

“ I heard about the food pantry from a friend. She was trying to help me get some items for her house, where I had been staying for a couple of weeks. Before that, I was living in my car, after being kicked out of my house by my ex-husband. I had been married for a couple of years and when I found out that my marriage was over, it came as a surprise.

When I moved into my car, I thought it would only be for a short amount of time. It turned out to be a long while, which also was unexpected.

I started a new job and one of my coworkers offered for me to stay on her couch. She also mentioned that the food pantry was free and I could shop there once a month and it could help me out.

When I went in, I was so happy about the way people treated each other. The volunteers were really nice and it had such a welcoming atmosphere. I started coming to the food pantry about a year ago and I've been coming here ever since. I was able to save money on food and rent and eventually got my own place. I still shop at the pantry when I need to, but the best part is, I get to volunteer there, too! I am so happy to give back to the place that helped me out when I needed it most!”

~ Jennifer, Food Pantry Client



**To protect her identity, the photo has been changed and is not actual client.*

JOIN WALMART AND SAM'S CLUB TO FIGHT HUNGER. SPARK CHANGE.

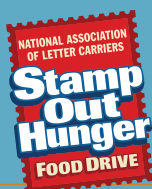
April 13 – May 11



In partnership with the Food Bank of Northern Indiana, Walmart and Sam's Club are inviting shoppers to fight hunger in their local community through Fight Hunger. Spark Change. There are three ways to participate — purchasing a participating item in-store or online, donating in-store or donating on Feeding America's website. For more information visit feedindiana.org.

WISH LIST

- ✓ (1) Electric Lift Truck
\$4,000
- ✓ (5) Pallet Jack
\$300 each
- ✓ New Lighting (back of warehouse)
\$50,000
- ✓ New Lighting (2nd floor, warehouse)
\$50,000
- ✓ New Roof
\$200,000
- ✓ (4) Cooler
\$9,000 each
- ✓ (4) Freezer
\$10,000 each
- ✓ (1) Truck with Refer Unit
\$150,000
- ✓ Remodel of Community Food
Pantry
\$200,000



MOST NEEDED
ITEMS:

Canned Chicken and Tuna
Peanut Butter and Jelly
Canned Soup
(Chicken Noodle, Vegetable, Cream of Mushroom)
Pancake Mix and Syrup
Boxed Helper Meals
(Macaroni and Cheese, Lasagna, Alfredo, Cheeseburger)
Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauce
Canned Beef Stew and Ravioli
Boxed Breakfast Cereal
Cooking Oil
Low Sodium Canned Vegetables
Low Sugar/Light Syrup Canned Fruit
Condiments
(Ketchup, Mustard, Vinegar)
Cleaning Products
(Laundry Detergent, All Purpose Cleaners, etc.)
Personal Care Items

* No glass containers, please.



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more information.

IN MY VIEW

It's spring in northern Indiana. While I'm ready for this change of season with warmer days, sunshine and beautiful spring bulbs, the weather is unpredictable. Life is that way, too.

I'm thinking about Jennifer, whose marriage ended, was kicked out of her home and lived in her car. Shopping at a food pantry was a safety net and allowed her not to make that difficult decision — choosing between eating and paying for necessities. Now, she's back on her feet and volunteering, too.

People like Jennifer struggle with hunger and live in every community we serve.

Your support helps us create healthier communities. We can't do it without you.

Hunger is a story we can end.

With gratitude,

Marijo Martinec
Executive Director

“If you can't feed a hundred people
then feed just one.”

~ Mother Teresa

AGENCY PARTNER NEWS

Agency Spotlight — Combined Community Services

Combined Community Services (CCS) was founded by the Greater Warsaw Ministerial Association to stop duplication of services provided to those in need in Kosciusko County.

Throughout support from local churches and the United Way of Kosciusko County, CCS became a central agency for Kosciusko County residents in need. Since its beginning in 1984, CCS has been a clearing house for people to come to for assistance. From food, clothing, diapers, baby formula, personal/hygiene products to financial assistance with utilities or providing legal advice, CCS meets a variety of needs for families in immediate crisis.

Over the years, sufficiency programs have been added to provide low-income households with the tools needed to become financially independent. Today, CCS serves more than 600 families a month with food including fresh meats and produce, helping numerous families become financially independent through self-sufficiency program.

