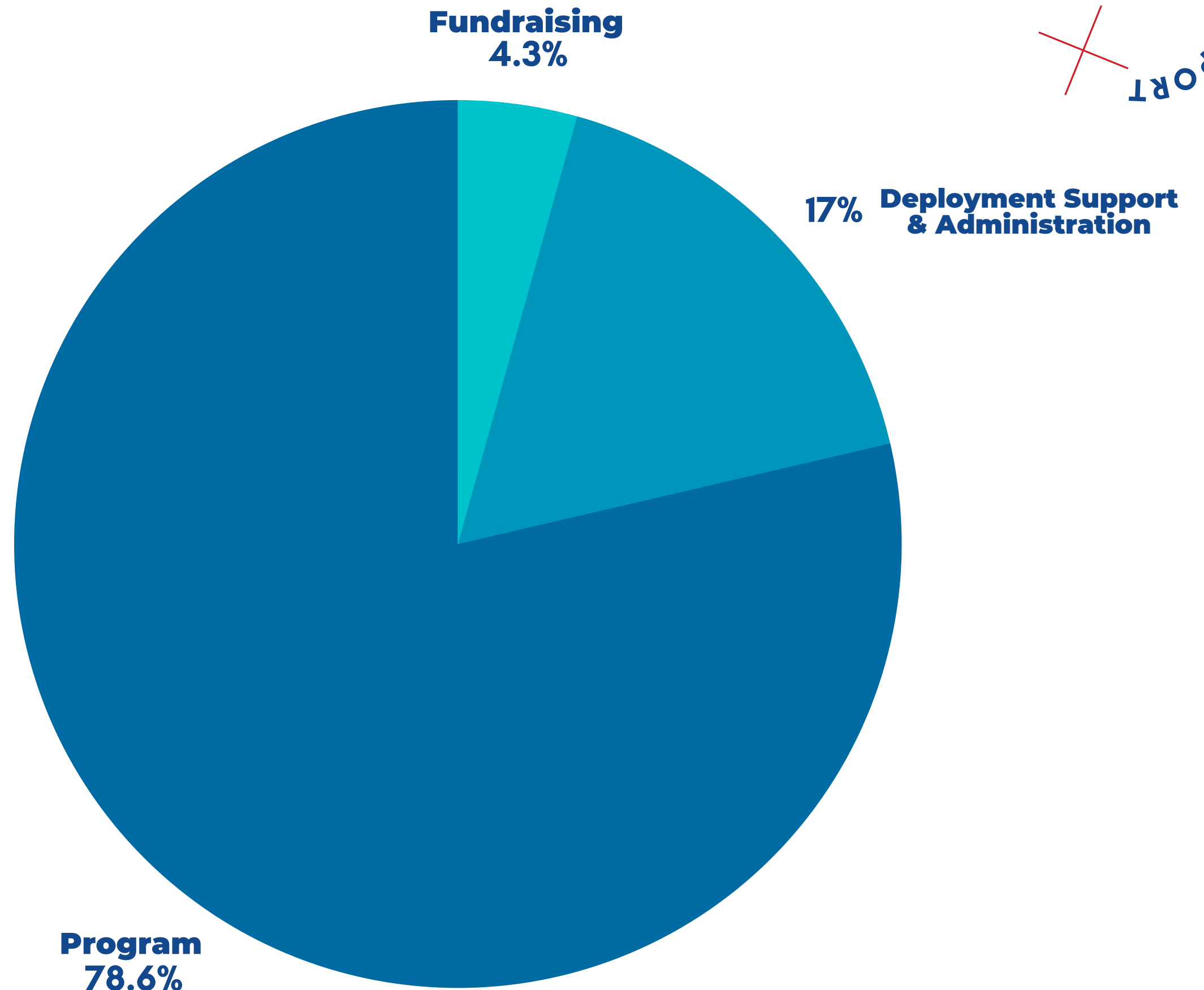
total revenue: \$6,421,570

program expense: \$5,049,789

deployment support & administration: \$1,093,372

fundraising: \$278,049

[Read our full financial report here](#)





LOOKING FORWARD TO 2021 & BEYOND



When the pandemic exploded in March 2020, our entire nation was not only in a health crisis but also in the throes of practical need, as if a massive natural disaster had hit from coast to coast.

We've never seen anything like it: cars lining up for miles to receive food from Mercy Chefs; children smiling from ear to ear because we gave them a meal that included fresh fruit; elderly folks weeping as our teams delivered meals door-to-door in their neighborhoods. Our team worked day after day to feed Americans in need through our mobile resources, community facilities, and by partnering with the U.S.D.A. "Farmers to Families" program to provide millions of meals in just over a year.

Our challenge for 2021 and beyond: the *Farmers to Families* program ended, but the urgent need we see in communities across the country is not going away. Those hardest hit are still struggling, and the kids are suffering the most. With the government program ending, we need to build **The Mercy Chefs Storehouse** to serve those who are hurting.

To build The Storehouse, we will have to break new ground. We'll need warehouse space in key areas across the country all requiring new equipment, refrigerated trucks, staffing, and immense resources to procure the food and supplies needed to feed millions of people. Our communities are in desperate need. These grocery boxes provide families with the means to prepare and eat nutritious meals together. They are your neighbors; they are your friends.

This is the next step for Mercy Chefs as we continue feeding body and soul across the nation. **The Mercy Chefs Storehouse** provides space to support local communities with necessities and creates opportunity to receive donated product like never before - bolstering our disaster response teams with deployment supplies on hand, ready to roll at a moment's notice. No longer will we have to ship in supplies from three-four states away in a disaster zone.

