

ON THE FRONT LINES

COVID-19 Response Continues

- » From January – February, the Food Bank **receipted 1,619,215 lbs. and distributed 1,622,518 lbs. of food.**
- » **266,937 lbs. of mixed dairy, produce, and mixed meat distributed** through the USDA Coronavirus Food Assistance Program Farmers to Families Boxes.
- » 30 mobile food distributions served 7,680 households/27,765 individuals and **distributed 426,279 lbs. of food in our six-county service area.**
- » **915 volunteers provided 2,972 volunteer hours.**
- » **2,445 households/10,040 individuals served** at the Community Food Pantry of St. Joseph County.

These numbers reflect January – February 2021



WISH LIST

- ✓ **New Lighting**
(2nd Floor, Warehouse)
\$100,000
- ✓ **Walk-In Freezer**
\$250,000
- ✓ **Exterior Painting of the Building**
\$200,000
- ✓ **Grinding and Repaving of Parking Lot**
\$150,000
- ✓ **(5) Electric Pallet Jacks**
\$50,000
- ✓ **New Carpeting for the Front Office**
\$50,000

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

Boxed Breakfast Cereal
Boxed Helper Meals – Alfredo, Beef Pasta, Cheeseburger, Cheesy Tuna, and Lasagna
Boxed Macaroni and Cheese
Boxed Potatoes – Au Gratin and Mashed
Canned Beef Stew and Ravioli
Canned Chicken and Tuna
Canned Fruit – Apple Sauce, Mixed Fruit, Peaches, and Pears
Canned Soups – Chicken Noodle, Cream of Mushroom, Tomato, and Vegetable
Canned Vegetables – Corn, Green Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Sliced Carrots, and Sweet Peas
Pancake Mix and Syrup
Peanut Butter and Jelly
Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauce
Personal Care Items – toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, body wash, and bar soap

Please consider donating items that are low-salt and low-sugar with pop top lids.



Call 574-232-9986 ext. 124 for more information.

IN MY VIEW

It has been one year since COVID-19 changed our lives by bringing unprecedented challenges and adapting to our "new normal." Sadly, more than 42 million people may experience food insecurity, including a potential of 17 million children.

With your help, the Food Bank of Northern Indiana distributed 11.9 million pounds of food throughout our six-county service area in 2020 — 9.3 million meals — a number that did not seem possible a few short years ago.

So many of our neighbors continue to struggle.

Every dollar you donate to the Food Bank allows us to purchase five pounds of food. Every dollar supports programs that help us lift up neighbors like Charles, his son, and the Food 4 Kids Program student at Beardsley Elementary School.

Hunger is a story we can end.

With gratitude,

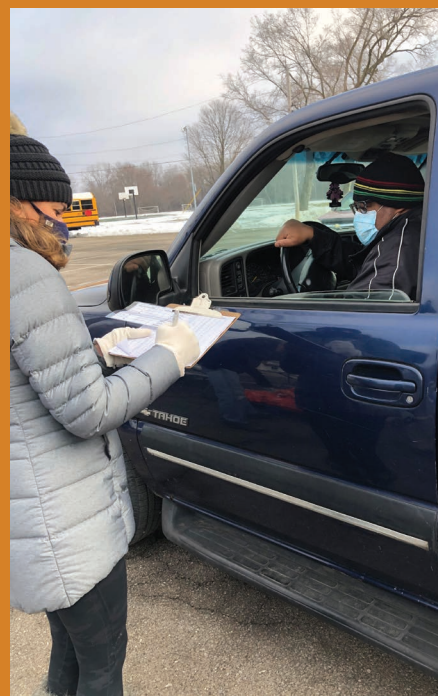
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Marijo Martinec
Executive Director and CEO
mmartinec@feedindiana.org



“At the end of the day, it’s not about what you have or even what you’ve accomplished ... it’s about who you’ve lifted up, who you’ve made better. It’s about what you’ve given back.”

