



2026



PROMOTING THE HEALTH
AND WELL-BEING OF
PEOPLE, COMMUNITIES,
AND **OUR PLANET** ON
BEHALF OF U.S. DAIRY.

ANNUAL REPORT

1,000,000 Meals

www.idfafoundation.org



Letter from the **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Dear Dairy Community,

Fiscal year 2026 (FY26) was a milestone year for the IDFA Foundation, marked by record impact, growing support from the dairy industry, and an important achievement: more than 1 million meals provided to people facing hunger since 2022.

Throughout the year, the Foundation continued to bring together IDFA members and nonprofit partners to fight hunger and expand access to nutritious dairy foods. Through financial grants, product donations and volunteer service, the Foundation supported four major hunger-relief initiatives in Florida, Wisconsin, Washington, D.C., and Southern California.

In FY26 alone, the IDFA Foundation provided \$35,500 in grants and coordinated \$51,000 in total financial support for nonprofit partners. Working with IDFA member companies, the Foundation also coordinated approximately 6.5 truckloads of nutritious dairy products, including fresh and shelf-stable milk, cheese, yogurt and coffee creamers. Altogether, these efforts supported approximately 310,500 meals for people facing hunger.

Our largest initiative to date took place around Dairy Forum 2026 in Southern California. The IDFA Foundation partnered with 20 IDFA members to contribute \$42,500 and approximately 4.5 truckloads of dairy products to FIND Regional Food Bank. Together, these donations provided more than 250,000 meals to people in need and helped the Foundation surpass the milestone of providing more than 1 million meals since 2022.

Volunteer service also remained an important part of our mission. During hands-on service events with Feeding Northeast Florida and DC Central Kitchen, 80 IDFA board members, dairy leaders and staff contributed more than 220 hours of volunteer service preparing and packing food for families in need.

I am pleased to note that in FY26, the Foundation:

- Provided \$35,500 in grants to nonprofit hunger-relief organizations.
- Coordinated \$51,000 in combined financial support from the Foundation and industry partners.
- Coordinated the donation of approximately 6.5 truckloads of nutritious dairy products to food banks and hunger-relief organizations.
- Supported approximately 310,500 meals for people facing hunger during FY26.
- Engaged 80 volunteers in more than 220 hours of hands-on service at Feeding Northeast Florida and DC Central Kitchen.
- Partnered with 20 IDFA member companies and foundations that provided financial contributions or dairy food donations to support Foundation efforts.
- Organized the Foundation's most successful fundraiser to date, the IDFA Foundation Cornhole Tournament at Dairy Forum 2026, which attracted 54 registrants and raised approximately \$11,000.
- Surpassed 1 million meals provided to people facing hunger in the United States and around the world since 2022.

Letter from the --- **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

These results reflect the generosity of our donors, volunteers and dairy industry partners. They also demonstrate the unique role the IDFA Foundation can play in bringing our industry together to nourish people and strengthen the communities where we live and work.

As I step into the role of executive director following the close of FY26, I also want to recognize Matt Herrick for his leadership of the Foundation. Matt helped build the Foundation's grantmaking and service programs, establish valuable nonprofit partnerships, and create a strong platform for continued growth and impact. I am grateful for the foundation he established and excited to build on that work.

Looking ahead, we will continue to grow the Foundation's impact while strengthening its financial position. We will expand opportunities for IDFA members and dairy leaders to volunteer and give back, deepen our relationships with Feeding America and local food banks, and help dairy processors build stronger connections with hunger-relief organizations in the communities where they operate. We will also explore new ways to capture and communicate the dairy industry's collective impact in fighting hunger and improving access to nutritious foods.

Thank you to everyone who supported the IDFA Foundation in FY26. Together, we are demonstrating the extraordinary impact our industry can have when we unite around a common purpose.

To learn more about the work of the IDFA Foundation and to follow its progress, visit www.idfafoundation.org.

Sincerely,

Andrew Jerome

Executive Director, IDFA Foundation



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IDFA FOUNDATION GRANTS & AWARDS

The IDFA Foundation provides grants and awards to support individuals and organizations working to advance human health and nutrition, improve environmental stewardship and sustainability, and enhance the welfare of people working in food manufacturing.

1

Nutrition, Health, and Wellness:

The IDFA Foundation provides grants to reduce hunger, improve food security, and help families access healthy, affordable nutrition.

