

Community Foundation's *Give Local St. Joseph County Day* Slated for May 5, 2015

Food Bank of Northern Indiana to Participate in this 24-Hour Giving Event

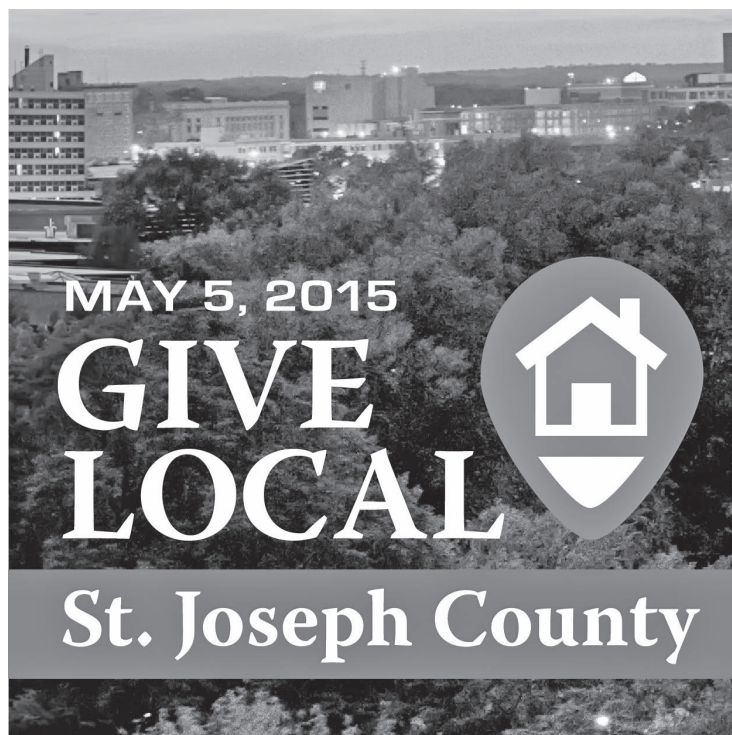
The Community Foundation of St. Joseph County will host ***Give Local St. Joseph County***, a one-day giving event on Tuesday, May 5. Designed to support the county's best charities now and in the future, ***Give Local St. Joseph County*** will inspire people to give generously to nonprofits that do good work within the community.

Every dollar donated on May 5 will be increased by a share of an estimated \$3 million dollars in matching funds provided by ***Give Local St. Joseph County*** sponsors, with the goal of raising a total of \$5 million to benefit local charities. ***Give Local St. Joseph County*** is tied to a national event on May 5 called Give Local America, which involves scores of community foundations across America.

Because the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County's primary mission is to build permanent resources for the community, ***Give Local St. Joseph County*** is designed to support local nonprofits both now and forever by passing through 75% of net dollars raised for each charity to support current programming, and by placing the other 25%, in addition to generous matching funds, to each charity's permanent endowment, increasing the annual support it receives each year.

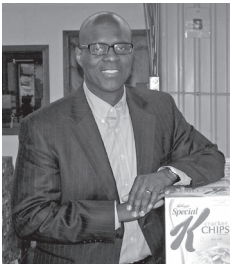
Beginning at 12:00 a.m. and for the next 24 hours, go to GiveLocalSJC.org and use your credit card or debit card to donate to the Food Bank of Northern Indiana. There, you'll find a donation page where you can enter the amount you want to donate to the Food Bank. Donations begin at \$25 and there is no limit to the maximum size or number of donations you may make. You may visit the Leaderboard page for a listing of participating nonprofits, see their gifts in real time and click on their nonprofit title to visit their profile page. Donors will have the opportunity to give to as many different participating non-profits as they like.

There will also be a one-week "preview period" in which donors can schedule a donation for May 5. Donors may also use that preview period to arrange for gifts of stock and make gifts by check.