~ Denzel Washington



MEET CHARLES

Charles is a 71-year-old, retired laborer. He cares for his adult son who has a disability and lives at home. When Charles retired, he lost many of the financial resources which aided him in caring for his son.

“As I got older, I started to worry more about retirement because I knew I’d be responsible for providing for someone beyond that. It got to the point where I was getting weaker and couldn’t work as much but still needed to provide for my son.”

That is when Charles heard about the Food Bank of Northern Indiana. Charles is appreciative that the Food Bank offers programs like the Senior Nutrition Program and the Community Food Pantry of St. Joseph County.

“The Senior Nutrition Program helps me stay healthy.”

“The Senior Nutrition Program helps me stay healthy. And, the food that I get from the Community Food Pantry makes it possible to keep feeding my son healthy meals.”



COUNTING ON EACH OTHER

2020 Annual Report

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HUNGRY NEIGHBORS COUNT ON US

2020 has been like no other year for our community, our country, and the world. So many things changed almost overnight. For one, the need for food became exponentially amplified as so

many households were impacted by loss of employment in full or in part, school sponsored meal programs were not as accessible, and community-based meal programs dwindled or ceased to operate. People who thought they would never have a need to seek assistance from a food bank began receiving something we all need to survive, the basic and precious resource of food.

In 2019, the Food Bank of Northern Indiana distributed 8.8 million pounds of food compared to 11.9 million pounds of food in 2020 delivered pandemic style, through no-contact mobile pantries. These mobile pantries were deployed across

the six counties the Food Bank serves, maneuvering enhanced access to serve more people in need. This would have never been possible without the countless volunteer hours, the community and business partnerships, and the generosity of donors that came together in support of the Food Bank of Northern Indiana and our community in these unprecedented times.

It cannot go without being stated that the staff of the Food Bank demonstrated a level of dedication, commitment, resilience, nimbleness, and grit that is simply unparalleled, and all of the successes of 2020 would not have come to fruition without them.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Food Bank of Northern Indiana, I'd like to express our humbled gratitude to all who supported the Food Bank this past year — you've made a remarkable difference for our community. Whether you volunteer your time, are a community or business partner, or make individual donations, your support will continue to make our community stronger.

Cindie McPhie
2021 Food Bank Chairman

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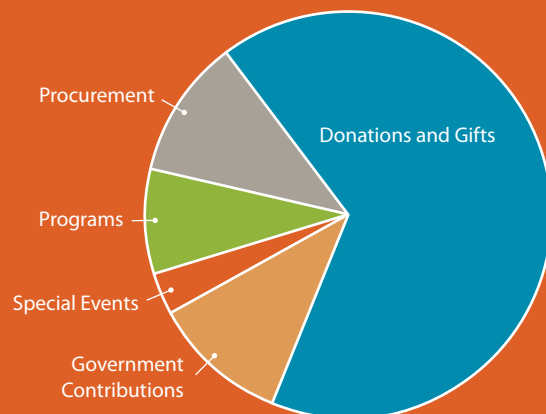
2020 AT A GLANCE

Through its network of 140 active agency partners, the Food Bank of Northern Indiana distributed 11.9 million lbs. 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).

