

Off the Shelf

Spring 2022 & Annual Report



CREATING OPPORTUNITY



DIRECTOR'S DISH



Pam Molitoris
Executive Director

As I sit here writing this letter, with forty years of the Foodbank's history close at hand, the same thought keeps running through my head. We know where we've been and we know where we are, but where are we going?

What started on June 7, 1982 with a donation of 2,000 pounds of apple cobbler mix and a leased facility at

Brother James Monastery, has grown into so much more. After sixteen months of operation, the millionth pound of donated food was received on October 28, 1983. Now, in 2022, one million pounds may be distributed in a single month.

Like everyone else, we are adapting to the situation of the day. We have come to recognize that best laid plans are often derailed and the term "turning on a dime" has become a method of operation for us. While there are certainly challenges in operating in this mode, there are benefits as well. In looking at what is directly in front of us and assessing what the situation calls for today, we have

honed our focus around what is most critical in providing food to our neighbors.

Over half of the product we are currently distributing is fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy, and protein. As we look toward the future, we are committed to increasing access of these healthful foods for our neighbors and appreciating their ability to make choices based on individual needs. We are working with our vendors, the government, and our partners to discover ways to keep our neighbors at the center of our work.

In reflecting on our forty years of service, we find ourselves back at the beginning. "We just wanted to feed people who were hungry," founding Board Member, Judy Morrow said when asked why it all began. "It was as simple as that." In looking at this statement, it is that simple. We may have moved away from apple cobbler mix to fresh apples, but our intentions have remained the same. We are working together to support our neighbors, making our community more nourished and strong. Thank you for being part of this incredible movement and we look forward to including you in this next chapter of our story.

Pam Molitoris

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Central Illinois Foodbank depends on its relationships with local, state, and national partners to accomplish its mission and provide for our neighbors 365 days a year. Here are some updates on our ongoing partnerships.

Vitamin Angels

Being a mother is demanding work, and as a result, it can sometimes be difficult to provide the best nutrition for their kids. Our Vitamin Angels partnership aims to help. Bags of food including healthy produce, protein, and dairy are dropped off weekly at **SIU Family Medicine and Central Counties Health Center**, allowing mothers to conveniently pick up some extra healthy food for themselves and their children when they come in for check-ups, giving infants and children the proper nutrition they need to start their lifelong journey.

Link2Feed

Link2Feed is a digital platform that allows the Foodbank to better understand exactly what hunger looks like in the communities we serve. This software is used by volunteers when our neighbors visit partner agencies,

and asks basic demographic and income questions that gives us an idea of where we may need to direct additional resources. This platform has been rolled out at six of the largest partner agencies over the course of the past year, with Central Illinois Foodbank providing information, training, and technology to bring volunteers up to speed on the program.

Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation

Proper nutrition helps kids grow up healthy and strong, but in our rural communities, it can sometimes be more difficult for families to access reliable, healthy foods. Grant funding through the **Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation (ILCHF)** has allowed us to increase the amount of healthy foods we can provide to school districts and after-school programs. Through these grants, the Foodbank has been able to procure pre-packed boxes and fresh milk, protein, and produce in seven additional counties, totaling over 160,000 pounds of healthy food for students and their families.



UP TO THE CHALLENGE: FOODBANK ADAPTS TO EVER-CHANGING TIMES



A Foodbank volunteer unloads bags of carrots in preparation for a drive-thru food distribution at Boys and Girls Club of Central Illinois.



Volunteers work to load cars at a drive-thru food distribution at Rushville Public Library.



Students and staff at Ramsey High School with boxes of food procured through ILCHF in October.

When the COVID-19 pandemic first hit central Illinois over a year and a half ago, the Foodbank changed its entire business model to adapt to new restrictions and keep staff, volunteers, and our neighbors safe, all while simultaneously working to meet a higher amount of need in our communities.

As we respond to the impact of COVID-19 heading into a new year, new challenges have continued to emerge, requiring a constant model of adaptability on the part of Foodbank staff. While working with the ebb and flow of community need amid changing amounts of government support has presented a significant challenge at times, it is one that the Foodbank has been able to stand up to thanks to its network of partners and volunteers.

Foodbank staff know that continued flexibility and adaptation are key in order to continue to support our neighbors during uncertain times. Since the outset of the pandemic, the Foodbank has organized over 300 drive-thru food distributions across 21 counties, allowing us to distribute over 12 million pounds of product last year and provide more reliable healthy food options for our neighbors.

Partner Resource Coordinator Wes Ridgeway said that these distributions have not only been helpful in establishing new partnerships across our service area, but have also helped educate our neighbors on the resources available to them.

“At the Foodbank, we talk a lot about meeting people where they are,” Ridgeway said. “These distributions allow us to directly support a lot of communities we serve. We pick a highly-visible, well-known location like a church or a school, get the word out to partners and organizations in the area, and load cars up with food as they come through.”

As we move into 2022, the Foodbank plans to continue offering drive-thru healthy food distributions to provide support for our neighbors who may need it, as well as continuing to collaborate with our partner agencies to adapt to changes in need and public safety guidelines as situations warrant.