Donations are 100% tax deductible. Donors have the option to give anonymously on May 5. Technology will enable donors to use their smart phone or tablet to make their donation. If you don't have access to a computer, you may call the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County at 574-232-0041 on May 5 to make a donation by phone. Checks can be dropped off or mailed to the Community Foundation at P.O. Box 837, South Bend, IN 46624, dated May 5, 2015, and postmarked no later than May 5, 2015. Hand-delivered checks must be dropped off by 6 p.m. on May 5 to the Community Foundation office at 205 W. Jefferson, Suite 601, South Bend. Indicate that you would like the Food Bank of Northern Indiana to benefit from your gift. If no indication is made, your gift will be placed in the Greatest Needs Fund.

For more information about Give Local St. Joseph County Day, visit GiveLocalSJC.org



A MESSAGE FROM MILT

Who would have imagined that the Food Bank of Northern Indiana would distribute over seven million pounds of food in 2014, while serving near one half million families. From our humble beginnings in 1993 of distributing just 6,800 pounds of food, to a 20-year impact that reaches across six counties, through a network of 165 pantry partners. The task is humbling.

Our incredible network not only feeds clients in need, but counsels, houses, mentors, coaches and befriends our neighbors through comprehensive programs like, Backpack for Kids, Financial Literacy, Healthy Choices Markets and Farmers Markets, Soup Programs, Senior and Men's Programs and many others. Our partners have committed to empowering everyone they can to ultimately make each community in which they serve a much better place to live. Those seven million pounds come with great collateral benefits of which everyone should be proud.

So, the next time you donate, remember that your dollar has tenfold the impact you would imagine and every client would tell you that he or she is ten times grateful.

Milt Lee, Executive Director and CEO

FOOD FINDERS

In 2014, the Food Bank distributed 7.1 million pounds of product to its network of 165 active agencies in our six-county service area.

Winter 2015 has presented challenges to the Food Bank in distributing food to agencies because of inclement weather conditions.

In 2015, the Food Bank will continue working to gather more dairy, produce and protein as healthy options for our member agencies and clients.

Mobile Pantry Statistics

County	# of Distributions	Pounds	Households	Individuals
Kosciusko	3	12,222	256	1,056
Marshall				
Starke	1	4,068	131	402
LaPorte				
St. Joe				
TOTAL	4	16,290	387	1,458

*Due to production schedule of Feeding Matters, the numbers provided are for January 2015 only. As a Partnering Distribution Organization of the Food Bank, Church Community Services conducts mobile food pantries in Elkhart County.



THE FOOD BANK NEEDS YOU!

Share your time and talent with us as a Food Bank volunteer!

In 2014, volunteers contributed 25,837 hours to help feed the hungry.

Call (574) 232.9986 x128 or visit feedindiana.org.

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT

This year, Agency Relations will have conversations and meetings with member agencies about capacity building. Capacity building is defined as means for members to strengthen their performance and impact their effectiveness. Components of implementing a successful hunger relief program will include food safety, food delivery, facilities, client services, accessibility and nutrition. We hope to change the face of hunger in the communities we serve.

The capacity building process will begin with a score sheet for each agency, which will help us evaluate the best practices, find service gaps and brainstorm ways to put ourselves and our volunteers in the shoes of our agencies clients. Individual meetings with the member agencies have begun and much information has been gathered. The Food Bank's long-term vision is to access organizational capacity, celebrate and leverage strengths and to allocate resources more efficiently. The Food Bank wants to build stronger partnerships with its member agencies with the ultimate goal of providing more food and serving more people efficiently and effectively.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Volunteers are the backbone in the Food Bank's day-to-day operations. In 2014, more than 7,000 volunteers contributed more than 25,000 hours. Thank you to the businesses, organizations and individuals that share their time and talent with us. Did you know that we pack 1,800 bags each week for our Food 4 Kids Program? We pack 700 bags each month for our Senior Nutrition Program. Volunteers sort incoming food and repackage bread and pastries every day. **We need you!** Call (574) 232-9986 ext.128 for more information.



National Association of Letter Carriers Get Ready to Stamp Out Hunger on Saturday, May 9

On Saturday, May 9, letter carriers all across the country will Stamp Out Hunger. Now in its 23rd year, Stamp Out Hunger is the nation's largest one-day food drive and the Food Bank of Northern Indiana's largest drive each year.