Combined Community Services

1195 Mariners Dr., Warsaw, IN 46582 . (574) 269-6019

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Friday (Senior Day): 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

TO FIGHT HUNGER, WE NEED MORE COWBELL

The Food Bank is looking for 28 St. Joseph County businesses to participate in the More Food More Cowbell Challenge. Participants will commit to raise at least 2,000 lbs. of non-perishable food items from April 27 – May 8. The Food Bank will provide orange collection barrels for the Cowbell Challenge. Barrels will be delivered the week of April 20 and picked up on Friday, May 8. The business that raises the most food will win a Cowbell Trophy and bragging rights!



For more information, contact Sarah Norton, communications intern, at

(574) 286-9121. Remember, more food, more cowbell!

More Food. More Cowbell. Food Drive Challenge will take place from April 27 – May 8 in conjunction with the 28th N.A.L.C. Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive.



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HUNGRY NEIGHBORS COUNT ON US

I love my Michiana home and feel very blessed to live here, enjoying the area's natural beauty and our caring community. There is so much to do and see with so many wonderful people. Being involved with the Food Bank over these past 13 years, my life has been enriched by working with such a diverse group of individuals. They have a dedicated staff that is so very focused on eliminating hunger in our community. This sense of community involvement and that helping mentality is something so very special here in northern Indiana.

The Food Bank had a great year in 2019, increasing the distribution of food to those in need, and along with the increase in distribution came an even greater need — we still need you! Many individuals have approached me asking how they can help. I tell them, "start with volunteering." Spend a day helping and it will change your life! Challenge your employer or team to commit one day a month, it's a great team building experience and is guaranteed to make your team stronger.

Finally, if you are unable to commit your time, you can help your community with your financial support. Your generosity makes a difference.

The Community Food Pantry of St. Joseph County, the on-site food pantry at the Food Bank and the largest pantry in our six-county service area, is overwhelmed with need and underwhelmed on size, perhaps your company would commit to help expand it, so more of our community can be served.

No matter your level of community involvement, I ask you to just commit and help your Food Bank feed those in it. It will enrich your life and your community.

Jeff Wisler
2019 Food Bank Chairman

2019 FOOD BANK OF NORTHERN INDIANA STAFF

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THANK YOU!

2019 AT A GLANCE

Through its network of 143 active agency partners, the Food Bank of Northern Indiana distributed 8.8 million pounds of food through food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and daycare facilities in Elkhart, Kosciusko, LaPorte, Marshall, Starke, and St. Joseph Counties. In addition, we directly provide food to people in need through our Food 4 Kids Backpack Program, Healthy Choices Market, Senior Nutrition Program, Senior Healthy Choices Market, Mobile Food Pantry Program, Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) and The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP).

- **Pounds Distributed** – 8,819,358 lbs. provided up to 6,890,123 meals.
- **Pounds Acquired** – 9,405,757 lbs.
- **Agency Direct Retail Pick-Up Program Acquired** – 1,150,431 lbs.
- **Food 4 Kids Backpack Program** – 2,568 students, 99,776 bags, 299,328 lbs., 199,552 meals.
- **Senior Nutrition Program** – 10,182 bags, 141,878 lbs.
- **Healthy Choices Market** – Nine classes, 156 clients/45 households, received 792 lbs. of food.
- **Senior Healthy Choices Market** – 21 classes, 215 clients/192 households, received 2,462 lbs. of food.
- **Commodity Supplemental Food Program** – 639 clients served through 12 sites in Elkhart, LaPorte, Marshall and St. Joseph Counties, 210,257 lbs. distributed, 212,273 lbs. received
- **The Emergency Food Assistance Program** – 4,432,707 lbs. distributed, 4,621,282 lbs. received.
- **Volunteers** – 32,270, 11,316 hours.
- **Community Food Pantry of St. Joseph County** – 20,427 households/90,302 individuals served, 1,634,212 lbs. distributed.

DONORS AND COMMUNITY

2019 Top 20

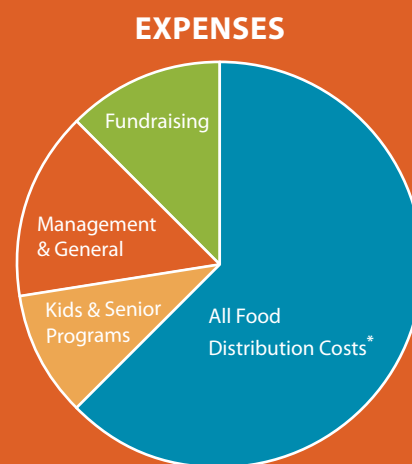
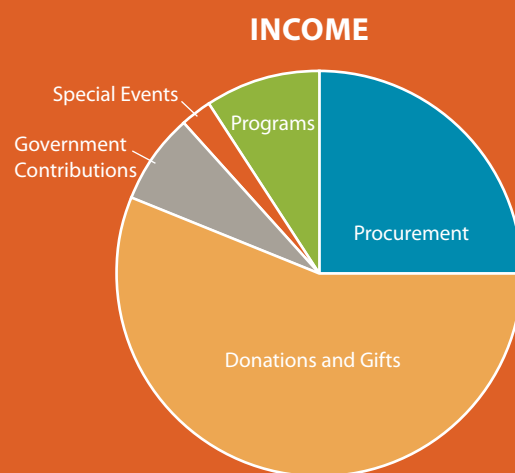
Top 20 Food Donors

