



## ON THE FRONT LINES

### At a Glance

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- » **244 mobile food distributions** served **40,033 households/122,125 individuals** and distributed **1,182,852 lbs. of food** — the equivalent of **924,103 meals** in our six-county service area.
- » **9,609 volunteers** contributed **25,197 volunteer hours**.
- » **40,810 households/167,048 individuals** were served at the Community Food Pantry of St. Joseph County. This pantry distributed **1,990,985 lbs. of food** — the equivalent of up to **1,555,457 meals**.

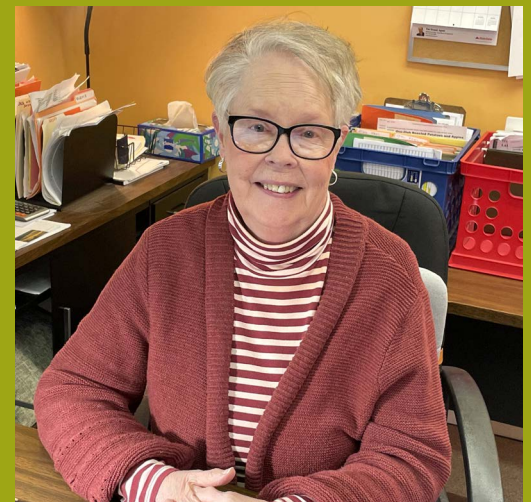
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## Why I Volunteer – Maggie K.

Maggie K. began volunteering at the Food Bank to keep busy after she retired. She assists with the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) – her favorite program. Additionally, she tracks data for the Mobile Food Distribution Program and other special projects. She is extremely organized and manages programs from start to finish. She had no idea this volunteer position would come to mean so much to her. “When I talk with those who receive the senior boxes, we laugh and sometimes we cry.” She added, “Sometimes I just listen to what they have to say.”

Through volunteering, Maggie has learned that everyone affiliated with the Food Bank is caring and concerned about neighbors who are struggling and need food. She is motivated to volunteer because she wants to give back to her community and the Food Bank provides a feeling of accomplishment every day. She says that volunteering makes you feel good because you are helping hungry neighbors.

Maggie really enjoys the vital work she does with the CSFP Program and outreach with the seniors. **“When you take a little time to make someone else feel better, your life is greatly enriched. Don’t sit at home wondering what you can do. Spend a portion of your day helping someone who needs a little caring.”**



**Like Maggie, you can help us feed hungry neighbors. Please call Aiza Flores, Programs and Volunteer Manager, at (574) 232-9986 ext. 139 for more information on volunteer opportunities at the Food Bank.**

# WISH LIST

✓ Residing Exterior of the Building - \$400,000

# MOST NEEDED ITEMS

Boxed Breakfast Cereal

Boxed Helper Dinner Meals – any variety

Brown Rice

Canned Chicken and Canned Tuna

Canned Soup

Canned Beef Stew and Canned Ravioli

Dry and Canned Beans (Black, Northern, Pinto)

Peanut Butter

Shelf Stable Milk

Spaghetti Sauce

Whole Wheat Spaghetti

*\*Pop top lids are preferred.*

# HELP US RESTOCK

Hold a Food and Fund Drive and Help Us Restock the Food Bank's Shelves!

Host a Food and Fund Drive at your place of employment, school, church, organization, or club and make a direct impact in our communities by helping us restock our shelves. Every \$1 donated to the Food Bank provides up to five meals or eight pounds of food.

# CAN YOU HELP?

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



# IN MY VIEW

Like our recent winter here in northern Indiana, it has been a tough season for our hungry neighbors who struggle to put food on their table. During 2025, 263,233 households received food assistance from our 119 partner agencies in our six-county service area — a nearly 50% increase since 2022. The Community Food Pantry of St. Joseph County, the food pantry located on-site at the Food Bank of Northern Indiana and the largest pantry in our six-county service area served 40,810 households in 2025 — also seeing a nearly 50% increase since 2022.

Changes to SNAP and other government programs will continue to be challenging for those who struggle with hunger, and we anticipate the need for food assistance will likely continue to increase.

Hungry neighbors like Marcus continue to make very difficult choices between food and other necessities.

You are a lifeline for hungry neighbors like Marcus.

**Our mission is not possible without you.**

With gratitude,

**Marijo Martinec**  
Executive Director and CEO  
mmartinec@feedindiana.org



## Meet Marcus

Marcus is a recently divorced single father who always puts his family first. Over the past year, he worried about how he would provide for his children with only half of his usual income. As he looked at his different options, it quickly became clear that picking up a second job would be nearly impossible given his already busy schedule.

