

## NEWS

- We're on pace for 36,000 meals in 2023.
- Our budget this year is about \$150,000.
- Our all-time sack lunch tally is now at 266,635.
- We hit the streets 367 times in 2022.
- We served a record 31,548 meals in 2022.
- Meals served in 2022 were up 14% vs. 2021.
- Served an avg. of 86 people every day in 2022.
- We worked in 15 total cities last year.
- Volunteers prayed with 5,200 people last year.
- Our all-in cost for a sack lunch is about \$4.35.

June 2023

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## From Roy To Rex

As we approach our 20th anniversary in October, the milestones are really starting to rack up.

Channel 2 in Tulsa was on-hand to witness one of our biggest moments ever.

We served our 250,000th meal in December at a shelter in Tulsa where we dish out dinner once a month. The recipient was Rex, who was staying there with his son.

That's now a quarter million meals since our first encounter on the streets in 2003 with Roy who assertively asked for help because he was tired of eating out of dumpsters.

For everyone who knows us, Filling The Void isn't about reaching ambitious goals or milestones. It's always just about being faithful to serve our fellow man.

Over the years, the effort has been expansive, emotional and exhaustive. In April 2023 alone, volunteers logged 1,200 service hours – more than a half a year's worth of work!



Rex received our 250,000th meal.

Karen Rose, who leads our Tulsa chapter, said, "I fell in love with this nearly two decades ago. It was just an idea at first. Now we can't imagine doing anything else."

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Last year also was the first time that we hit the streets more times than there are days on the calendar. Volunteers went out 367 times, led by 126 outreaches in Denver and 101 in Dallas.

Our record-setting pace is ratcheting up even more. Through May this year we're averaging nearly 3,000 meals per month, which is 13% higher than we averaged in 2022.

April illustrates how it's possible. We welcomed a whopping 580 first-time volunteers, did our biggest outreach ever (565 meals) and did projects with a college, 2 schools and 3 churches.

And our mission field isn't shrinking. In Tulsa alone, homelessness has doubled. We see the need, we watch the trends and we'll remain steadfast to keep reaching out again and again.