RTI Services
Sam's Club #6315
NFI Industries/Bimbo Bakeries
Bimbo Bakeries/Elkhart
Walmart #2276
Walmart #1378
Stanz Foodservice, Inc.
Walmart #2680
Walmart #4399
Walmart #2679
National Association of Letter Carriers
Walmart #1566
Walmart #3436
Walmart #1304
Little Caesar's Pizza – Sage Management
Target/Granger
Walmart #1487
Walmart #2678
Target/Goshen
Canteen Services

Top 20 Food Drives

National Association of Letter Carriers
Bayer Healthcare
iPorch – Irongate Estates
Kennedy Primary Academy
Elm Road School
Martin's Super Market #25
Martin's Super Market #11
Martin's Super Market #10
iPorch – Westwood Hills at Elbel
Goodwill – Western Avenue
The Horton Group
Temple Beth-El
Martin's Super Market #4
Prairie Visit Elementary School
Real Housewives of LaPorte County
Academy Arts Pre-School
FDC Graphic Films, Inc.
Jordan Automotive Group
Weichert Realtors – Jim Dunfee and Associates
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

YOU COUNT ON US TO USE YOUR DONATION WISELY



Financial Report

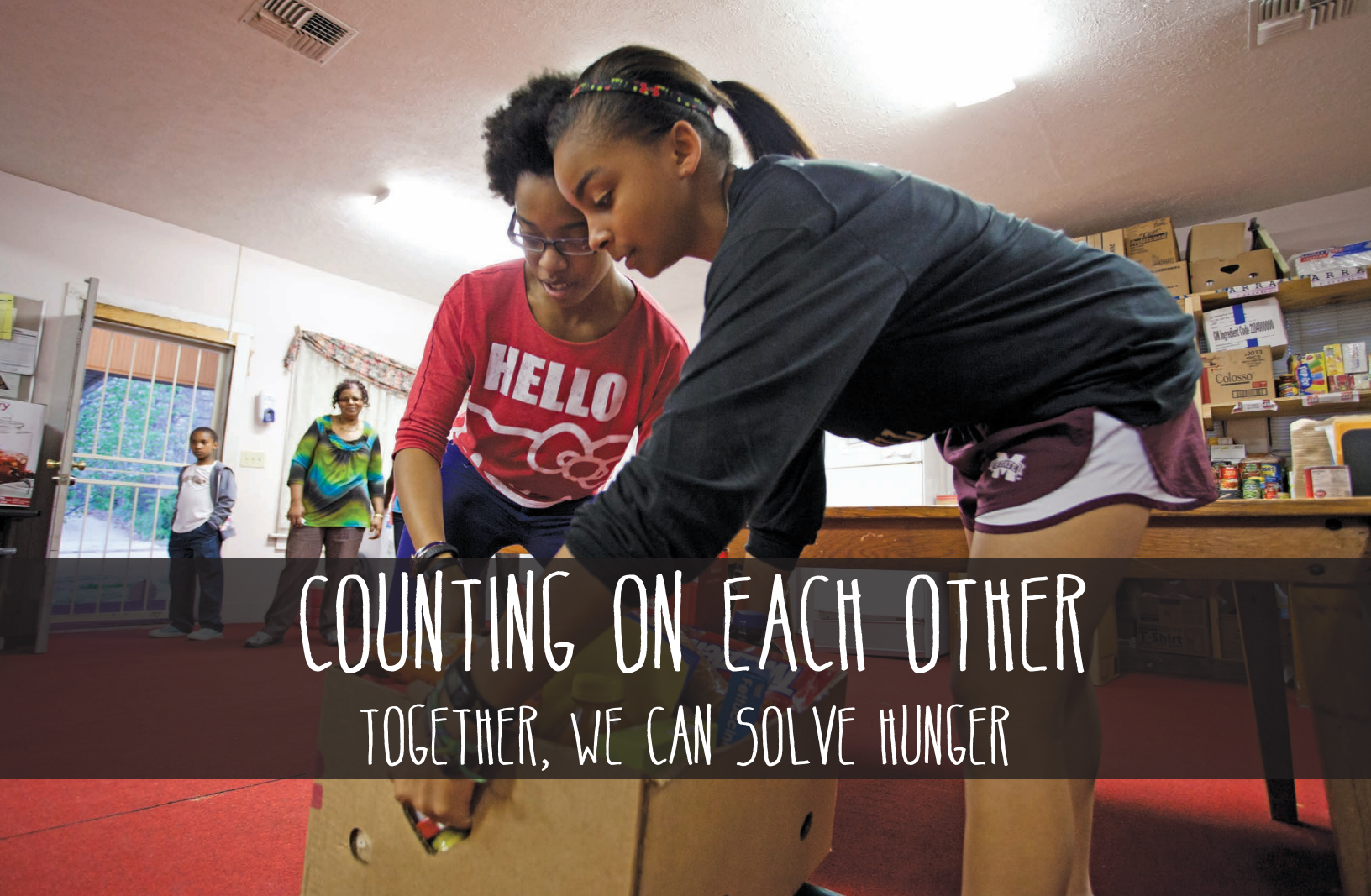
Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2019