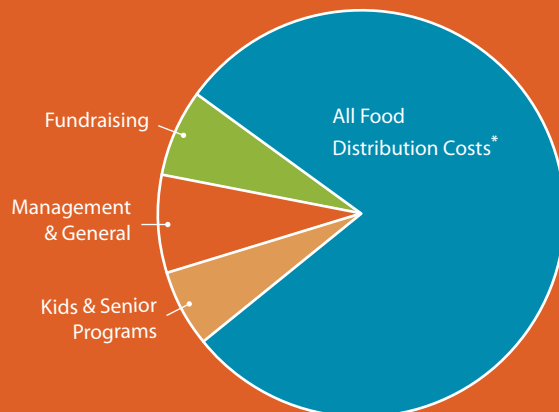
- **Pounds Distributed:**
11,926,255 lbs. provided
up to 9,317,387 meals.
- **Pounds Acquired:**
12,486,918 lbs.
- **Agency Direct Retail Pick-Up Program Acquired:**
1,043,487 lbs.
- **Food 4 Kids Backpack Program:** 2,267 students;
67,284 bags; 202,851 lbs.;
269,236 meals.
- **Senior Nutrition Program:**
9,769 bags; 134,699 lbs.
- **Healthy Choices Market:**
2 classes; 13 households/43
individuals; received 187 lbs.
of food.
- **Commodity Supplemental Food Program:** 6,489 clients
served through 13 sites in
Elkhart, LaPorte, Marshall
and St. Joseph Counties;
182,708 lbs. distributed;
217,183 lbs. received.
- **The Emergency Food Assistance Program:**
4,952,427 lbs. distributed;
5,218,672 lbs. received.
- **Coronavirus Food Assistance Program:** 1,473,859
lbs. distributed; 1,473,859 lbs.
received.
- **Volunteers:**
8,011; 34,822 hours.
- **Community Food Pantry of St. Joseph County :**
19,283 households and
79,759 individuals served;
1,704,541 lbs. distributed.
- **Mobile Food Distributions:**
210 mobiles; 2,619,018
lbs. distributed; 61,894
households/229,549
individuals served.
- **Senior Healthy Choices Market:** 4 classes; 28
households/43 individuals
who received 363 lbs. of food.

YOU COUNT ON US TO USE YOUR DONATION WISELY

INCOME



EXPENSES



DONORS AND COMMUNITY

2020 Top 20

Top 20 Food Donors

IFSSA – USDA
Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana
Prairie Farms – Ft. Wayne
Division
RTI Services
Sam's Club #6315
Kerlikowski Family Farm
OSI Industries, LLC
Walmart #1378
NIF/Bimbo Bakeries
Bimbo Bakeries/Elkhart
Walmart #1566
Walmart #2679
Walmart #2680
Target/Granger
Walmart #3436

Top 20 Food Drives

Blackburn and Green
Four Winds Casino Resort
Muffet McGraw Neighborhood
Food Drives
Lippert Components
People of Praise
St. Joseph County Police
Department
University of Notre Dame
Finance Divisions
Martin's Super Market #10
Martin's Super Market #16
Martin's Super Market #25

Financial Report

Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2020

INCOME

Donations and Gifts	\$4,602,748
Government Contributions	\$755,811
Special Events	\$215,810
Programs	\$594,367
Procurement	\$749,776
Estimated Total Income	\$6,918,512

EXPENSES

All Food Distribution Costs*	\$3,018,347
Kid and Senior Programs	\$238,496
Management and General	\$294,166
Fundraising	\$259,469
Estimated Total Expense	\$3,810,478

ESTIMATED NET INCOME \$3,108,034

**Does not include donated food dollars – this information is available upon completed audit.*



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TOGETHER, WE CAN SOLVE HUNGER

OUR MISSION

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 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.

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PROGRAM UPDATES

For more information on the Food 4 Kids Backpack Program, Healthy Choices Market, and Senior Nutrition Program, please contact Marijo Martinec at 574-232-9986 ext. 124.

Agency Spotlight

The Center – Family Christian Development Center

107 E Marion Street,
Nappanee, IN 46550
(574) 773-2149

This pantry is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Guests may visit this food pantry up to three times per month.



The Center, Family Christian Development Center, was founded in 1996 by Joan Andrew when she began distributing food to people in need at The Meadows trailer park on the west side of Nappanee.

Current programs include the Food Pantry, Clothing Closet, Medication Assistance Program, Infant Immunization Clinic, Rent and Utility Assistance, Friday Back Pack Program, and Summer Lunch Program.

In a typical year, the Center has more than 11,000 individual contacts with residents in its service area of the WaNee Community School District.

Team members moved into The Center's new building in December 2020. It is the freshly renovated Central School property that previously housed the Boys & Girls Clubs of Elkhart County Nappanee Club. This 11,500-square-foot facility includes administrative, program, and storage space. The biggest change is a welcome one — one floor! The previous space had three floors with no elevator.