*"I need to be here for my kids. I can't be working 16+ hour days unless my kids are with their mother — which they are not most of the time."*

In order to provide for his children and be present for them, Marcus turned to the Food Bank of Northern Indiana's pantry network for food assistance. These pantries gave Marcus and his children peace of mind in knowing they have access to nutritious food each month. "It's a steady source of perishable and non-perishable food which really helps at home for my kids and me."



**Neighbors like Marcus live in every community the Food Bank of Northern Indiana serves. Your support makes a difference. Call (574) 232-9986 ext. 124 for more information.**



# COUNTING ON EACH OTHER

2025 Annual Report

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OF NORTHERN INDIANA

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## MESSAGE FROM THE FBNI BOARD CHAIR



Every day across Northern Indiana, our neighbors face a quiet struggle — not one that makes headlines, but one felt throughout our communities. The Food Bank of Northern Indiana exists for moments exactly like these, when neighbors need a helping hand and the community rises to meet them. In 2025, that's exactly what happened.

This past year tested the resilience of many in our region. But it also revealed something we already knew; when Northern Indiana comes together, the impact is profound. Here is what we accomplished together in 2025.

Despite these challenges, **our collective efforts have made a meaningful difference:**

- Distributed **11,208,089 pounds** of food to families, seniors, and children across our six-county service area — the equivalent of **8,756,320 meals**.
- **Mobile food distributions** expanded, completing **244 distributions** and distributing **1,182,852 pounds** of food, reaching **122,125 individuals** in 40,033 households.
- Our Community Food Pantry of St. Joseph County served **40,810 households and 167,048 individuals** — including many new neighbors — distributing **1,990,985 pounds** of food.
- **9,609 volunteers** dedicated **25,197 hours of service**, demonstrating the generosity of our Northern Indiana community.

Your generosity fuels our mission and provides hope for those who need it most. As long as hunger exists in Northern Indiana, so does our purpose. We will keep showing up — with more resources, more reach, and an unwavering belief that this community can solve hunger together. **But we cannot do this alone.**

Whether you contribute through donations, volunteering, or spreading awareness, **you are a crucial part of this fight.** Together, we are not just providing food — we are providing hope and a brighter future for our neighbors in need.

**Let's continue to make an impact, one meal at a time.**

With gratitude,

**Brandon Demitruk**

Chairman of the Board, Food Bank of Northern Indiana

## 2025 Food Bank of Northern Indiana Staff

**Marijo Martinec**

*Executive Director and CEO*

**Kim Barrier**

*Chief Financial Officer*

**Ryan Bastine**

*Assistant Warehouse Manager*

**Aiza Flores**

*Programs and Volunteer Manager*

**Barb Freel**

*Administrative Coordinator*

**Timo Fuentes**

*Warehouse Services*

**Oscar Gibson**

*Warehouse Manager*

**Konnie Harkin**

*Administrative Support and Inventory Specialist*

**Ken Kizer**

*Agency Distribution Coordinator*

**Brandy Love**

*Agency Relations Director*

**Cara Montana**

*Office Manager and HR Generalist*

**Theresa Thompson**

*Finance Manager and Executive Assistant*

**Bob Wieneke**

*Food Donor Relationship Director*

## DONORS AND COMMUNITY

### Top Food Drives

Clayton Homes  
Edward Jones  
Entertaining History, Inc.  
Harmony Healthcare IT  
Holtz's Heroes Foundation Inc.  
iPORCH  
Martin's Super Market #4  
Martin's Super Market #10  
Martin's Super Market #11

Martin's Super Market #12  
Martin's Super Market #16  
Martin's Super Market #25  
Mauer Well Service  
Meals with Muffet Food Drive  
National Association of Letter Carriers  
Neighborhood Food Drive  
University of Notre Dame  
Residential Facilities

# 2025 AT A GLANCE

Through a network of 119 partner agencies, the Food Bank of Northern Indiana distributed 11,208,089 lbs. of food through food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and daycare facilities in Elkhart, Kosciusko, LaPorte, Marshall, St. Joseph, and Starke Counties. In addition, the Food Bank directly provided food to neighbors in need of food assistance through programs such as the Community Food Pantry of St. Joseph County, Agency Direct Retail Pick-Up Program, DoorDash Home Deliveries, Food 4 Kids Backpack Program, Mobile Food Distribution Program, Senior Nutrition Program, Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), and The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP).