INCOME	
Donations and Gifts	\$1,298,418
Government Contributions	\$279,287
Special Events	\$19,948
Programs	\$230,686
Procurement	\$668,534
Estimated Total Income	\$2,496,873

EXPENSES	
All Food Distribution Costs*	\$1,542,583
Kid and Senior Programs	\$268,650
Management and General	\$329,611
Fundraising	\$261,021
Estimated Total Expense	\$2,401,865

ESTIMATED NET INCOME	\$95,008
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*Does not include donated food dollars – this information is available upon completed audit.



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TOGETHER, WE CAN SOLVE HUNGER

OUR MISSION

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PROGRAM UPDATES

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE PROGRAMS
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Senior Nutrition Program

Through February 2020, the Senior Nutrition Program served 1,713 seniors and received 21,057 lbs. of food in Elkhart, Kosciusko, LaPorte, Marshall, Starke and St. Joseph Counties.

Each Senior Nutrition Program bag costs \$7.50 per month.

The Food Bank is in need of reusable cloth bags for this program. If you can donate bags, please call **(574) 232-9986 ext.124.**

Healthy Choices Market

Educating low-income diabetic and high blood pressure patients to learn, choose and live a healthier lifestyle, the Healthy Choices Market is a kitchen, classroom, and mini farmers market. Participants receive cooking instruction from a chef and fresh items to recreate in their own kitchen.

Through February 2020, 43 individuals/13 households attended Healthy Choices Market classes at the Food Bank and 32 individuals/28 households participated in Healthy Choices Market classes at Fairington Apartments, Penelope 60 Apartments, and Robertson's Apartments.

An investment of \$100 supports one client each month.

Food 4 Kids Backpack Program

The Food 4 Kids Backpack Program is feeding 2,230 students in 40 schools in Elkhart, LaPorte, Marshall, Starke, and St. Joseph Counties during the 2019 – 2020 school year. The Jordan Automotive Group has served as the program's presenting sponsor since 2009.

An investment of \$140 provides one student with a weekend bag of food during the school year and the nutritional tools to be successful in school AND life.

FOOD FINDERS

To meet the demand for emergency food assistance, the Food Bank actively seeks manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, food growers, packers, and grocers to procure more protein, produce, dairy, and shelf-stable items to distribute through our network of agency partners.

Through February 2020, the Food Bank distributed 1,532,078 lbs. and receipted 1,721,744 lbs. of product. During this period, 678,834 lbs. of government commodities was distributed and 910,759 lbs. was receipted.

Our Agency Direct Pick-Up Program receipted 276,962 lbs. in Elkhart, Kosciusko, LaPorte and Marshall Counties through February 2020. These agency partners work with Food Bank retail partners to pick up product Monday through Friday.

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

To qualify for this program, clients must be at least 60 years old, reside in one of the four counties where the program is offered, and have an income that is 130 percent less of the federal poverty level. Special thanks to the USDA and the Indiana Department of Health for allowing us to participate in this valuable program for seniors.

Through February 2020, 1,681 seniors in Elkhart, LaPorte, Marshall, and St. Joseph Counties received 21,057 lbs. of food.