The Center serves residents of the WaNee Community School District — Nappanee and Wakarusa.



Senior Nutrition Program

Through February 2021, the Senior Nutrition Program served 1,538 seniors received

15,592 lbs. of food in Elkhart, Kosciusko, LaPorte, Marshall, Starke, and St. Joseph Counties.

Community Food Pantry of St. Joseph County

Through February 2021, the Community Food Pantry of St. Joseph County served 2,245 households/10,040 individuals and distributed 264,201 lbs. of food.

Commodity Supplemental Food Program

Through February 2021, 885 seniors in Elkhart, LaPorte, Marshall, and St. Joseph Counties received 128,998 lbs. of food.

For more information about Food Bank agencies and CSFP, please contact Brandy Love, Agency Relations Director at (574) 232-9986 ext. 137 or blove@feedindiana.org.

2021 Mobile Food Pantry Statistics

County	# of Distributions	Pounds	Households	Individuals
Elkhart	4	56,641	1,123	3,928
Kosciusko	5	67,159	1,143	4,937
LaPorte	5	59,095	1,593	4,456
Marshall	6	85,652	1,121	4,675
Starke	3	28,573	662	2,049
St. Joseph	7	129,159	2,218	7,720
Total	30	426,279	7,860	27,765

Reflects mobile food distributions held in January and February 2021.



Food 4 Kids Backpack Program

"We have a fourth-grade student who looks forward to getting a rice crispy treat in his bag each week. One week, he had none in this bag and his sister had two or three. The following week, when he saw me in the hallway, I asked him to meet me in the office to get his bag. His bag had numerous rice crispy treats, and he lit up! Something as small as a rice crispy treat changed the trajectory of his day." - Brooke Murray, Beardsley Elementary School, Elkhart Indiana

An investment of \$150 provides one student with a weekend sack of food during the school year. For more information about Food 4 Kids, please contact Marijo Martinec, Executive Director and CEO at (574) 232-9986 ext. 124 or mmartinec@feedindiana.org.

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100% (\$98,430) [FY 2020-2021] 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% (\$41,639) [FY 2020-2021] 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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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT!

Volunteers are needed Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. for various projects. The Community Food Pantry is open for outdoor drive-thru distributions on Mondays and Fridays from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

A two-hour time commitment is preferred. Safety protocols are in place to ensure that you have a great experience, including having your temperature taken upon entering the building, mandatory mask wearing, plastic gloves, hand sanitizer and hand washing stations located throughout the building, and 6 ft. physical distancing practiced with all projects.

If you live outside of St. Joseph County and would like to volunteer, we can use your support at our mobile food distributions taking place in Elkhart, Kosciusko, LaPorte, Marshall, and Starke Counties, or we can put you in touch with one of our pantry partners in your community.

Through February 2021, 915 volunteers provided 2,972 hours for Food Bank Programs.

Share your time and talent with us! Sign up at feedindiana.org/get-involved/volunteer or call (574) 232-9986 ext. 129.



Host a Food Drive!

As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, many of our neighbors continue to struggle with hunger. During this uncertain time, many in our communities are wondering where their next meal is coming from.

Summer is especially difficult for food banks because the need is high and food donations are low.

Hosting a Food Drive at your place of employment, school or church makes a direct impact in our communities and helps us restock our shelves.

Can you help?

Contact Marijo Martinec at mmartinec@feedindiana.org or (574) 232-9986 ext. 124.

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 2021, the Food Bank distributed 1,622,518 lbs. and receipted 1,619,215 lbs. of product. During this period, 731,044 lbs. of government commodities were distributed and 845,929 lbs. were receipted.

Our Agency Direct Pick-Up Program receipted 193,670 lbs. in Elkhart, Kosciusko, LaPorte, and Marshall Counties through February 2021. This program began in November 2018, with agency partners working with Food Bank retail partners in Elkhart, LaPorte, Marshall, and Kosciusko Counties to pick up product Monday through Friday.