2

Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability:

The IDFA Foundation provides grants to support solutions, innovations, and ideas that advance the food, beverage and agriculture industry's commitments toward environmental stewardship and sustainability.

3

Diverse, Equitable, Inclusive Workforce and Developmental Opportunities:

The IDFA Foundation provides grants to support efforts to attract and retain a diverse, equitable, and inclusive workforce within the food, beverage, and agriculture industry, as well as opportunities for education, training, and accreditation.



GRANT #10: FEEDING NORTHEAST FLORIDA

\$3,500
30,000 Meals

In May 2025, the IDFA Foundation provided a \$3,500 charitable grant to Feeding Northeast Florida to help address hunger in Jacksonville and communities throughout Northeast Florida.

The Foundation also organized a three-hour service event that brought together 45 IDFA board members and staff to prepare and pack food for families in need. In addition, the Foundation coordinated with Diversified Foods Inc. to donate 690 cases—approximately half a truckload—of wholesome milk to the food bank.

Altogether, the financial contribution, volunteer service and dairy donation supported approximately 30,000 meals for people facing hunger in Northeast Florida.



To learn more about Feeding Northeast Florida, visit www.feedingnefl.org.



GRANT #11: SECOND HARVEST FOODBANK OF SOUTHERN WISCONSIN

\$500

15,500 Meals

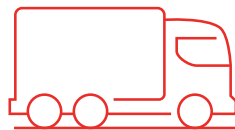
In June 2025, the IDFA Foundation partnered with Chobani and Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin to help reduce hunger in communities across Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa.

The Foundation provided a \$500 charitable contribution and coordinated with Chobani to donate a full truckload of Chobani Super Milk to Second Harvest. The nutritious dairy products were distributed through the food bank's network of community partners to families and individuals facing hunger.

Together, the financial and product donations supported approximately 15,500 meals for people in need.



\$500 Grant



1 Truckload
of Chobani Super Milk
Donated by IDFA Member



**Approximately
15,500 Meals**

To learn more about Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin, visit www.secondharvestsw.org.

GRANT #12: D.C. CENTRAL KITCHEN

\$4,500

15,000 Meals

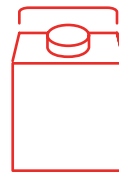


In October 2025, the IDFA Foundation partnered with DC Central Kitchen to address hunger and support communities in Washington, D.C.

The Foundation provided a \$4,500 charitable grant and organized a 2.5-hour service event for 35 dairy company leaders. Volunteers worked alongside DC Central Kitchen staff to help prepare healthy, wholesome meals for people experiencing hunger and food insecurity.

The Foundation also coordinated with Diversified Foods Inc. to donate approximately half a truckload of shelf-stable milk to support DC Central Kitchen's work.

Altogether, the Foundation's financial contribution, volunteer service and dairy product donation supported approximately 15,000 meals for people in need.



\$4,500 Grant

87.5 Volunteer Hours
35 Volunteers Each Donated
2.5 Hours of Their Time

**Approximately ½
Truckload**
of Shelf-Stable Milk
Donated by IDFA Member

**Approximately
15,000 Meals**

To learn more about DC Central Kitchen, visit www.dccentralkitchen.org.



GRANT # 13: FIND REGIONAL FOOD BANK

\$27,000

More Than 250,000 Meals

In January 2026, the IDFA Foundation coordinated its largest hunger-relief initiative to date, joining with 20 IDFA members to support FIND Regional Food Bank in Southern California.

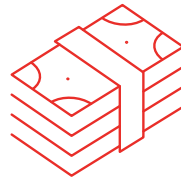
The IDFA Foundation provided a \$22,000 charitable grant as part of \$42,500 in combined financial contributions from the Foundation and IDFA members. Nine IDFA member companies also donated approximately 4.5 truckloads of fresh and shelf-stable milk, cheese, yogurt, coffee creamers and other nutritious dairy products.

Dairy industry leaders recognized the donations during Dairy Forum 2026 in Palm Desert, Calif., including a visit to FIND Regional Food Bank to thank the organization's staff and learn more about its work serving families throughout Southern California.

Altogether, the financial and dairy product donations provided more than 250,000 meals to people facing hunger. The initiative was the largest coordinated donation in the IDFA Foundation's history and helped the Foundation surpass a major milestone: more than 1 million meals provided since 2022.