To recognize the City of South Bend's 150th anniversary, our 2015 goal is to collect 150,000 pounds of non-perishable food items.

Again this year, we need many volunteers to help us collect and sort food.

- Sweepers are needed for two shifts 7:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. in teams of 2 per vehicle. Must have a valid driver's license and good sense of direction in St. Joseph County. Maps will be provided.
- Volunteers are needed at all postal branches and drop-off locations within St. Joseph County.
- Age requirements are 9 – 16 with a guardian for all volunteer locations.

Can you help? Deadline for sign-up is Friday, April 17. Contact Shelley Marker at (574) 232-9986 ext. 138 or email smarker@feedingamerica.org.



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The Food Bank of Northern Indiana works in partnership with the community to feed the hungry, increase awareness of the effects of hunger and lead programs designed to alleviate hunger. The Food Bank of Northern Indiana serves Elkhart, Kosciusko, LaPorte, Marshall, Starke and St. Joseph Counties and is a member of Feeding America, Feeding Indiana's Hungry (FIH) and United Way.

The Food Bank of Northern Indiana is a proud member of the National Diaper Bank Network.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, May 5 – Give Local St. Joseph County Day

A one-day giving event to benefit St. Joseph County charities including the Food Bank of Northern Indiana. Donate at GiveLocalSJC.org

Saturday, May 9 – 23rd N.A.L.C. Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

Nation's largest one-day food drive. Find out more information at www.feedindiana.org

Friday, May, 15 – Fifth Annual Hunger Scramble Golf Outing

Knollwood Country Club, Granger.

Help a child focus on learning during the school year instead of focusing on the pangs of hunger. **The 2015 Hunger Scramble Golf Outing** benefits the Food Bank of Northern Indiana's Food 4 Kids Fun Packs Program. The Food 4 Kids Fun Packs Program is an emergency food assistance program designed for students in grades K-6. Each Friday during the school year, students receive a bag of nutritious, kid-friendly, shelf-stable and ready-to-eat items that require little or no cooking (some items may need to be heated in a microwave). The cost to feed one student for the school year is \$140. During the 2014-2015 school year, 1,800 students in four counties in northern Indiana participated in the Food 4 Kids Fun Packs Program.

The cost is **\$125 per individual or \$400.00 per foursome**. Includes 18 holes of championship golf and shared cart, box lunch, beverages, buffet dinner, silent auction and awards ceremony.

Register online at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/2015-hunger-scramble-golf-outing-tickets-15747374822>

11 a.m. - Registration Opens

12:30 p.m. - Scramble Begins

5:30 p.m. - Dinner, Silent Auction and Awards Ceremony

Sorry - No Rain Date or Refunds. Registration Deadline is May 8.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, please contact Marijo Martinec, associate director, at (574) 232.9986 ext. 124 or mmartinec@feedingamerica.org.



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Senior Nutrition Program

In 2014, the Food Bank distributed monthly food bags and 149,741 pounds of food to 701 seniors in our six-county service area.

In 2015, we will distribute to 705 seniors. We hope to end the year by adding an additional 25-50 seniors to this program. Funding for the majority of the food distributed through this program is provided by the Indiana Department of Agriculture. You can support a senior in northern Indiana for \$7 per month. For more information about the Senior Nutrition Program, please call (574) 232.9986 ext. 122.

Food 4 Kids Fun Packs Program

During the 2014-2015 school year, the Food Bank and its partners are providing 1,800 students in Elkhart, LaPorte, Starke and St. Joseph Counties with a weekend sack of food through its Food 4 Kids Fun Packs Program. Selected schools have students with high eligibility for free/reduced lunch programs. Within each selected school, administrators, teachers and social workers determine which students can participate in the Food 4 Kids Program. We have been humbled by the generous support of the Jordan Automotive Group, who has served as this program's presenting sponsor since 2009. Your investment of \$140 will feed one child for the school year. An investment of \$7,500 will feed approximately 50 children for the school year. Call (574) 232.9986 ext. 124 to learn how you can impact the life of a child in northern Indiana.