While the road into the new year may look a little different again, Central Illinois Foodbank stands ready with its partners to continue its fight against hunger, 365 days a year.

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FOOD DELIVERIES PROVIDE HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

For the second year, Central Illinois Foodbank teamed up with **Friend-in-Deed**, the charitable arm of the State Journal-Register, to help spread holiday cheer for our neighbors through several special food distributions.

Thanks to Friend-in-Deed’s financial support, the Foodbank was able to provide 500 boxes of food via drive-thru distributions at **Boys and Girls Club of Central Illinois** and **Eastview Baptist Church**, as well as deliver over 3,100 catered meals to seniors at Hildebrandt Apartments, Capitol Retirement Village, and Sangamon Towers.

In addition to the 500 boxes of food given out at December’s drive-thru food distributions, the Foodbank was also able to provide holiday hams through a recent donation from the **Illinois Pork Producers Association**.

Senior Pastor Bennie Fischer at Eastview Baptist Church said that hosting the drive-thru distribution on Dec. 22 was an opportunity to give back to the community and provide hope for the holiday season.

“We’re touching people’s hearts, and it’s always more blessed to give than to receive,” Fischer said. “All of us have had a time where we’ve needed something, and it gives our people an opportunity to come and serve.”

Special food drop-offs at senior living centers and retirement communities around the Springfield area allowed the Foodbank to provide catered meals to seniors who may not have been able to be with family for the holiday.

Vicki Selvaggio, Service Coordinator at Capitol Retirement Village said the meals were a great way to provide “hope and love” for her residents in a year that again looked different due to the pandemic.

“It’s just a blessing,” Selvaggio said. “You can’t put a dollar amount on giving the gift of somebody caring about them.”



Residents at Capitol Retirement Village in Springfield receive meals for the holiday.



Employees from Nelson’s Catering drop off holiday meals at Hildebrandt Apartments in Springfield.

How the Foodbank gets the job done

The Foodbank added three additional vehicles, which helped us reach more of our partners and neighbors in our service area



5,500 HOURS

Volunteers contributed nearly 5,500 hours of time sorting, packing, and delivering product



The Foodbank held over 300 food distributions across 21 counties



FY21 STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended May 31, 2021

Revenues and Other Support Revenues

Program Service Fees	\$ 1,207,157
Grants & Contracts	\$ 2,212,745
Contributions	\$ 4,254,518
Contributed Food Received	\$ 15,711,951
Interest	\$ 14,636
Other	\$ 98,067
Total Revenues & Other Support	\$ 23,499,074

Expenses

Foodbank Operations	\$ 3,557,733
Contributed Food Distributed	\$ 15,125,638
Administrative & Fundraising	\$ 549,994
Depreciation	\$ 240,433
Total Expenses	\$ 19,473,798

Change in Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	\$ 3,713,697
Change in Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	\$ 311,579

Total Change in Net Assets **\$ 4,025,276**

Net Assets at Beginning of Year \$ 8,178,686

Net Assets at End of Year **\$ 12,203,962**



Rochester High School students drop off food as part of the Channel1450.com 'Fill the Trailer' food drive in October.



Volunteers work to load cars with food at a drive-thru food distribution in December.

97%

Thanks to the combined impact of donated food and funds, 97% of the Foodbank's expenses directly support programs that feed people.

Every dollar you donated helped provide the equivalent of six meals.

SIX MEALS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

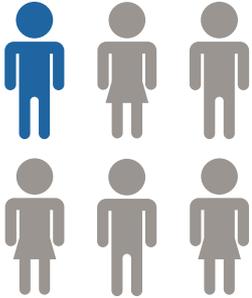
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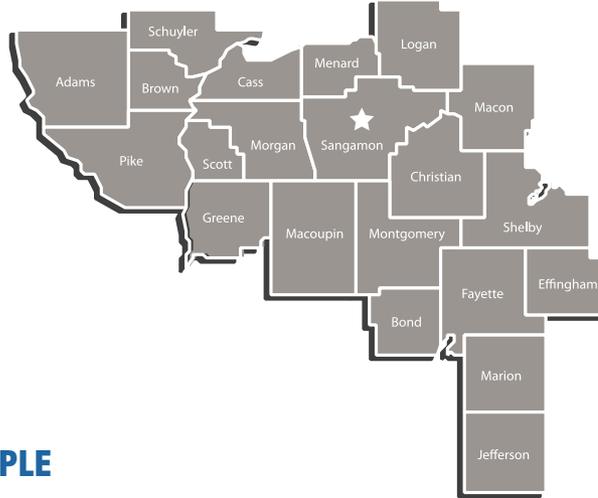
QUICK FACTS

In our 21 county service area



1 IN 6 CHILDREN
struggles with hunger.

NEARLY 100,000 PEOPLE
don't know where their next meal will come from.



LAST YEAR WE DISTRIBUTED



12 million
lbs of food

INCLUDING



6.8 million
lbs of fresh protein,
produce and dairy

PROVIDING



10 million
meals across 21 counties

TO HELP OTHERS FIND FOOD



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to **855-536-6320**

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