\$27,000
IDFA Foundation Grant



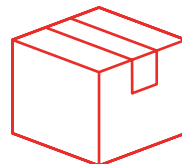
\$15,500 in Financial
Contributions from IDFA Members



\$42,500 in Total
Financial Support



Financial Support



Approximately 4.5 Truckloads
of Nutritious Dairy Products



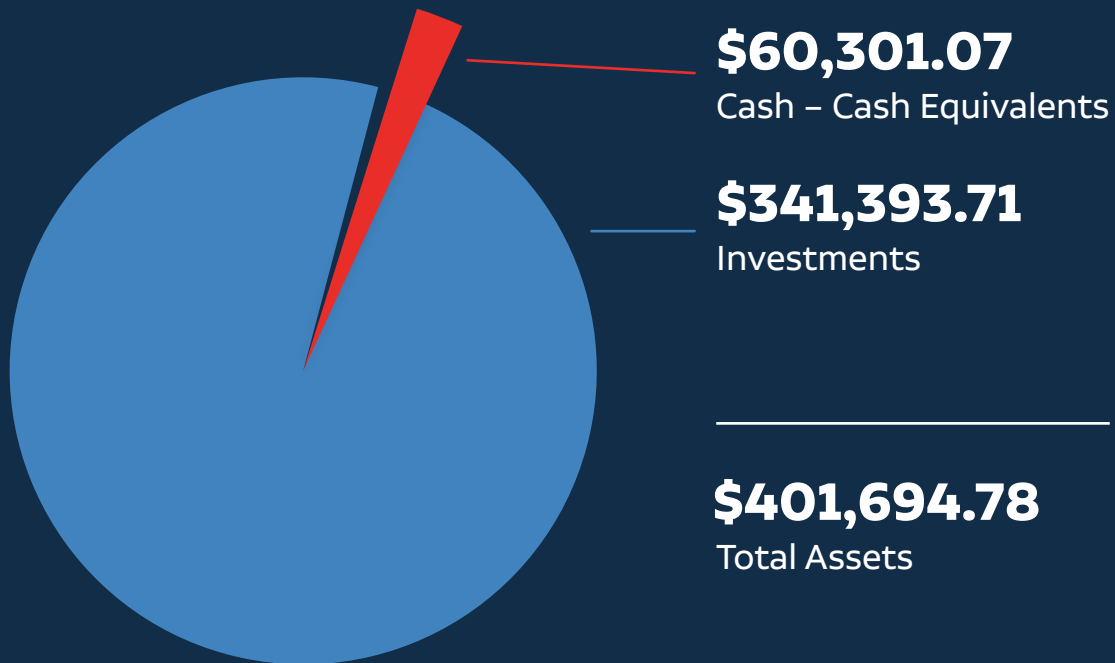
More Than
250,000 Meals

To learn more about FIND Regional Food Bank, visit www.findfoodbank.org.



MILESTONE: 1,000,000 MEALS

Summary of
IDFA FOUNDATION'S FINANCES – FEB. 28, 2026



Total Liabilities & Net Assets, End of Year: **\$401,694.78**

\$84,868.00
Donations Collected in FY26

\$35,500.00
Grants in FY26



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE IDFA FOUNDATION

Your financial contributions and food donations make this work possible.

Financial Contributions

- Albertsons' Nourishing Neighbors Program
- Dairy Farmers of America / DFA Cares Foundation
- Ever.Ag
- Hilmar
- Idaho Milk Products
- Leprino Foods
- Kleinpeter Farms Dairy LLC
- Pacific Cheese Company
- Schreiber Foods
- Select Milk Producers
- Shehadey Family Foods, LLC
- Tetra Pak
- Wells Fargo Advisors

Individual Financial Contributions

- Murray Bain
- Sue Cox
- Heather Draper
- Betsy Erdelyi
- Richard Graeter
- Daragh Maccabee
- Michael J Neu

Food Donations

- Chobani
- Danone U.S.
- Diversified Foods, Inc. & Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.
- Glanbia Dairy Nutrition
- Hollandia Dairy
- LALA
- Saputo USA

To learn more about how you can support the IDFA Foundation, contact Andrew Jerome at ajerome@idfa.org.