- Pounds Distributed:**  
 11,208,089 lbs. — the equivalent of up to 8,756,320 meals.
- Pounds Acquired:**  
 11,160,981 lbs.
- Agency Direct Retail Pick-Up Program Acquired:**  
 1,865,379 lbs. — the equivalent of 1,457,327 meals.
- Community Food Pantry of St. Joseph County:**  
 40,810 households/167,048 individuals served including 9,474 new households/39,733 individuals; 1,990,985 lbs. distributed — the equivalent of up to 1,555,457 meals.
- DoorDash Home Deliveries:**  
 204 households/452 individuals served.
- Food 4 Kids Backpack Program:**  
 20 schools; 151,329 lbs. of meals; 50,433 lbs. of snacks.
- Mobile Food Distributions:**  
 244 distributions provided 1,182,852 lbs. — the equivalent of up to 924,103 meals; 40,033 households/122,125 individuals served.
- Senior Nutrition Program:**  
 8,005 seniors; 155,265 lbs. distributed; 23 distribution sites.
- Volunteers:**  
 9,609 volunteers; 25,197 hours.
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP):**  
 3,027 participants; 114,838 lbs. distributed.
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP):**  
 58 partner agencies; 3,031,680 lbs. distributed.

The Village at Arborwood  
Walbridge  
Warren Chiropractic Center

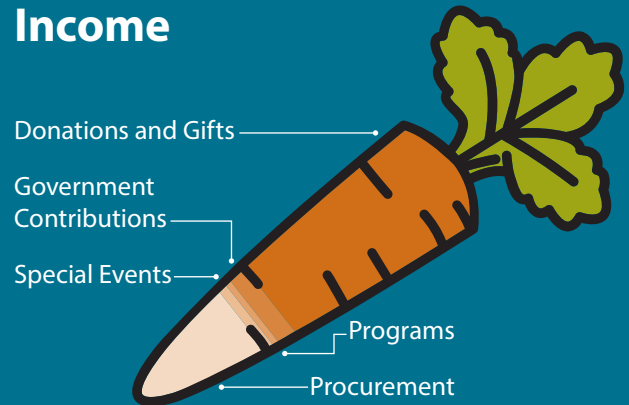
## Top Food Donors

Costco Wholesale  
Kerlikowski Family Farm  
Meijer #267  
NFI Industries/Bimbo Bakeries  
PetSmart Charities  
RTI Services  
Sam's Club #6315  
Target – Granger

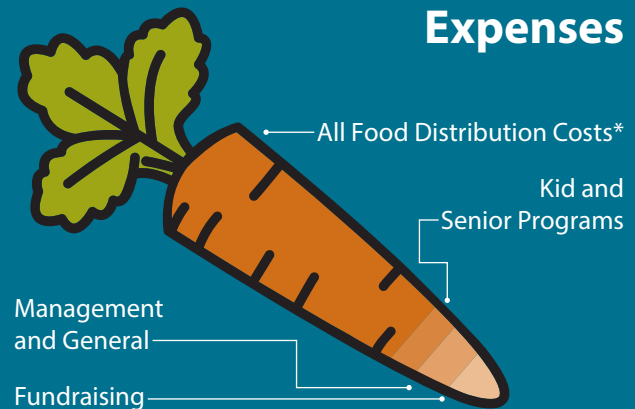
Target – Goshen  
Trader Joe's  
Walmart #1304 – Warsaw  
Walmart #1378 – Goshen  
Walmart #1478 – Michigan City  
Walmart #1566 – Goshen  
Walmart #1978 – Plymouth  
Walmart #2276 – LaPorte  
Walmart #2678 – Mishawaka  
Walmart #2679 – Elkhart  
Walmart #3436 – South Bend  
Walmart #4399 – Osceola

# YOU COUNT ON US TO USE YOUR DONATION WISELY

## Income



## Expenses



## Financial Report

### Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2025

<b>Income</b>	
Donations and Gifts	\$ 4,963,772
Government Contributions	186,277
Special Events	173,114
Programs	166,663
Procurement	<u>1,237,365</u>
<b>Estimated Total Income</b>	<b>\$6,727,191</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
All Food Distribution Costs*	\$6,214,233
Kid and Senior Programs	450,592
Management and General	480,730
Fundraising	<u>470,306</u>
<b>Estimated Total Expense</b>	<b>\$7,615,861</b>
<b>ESTIMATED NET INCOME</b>	<b>(\$888,670)</b>

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



## 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.

## OUR VISION

The Food Bank of Northern Indiana aspires to create communities where all hungry neighbors have access to healthy and nutritious food.

