



# 2023 FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

## *Celebrating how much you shared*

We celebrate our collective efforts to share gifts with agencies across Missouri and internationally. Here is an overview of non-cash gifts distributed and collected through the 2023 Sharefests:

**AGENCY PARTNERS** 79

**AGENCY PATRONS (PER MONTH)** +48,000

**VOLUNTEERS** Local church and community members helped direct traffic, unload vehicles, count supplies, pray over the donations, and pack rice and other kits



### Shared Around Missouri in 2023

**Baby Bundles:** 521  
**Backpacks of Love:** 402  
**Beans:** 2,000 lbs. (SEMO)  
**Best Choice Labels:** 28,000  
**Blankets:** 600  
**Family Food Boxes:** 1,852  
**Paper Products:** 1,019  
**Personal Hygiene:** 1,893

**Prison Packs:** 460  
**Popcorn:** 2,000 lbs. (SEMO)  
**Reading & Writing:** 2,056  
**Rice:** 12,200 lbs.  
**Student Dental Packs:** 2,066  
**Youth Personal Care:** 346  
**Misc. items given locally:** \$12,821



### Shared Around the World in 2023

**CWS School Kits:** 1,930  
**CWS Hygiene Kits:** 1,305  
**CWS Cleanup Buckets:** 36  
**Eyeglasses:**  
**Welcome Backpacks:** 13  
**CWS Period Packs:** 125



### Meeting Hunger Needs

Festival of Sharing was gifted a legacy gift that has multiplied its impact through two grant programs. Growing Access Grants have supported Festival of Sharing agencies who seek to tackle food insecurity or promote nutrition in their communities. Cooperative Response grants recognize churches who work cooperatively across denomination lines to respond to poverty in their community. If you are interested in legacy giving or supporting the grant programs, please reach out! Donations designated as “Hunger Needs” are used through the Growing Access Grant program.