



# COUNTING ON EACH OTHER

2023 Annual Report

foodbank  
OF NORTHERN INDIANA



## 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## 2023 FOOD BANK OF NORTHERN INDIANA STAFF

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*Food Donor Relationship Director*



## MESSAGE FROM FBNI BOARD CHAIR

JOURNEY ... a focus on a destination for arrival, however, HUNGER does not allow us the opportunity to choose North, South, East or West. John F. Kennedy once stated, "The war against hunger is truly mankind's liberation." In 2023, we continued to face unparalleled food inflation due to energy costs. Across Northern Indiana the household need continues to increase, and our neighbors are faced with decisions they should not have to make whether their child has a meal and the parent who goes without eating.

As we celebrate over 30 years of IMPACT to stamp out HUNGER within the six counties we humbly serve, our journey continues. In 2023, we distributed over 9.5 million pounds of food, an increase of 7% over 2022. Household need for food assistance increased by 25% ... a number which we humbly wish would decrease. The Food Bank conducted 190 mobile food distributions which provided over 900,000 lbs. of food that served 31,725 households, serving just under 100,000 individuals. This is a 62% increase in distributions, 40% increase in households served and a 23% increase in individuals served compared to 2022. With the increased need to serve our neighbor, our community has rallied together to fight hunger. Volunteers contributed over 25,000 hours to humbly serve their neighbors.

**Innovation, compassion with care for our neighbor and each other define the next chapters in the fight against hunger. On behalf of the incredible Food Bank team, our relentless volunteers, our donors and sponsors, and the Board of Directors, we humbly thank you. Our journey began 30 years ago and no matter the weather we experience, we will erase HUNGER together. It's because of you we make the difference and IMPACT together.**



**Jason Pursehouse**  
2024 Board Chair



## DONORS AND COMMUNITY

### 2023 Top 20 Food Donors

Costco Wholesale  
Culver Duck Farms  
Grow to Give  
Kerlikowske Family Farm  
Martii's Supermarket –  
Warehouse  
NFI Industries/Bimbo Bakeries  
RTI Services  
Sam's Club #6315  
Target – Goshen  
Target – Granger

Trader Joe's  
Walmart #2679 – Elkhart  
Walmart #1378 – Goshen  
Walmart #1566 – Goshen  
Walmart #1487 – Michigan City  
Walmart #2678 – Mishawaka  
Walmart #4399 – Osceola  
Walmart #1978 – Plymouth  
Walmart #3426 – Ireland Rd.,  
South Bend  
Walmart #1304 – Warsaw



# 2023 AT A GLANCE

Through a network of 114 partner agencies, the Food Bank of Northern Indiana distributed 9.5 million lbs. of food through food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and daycare facilities in Elkhart, Kosciusko, LaPorte, Marshall, St. Joseph, and Starke Counties. In addition, we directly provide food to neighbors in need of food assistance such as the Community Food Pantry of St. Joseph County, Direct Agency Pick-Up Program, DoorDash Home Deliveries, Food 4 Kids Backpack Program, Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), and The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP).

- **Pounds Distributed:**  
9,518,343 lbs. — the equivalent of up to 7,436,205 meals.
- **Pounds Acquired:**  
10,037,718 lbs.
- **Agency Direct Retail Pick-Up Program Acquired:**  
1,776,268 lbs.
- **Food 4 Kids Backpack Program:**  
37 schools; 2,375 students; 56,382 bags; 112,764 meals.
- **DoorDash Home Deliveries:**  
1,758 households/5,694 individuals served.
- **Mobile Food Distributions:**  
190 distributions provided 918,900 lbs. — the equivalent of up to 717,891 meals.
- **Senior Nutrition Program:**  
9,002 seniors; 210,974 lbs. distributed.
- **Volunteers:**  
9,465 volunteers; 25,384 hours.
- **Community Food Pantry of St. Joseph County:**  
31,699 households/101,531 individuals, including 6,443 new households/19,379 new individuals; 738,809 lbs. distributed — the equivalent of up to 577,194 meals.
- **The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP):**  
2,869,269 lbs. distributed, 3,175,495 lbs. received.

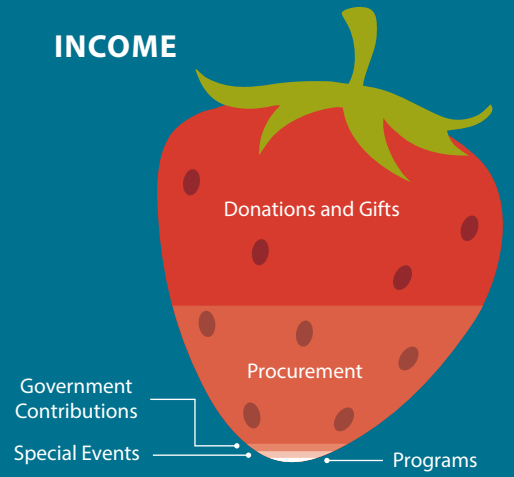
- 2023 Top 20 Food Drives**
- Edward Jones
  - Entertaining History
  - FedEx Freight
  - Fidelity Investments
  - Harmony Healthcare IT
  - Harrison Elementary School
  - Horn of Plenty
  - IBEW Local 153
  - LabCorp
  - Marshall Traditional School
  - McCormick & Company, Inc.
  - National Association of Letter Carriers
  - SAM Companies
  - Schmucker Middle School

- South Bend Cubs
- Stonebridge Villas at Edison
- Swanson-Highlands and Area Neighborhoods
- University of Notre Dame Office of Student Affairs
- University of Notre Dame Women's Basketball
- Village at Arborwood

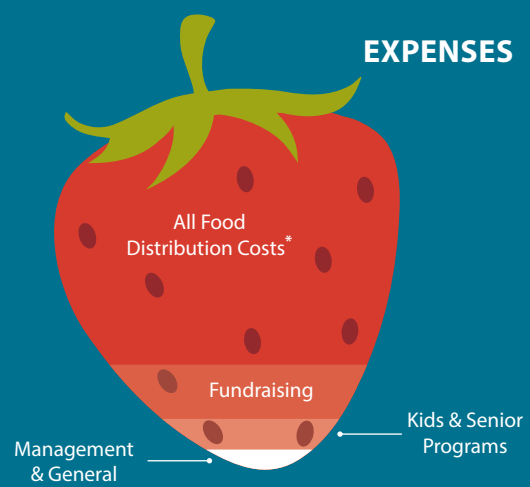


# YOU COUNT ON US TO USE YOUR DONATION WISELY

## INCOME



## EXPENSES



## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2023

<b>INCOME</b>	
Donations and Gifts	\$3,009,572
Government Contributions	\$161,885
Special Events	\$152,203
Programs	\$89,350
Procurement	\$2,701,496
Estimated Total Income	\$6,114,506
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
All Food Distribution Costs*	\$3,666,511
Kid and Senior Programs	\$464,749
Management and General	\$371,752
Fundraising	\$901,932
Estimated Total Expense	\$5,404,944
<b>ESTIMATED NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$709,562</b>

*\*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, St. Joseph, and Starke Counties and is a member of Feeding America, Feeding Indiana's Hungry, and United Way.

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