



2015 ANNUAL REPORT



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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended May 31st, 2015

Revenues and Other Support

Program Service Fees	\$	967,706
Grants & Contracts		1,164,136
Contributions		1,046,364
Contributed Food Received		17,477,372
Interest		2,807
Other		7,330
Net Assets Released from Restrictions		13,784

Total Revenues and Other Support **\$ 20,679,499**

Expenses

Foodbank Operations	\$	1,757,629
Contributed Food Distributed		17,482,134
Administrative & Fundraising		544,901
Depreciation		130,406

Total Expenses **\$19,915,070**

Change in Unrestricted Net Assets	\$	764,429
Change in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets		(13,784)
Change in Net Assets		750,645

Net Assets at Beginning of Year 5,312,906

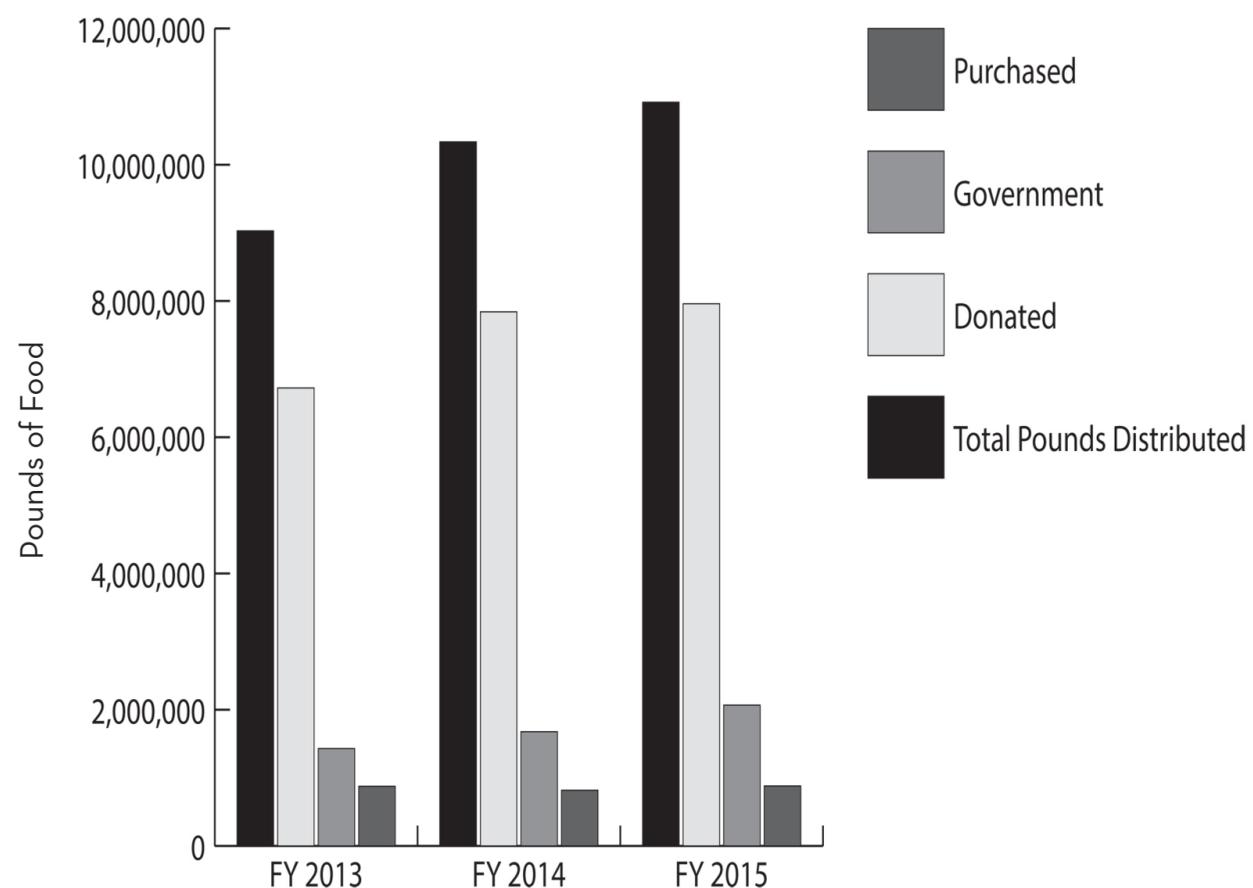
Net Assets at End of Year **6,063,551**



97% of every dollar goes directly to feed the hungry.

3% goes to administrative and fundraising costs.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION MIX IN POUNDS



Charity Navigator again awarded Central Illinois Foodbank a 4 star rating, the highest rating they bestow on the charities they monitor. Charity Navigator is America's premier independent charity evaluator. Charity Navigator uses an unbiased, objective, numbers-based rating system to assess the financial health of America's best known and largest charities.

OUR MISSION

To collect donated food and grocery items from growers, manufacturers, processors, wholesalers and retailers for distribution to charitable agencies serving people in need.



OFF THE SHELF

SPRING 2016 NEWSLETTER & ANNUAL REPORT

Foods to Encourage

Since 2012, Central Illinois Foodbank and Feeding America have been working together on "Foods to Encourage" categories. Fresh produce, protein and dairy, previously known as "Nutritious" categories are the three food groups that food banks are striving to obtain for those in need.

According to Hunger in America 2014, an estimated 71% of those households served in Central Illinois Foodbank's 21-county region have a member with high blood pressure. The health concerns don't stop there for those who are food insecure. An estimated 36% of those who need to visit pantries in central Illinois have diabetes. To help promote "Foods to Encourage" the Central Illinois Foodbank is teaming up with the American Heart Association (AHA) this winter to encourage people to donate heart healthy foods (see list below).