The Food Bank of Northern Indiana 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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# PROGRAM UPDATES



## Food 4 Kids Backpack Program

Since 2006, the Food 4 Kids Backpack Program has been providing students with a weekend bag of food during the school year and holiday breaks.

During the 2025-2026 school year, 2,394 kids are participating in this program.

The cost is \$4.75/student each week for the school year. You can provide the tools for these hungry students to be successful in school and life. Call Aiza Flores, Programs and Volunteer Manager at (574) 232-9986 ext. 139 for more information.



## 2025 Mobile Food Distribution Statistics

County	# of Distributions	Pounds	Households	Individuals
Elkhart	42	197,178	7,108	12,365
Kosciusko	22	101,183	3,408	11,481
Marshall	24	105,312	3,554	10,830
LaPorte	51	251,905	8,550	23,061
St. Joseph	69	343,350	11,737	37,654
<b>Total</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>1,182,852</b>	<b>40,033</b>	<b>122,125</b>

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## Senior Nutrition Program

Through December 2025, the Senior Nutrition Program served 8,005 seniors who received 155,265 lbs. of food - the equivalent of up to 121,301 meals in Elkhart, Kosciusko, LaPorte, Marshall, Starke and St. Joseph Counties.

An investment of \$29.39 each month ensures that a senior in need of food assistance receives a monthly bag of food.

For more information about the Senior Nutrition Program, call (574) 232-9986 ext. 139.

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## Agency Spotlight

Open Door Pantry located at That Church on the Rise  
28082 CR 4, Elkhart, IN 46514  
(574) 264-1570

### Hours of Operation:

Second Tuesday each month  
from 2:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Open Door Food Pantry serves anyone in the Michiana area. They do ask those seeking food assistance to provide an ID but it is not mandatory to receive help. This pantry has been a partner agency of the Food Bank of Northern Indiana since 2016.

All of their support comes from fundraising activities and donors. Protein is a priority item offered monthly in addition to non-perishable food items. Open Door Pantry also provides health, beauty and cleaning products monthly to its shoppers. Additionally, they provide small gift cards to help defray the cost of items they are not able to provide.

The team at Open Door Pantry works hard to make all neighbors feel valued and important.

Recently, a woman contacted the staff on a Friday night. She escaped with her four children from a very toxic situation. She had no food, not much money and four hungry children.



The Open Door team met with her the next morning. She wept because she couldn't find any pantries in the area that would help her over the weekend. She was offered some food and much-needed friendly support.

## Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

Through December 2025, 3,027 seniors in Elkhart, LaPorte, Marshall and St. Joseph Counties received 114,838 lbs. of food — the equivalent of up to 89,717 meals.

**To learn more about eligibility requirements for CSFP and more about the Food Bank's partner agencies, please contact Brandy Love, Agency Relations Director, at [bllove@feedindiana.org](mailto:bllove@feedindiana.org) or (574) 232-9986 ext. 137.**



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*100% (\$65,670.00) [FY 2025-2026] 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% (\$16,490.00) [FY 2025-2026] of total program costs for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) are financed with federal funds. CSFP is an equal opportunity provider.*

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT!

Help us feed our hungry neighbors! Volunteer opportunities can include:

- ➔ Packing food bags and boxes for distributions.
- ➔ Pre-sorting donations in our warehouse.
- ➔ Serving as a personal shopper in the Community Food Pantry of St. Joseph County located on-site at the Food Bank.
- ➔ Helping with various cleaning and organization projects inside the warehouse and outside on the Food Bank's property.

Opportunities are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. each Wednesday. A two-hour time commitment is preferred. We have a critical need for volunteers on Monday and Friday mornings in our on-site food pantry.

If you live outside of St. Joseph County, we can connect you with our partner agencies in Elkhart, Kosciusko, LaPorte, Marshall and Starke Counties.

Through December 2025, 9,609 volunteers provided 25,197 hours for the Food Bank.

**Share your time and talent with us. Sign up at [feedindiana.org/get-involved/volunteer](https://feedindiana.org/get-involved/volunteer) or call (574) 232-9986 ext. 139 for more information.**

## REST WELL, RUDY

Longtime Food Bank volunteer Rudy Miller passed away in January 2026. Rudy saw a post about helping fold bags for the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive and was hooked! In addition to serving as our chief bag assembler, Rudy volunteered in the Community Food Pantry of St. Joseph County checking in neighbors who shopped. He will be missed.



## FOOD FINDERS

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If your business would like to donate perishable and non-perishable products, please call Bob Wieneke, Food Donor Relationship Director at (574)232-9986 ext. 135.



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