The Community Food Pantry needs volunteers to serve in a variety of rolls in the pantry including: stocking, cleaning, assisting clients with shopping, bagging clients' food, etc. Volunteer are needed anytime between the hours of 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday and Friday and from Noon – 7 p.m. on Wednesday. Call **(574) 232-9986 ext. 128** for more information.

2019 Mobile Pantry Statistics

County	# of Distributions	Pounds	Households	Individuals
Elkhart	0	0	0	0
Kosciusko	0	0	0	0
LaPorte	0	0	0	0
Marshall	0	0	0	0
St. Joseph	1	7,115	117	541
Starke	2	28,753	322	956
Total	3	35,868	439	1,497

Due to the production schedule of Feeding Matters, these numbers reflect mobile food pantries through February 2020.

Mobile food pantries supplement the work of our partner agencies in our six-county service area and are a bonus for those in need. A typical mobile food pantry offers fresh perishable items including produce, grains, dairy, protein, and dry goods. Sponsorships start at \$3,000.00 and offer a terrific way to feed the hungry in your community. Call **(574) 232-9986 ext. 124** for more information.

Community Food Pantry of St. Joseph County

Through February 2020, the Community Food Pantry of St. Joseph County served 17,186 individuals/3,996 households and distributed 240,675 lbs. of food.

Your support makes a difference for these programs. Call **(574) 232-9986 ext. 124** for more information.

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100% (\$154,538.00) [FY2019] of total program costs for The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) are financed with federal funds. TEFAP is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

100% (\$41,424.00) [FY2019] of total program costs for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) are financed with federal funds. CSFP is an equal opportunity provider.

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VOLUNTEERS

The Food Bank launched MobileServe, a volunteer tracking service, in early February. This service allows administrative staff to immediately see real-time stats including:

- Total hours served
- Hours served by month
- Hours logged by category
- Economic value of your volunteer hours
- Upcoming events

Volunteers now check-in using a computer kiosk located in the Food Bank's front office. In addition to tracking volunteer hours, MobileServe helps build custom, graphic-rich reports, view top volunteers, and ultimately save time on reporting each day. MobileServe even has an app for volunteers to see their logged hours, look up volunteer events and much more! What are you waiting for? Download the MobileServe app today, and create your account before coming in to volunteer with us!

Through February, 1,853 volunteers provided 5,024 hours for Food Bank programs.



Fighting Irish Fighting Hunger sponsored a mobile food pantry in St. Joseph County at Evangel Heights Church in February. Thank you!



Thanks to the St. Joseph Health Department for holding Fight Lead with Food Cooking Classes in the Community Food Pantry of St. Joseph County. The Split Pea Burrito Bowl was yummy!

Can you spare an hour or whole day? Share your time and talent with us! Volunteer opportunities are available Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Wednesday until 6 p.m. Call (574) 232-9986 ext. 128 for more information.

28TH NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS (N.A.L.C.) Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Set for Saturday, May 9

In communities across the country, N.A.L.C. members will be collecting food along their routes on Saturday, May 9, for the 28th Annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. Stamp Out Hunger is the nation's largest food drive and the Food Bank's largest

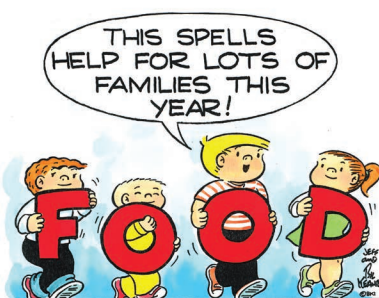
drive of the year, keeping shelves stocked with food throughout the summer — when demand is high and food donations are very low. The goal for this year is to collect 100,000 lbs. of food in St. Joseph County.

Your support and participation in this community event can help change the lives of those struggling with food insecurity in northern Indiana, just like it helped several clients of the Community Food Pantry of St. Joseph County, the Food Bank's on-site food pantry. One client shared her thoughts on Stamp Out Hunger by stating: "Events like Stamp Out Hunger that keep the pantry shelves stocked through the summertime are crucial to my family. My kids aren't receiving meals from school during this time of year like they normally would. People may be more friendly with donations around the holidays, but really, it's a year-round struggle and these types of events can really help when times are tough."

Place non-perishable bagged (plastic, if it looks like rain) food donations next to your mailbox by 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 9.

Volunteers are needed to assist letter carriers along their routes by collecting food in South Bend neighborhoods.

For more information, visit feedindiana.org or call (574) 232-9986 ext. 124.



**LETTER CARRIERS'
FOOD DRIVE**

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2020

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WE'LL DELIVER IT TO A LOCAL FOOD BANK.

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