Healthier Options

- Canned vegetables with no salt added or low-sodium label
- Canned fruits in 100% juice
- Good sources of fiber such as beans
- Low-sodium soups
- Whole wheat pasta
- Cereals with low sugar content

The effort doesn't stop there. Dairy is the hardest of the "Foods to Encourage" categories to obtain. This winter, thanks to a grant from the Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation, the Foodbank was able to purchase over 4,600 half gallons of milk to give to agencies that serve families with children throughout our area.



Kenny and Marsha Mayner from Outreach Community Center in Winchester pick up half gallon crates of milk.

According to (AHA) research, foods high in sodium can lead to increased blood pressure, which is a major risk factor for heart attack and stroke. Items high in sugar can contribute to Type 2 diabetes and obesity, and provide unnecessary added calories.

In fiscal year 2015, Central Illinois Foodbank distributed 1.8 million pounds of fresh produce and hopes to surpass that number once again this year. The Foodbank's goal of promoting "Foods to Encourage" will continue as we dive into the New Year.

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DIRECTOR'S DISH

by Pam Molitoris
Executive Director



If you are anything like me the start of the New Year is a time not only to look forward, but to reflect on the past. As the calendar turned to 2016 I not only started to look back on 2015, but thanks to the discovery of old files while cleaning my office, I found myself thinking about the Foodbank's dramatic growth in its capacity to serve those in need. Just over a decade ago we were distributing 3.5 million pounds of food a year in central Illinois. Now that number has grown, to over 9 million pounds of food being distributed to nearly 150 agencies. While our overall pounds of food distributed have grown so have the needs of those we serve.

Over time I have seen the need for healthier food options rise. With more people being treated for high blood pressure and diabetes, we have made great strides in securing fresh fruits and vegetables for distribution. In fiscal year 2015, we increased the amount fresh produce that found its way onto the tables of those in need in our area. As pointed out in the article on page one 1.8 million pounds of fresh produce was distributed throughout our 21 counties last year.

Making it possible to meet the growing needs of those who are hungry in central Illinois is our current building. It's hard for me to believe that it's been nearly three years since we've moved into this 56,000 square-foot facility that has allowed us to grow to where we are today and will allow our continued growth in the future. With four cooling spaces, which made it possible for our fresh produce expansion, and dry storage space capacity we will be able to efficiently serve the growing number of hungry families in central Illinois.

I am very proud of all that the Foodbank is accomplishing. Just as importantly, I am grateful beyond words for all the wonderful partnerships, individuals and organizations that have made this dramatic growth possible. Those partnerships bring to mind a quote from Zig Ziglar "What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals." The Foodbank has become what it is today thanks to our donors, volunteers, board members, agency partners, corporate partners and our employees. With your ongoing support the Foodbank will continue to meet the needs of those who are hungry in our community for many years to come.

Pam Molitoris

Rotary Donates Citrus

For the third year in a row the Rotary Club of Springfield (Downtown) and the Springfield Sunrise Rotary Club offered the option during their annual citrus sale to purchase a box of citrus to be donated to Central Illinois Foodbank. In the first year, the Foodbank received over 2,000 pounds of fresh citrus through the Rotary sale. This year 5,000 pounds of fresh oranges and grapefruit were donated. In fiscal year 2015, we distributed 1.8 million pounds of fresh produce and are on track to surpass that in 2016.



The 17th Annual Harvest Ball raised over \$96,000 for Central Illinois Foodbank. The evening featured entertainment from True Blue Quartet. The Horace Mann Companies were presented the Good Samaritan Award for their continued dedication to fighting hunger in central Illinois. We greatly appreciate the sponsorships for this event, both old and new.

RECENT NEWS

Fight Hunger. Spark Change. Raises Over \$45,000

The Foodbank took part in Walmart's "Fight Hunger. Spark Change." campaign for the 2nd year in a row. There were three ways that people could contribute to this year's campaign, including purchasing participating products at Walmart stores, making donations at the register and a social media campaign using #WeSparkChange. Thanks to efforts from the community and our supporters using all three of these methods, the Foodbank was awarded over \$45,000 in this year's "Fight Hunger. Spark Change." campaign.



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Spotlight on Hunger

Angela Douglas is a resourceful, strong-willed and grateful mother of two young boys. For a short time, she and her sons were living at the Dove Women's Shelter in Decatur, where among other benefits Angela received meals for her family and didn't need to rely on another source for food. After working her way out of the shelter Angela and her boys found themselves needing assistance to put food on their table. "Now that I'm not in that situation anymore I can come down to Northeast Community Fund and get food when I need it typically at the end of the month and it actually comes in handy," said Douglas.

It's not a long trip that she has to make either. Angela was volunteering at Northeast Community Fund, which she began doing when she was living at the Dove Women's Shelter. "It's a good feeling that I'm able to come down here and help out. To see the look on some of these people's faces when they get these blessings that we give them when they come down here, it's amazing." Angela may give out blessings to those in need, but she's also a blessing to the pantry. She continues to volunteer at Northeast Community Fund in Decatur on a weekly basis.



Angela Douglas receives food from Northeast Community Fund in Decatur and also volunteers at the pantry.

Subway Awards \$7,500 Grant

Central Illinois Foodbank partnered with Subway for the You Share. We Share. campaign this April through September. During those months a portion of the weekend sales from the locally owned and operated Subway restaurants of the Champaign, Springfield and Decatur area went to Central Illinois Foodbank and Eastern Illinois Foodbank. The total donation of \$15,000 was split between the two food banks, with Central Illinois Foodbank receiving \$7,500.

