



# 2013 ANNUAL REPORT



## LETTER FROM PRESIDENT

Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger relief organization and the Food Bank of Northern Indiana's partner, is scheduled to release its study, "**Hunger in America**," later this year. The report, which is based upon a study conducted last spring, will be the nation's most comprehensive examination of food insecurity in the United States. It will reveal a very clear snapshot of the state of hunger in America, including all of the counties served by the Food Bank.

The Food Bank of Northern Indiana's leadership, including its board of directors, intends to use this extensive study to help set a course that will help focus our efforts and fine tune our partnerships in the battle to alleviate hunger. Our pledge is to be more diligent than ever in reaching out to those partners to advance our mission of advancing the overall health of our neighbors who need it the most.

There's no better time than now to learn more about the work of the Food Bank and its dedicated 170 partner agencies. Together we served nearly **225,000 families** in need last year. Yet we expect that the results of Feeding America's study will tell us that there is still so much more to do in 2014. The need is real and is present among us— in our neighbors and our friends. On behalf of the Food Bank and our Board of Directors, we ask you to join us and to pledge your resources of time, energy and know-how to help in the fight against hunger.

Gerald (Jerry) Lutkus  
2014 Food Bank Chairman



A Member of  
**FEEDING AMERICA**

Hunger was a community health issue **20 years ago**. Hunger continues to be a community health issue today. Together, we can solve hunger.

**May 1993 >**

United Religious Communities of St. Joseph County's Hunger Education Task Force reestablishes food banking services in north central Indiana.



**< July 1993**

An organizing committee convenes the first board of directors; The North Central Indiana Food Bank would be the organization of record created to address local problems of hunger by providing quality food to participating social service agencies. The North Central Indiana Food Bank began operations as a SDO (Subsidiary Distribution Organization of Gleaners Food Bank of Indianapolis).

**December 1993 >**

First distribution of **6,800 pounds** of food to **29 agencies**.



**< February 1996**

Due to growth in member agencies and donor base, became a certified food bank of America's Second Harvest National Food Bank network. Our food bank now received offerings of donated product, with allotments based on the poverty population within our service area.

**July 2000 >**

Purchased facility at 702 Chapin Street in downtown South Bend. This 82,000-square-foot facility ensured adequate storage to meet the rising demand for food in northern Indiana.



**< August 2006**

Our organization's name was changed to the Food Bank of Northern Indiana, serving Elkhart, LaPorte, Kosciusko, Marshall, Starke and St. Joseph Counties.

**August 2008 >**

America's Second Harvest changed its name to Feeding America, reflecting what their member food banks do each day.



**< May 2011**

Milt Lee joins the Food Bank of Northern Indiana as executive director. Lee brings business acumen to organization, streamlining operations and positioning organization for continued growth.

**December 2013 >**

Food Bank distributes nearly 6,100,000 pounds of food through its network of 170 member agencies.



Today, the Food Bank of Northern Indiana ranks in the **top 25%** nationally among food banks of similar size and environment in terms of community impact and organizational efficiency.



# our year IN REVIEW



**6,018,273 LBS**

Worked with retailers, manufacturers and growers in 2013 to glean and distribute 6,018,273 pounds of food to a network of 170 member agencies. Our top 10 donors for 2013 were Walmart Mishawaka, Walmart Ireland Road/South Bend, Walmart Plymouth, Walmart Portage Road/South Bend, Sam's Club, Walmart LaPorte, Walmart Warsaw, Nash Finch Company, Pepsi-Cola Bottlers and Walmart Michigan City.



**506,140 LBS**

Distributed fresh perishable items to 10,786 households during 81 mobile food pantries in our six-county service area.



**19,000 Hours**

of volunteer time was donated by 6,000 volunteers.



**60,000+ Fun Packs**

During the 2013-2014 school year, over 1,600 students in Elkhart, LaPorte, Starke and St. Joseph County received a weekly sack of kid-friendly, shelf-stable and ready-to-eat items with little or no cooking for the child.



**291,653 Diapers Distributed**

in our six-county service area after entering into a partnership with the National Diaper Bank Network in the spring of 2013 to become a diaper distribution facility in northern Indiana.



**6,932 Bags**

and 94,153 pounds of food was distributed to low-income seniors throughout northern Indiana.

# FINANCIAL REPORT 2013

Donations & Gifts*	\$ 8,838,029.74
Government Contributions*	\$ 1,430,459.36
Special Events	\$ 59,470.97
Programs	\$ 217,784.96
Procurement	\$ 789,714.14
<b>Estimated Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 11,335,459.17</b>

Donated Food Distribution*	\$ 8,725,486.39
Food Distribution Costs	\$ 1,060,387.88
Kids & Senior Programs	\$ 169,673.60
Management & General	\$ 879,365.06
Fundraising	\$ 213,076.33
<b>Estimated Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 11,047,989.26</b>

<b>Estimated Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 287,469.91</b>
<b>Net Assets for 2013</b>	<b>\$ \$3,128,088.00</b>

\* Estimated Costs for donated food.  
Totals area in an estimate pending completion of our annual Financial Audit.

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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 (FiSh) and United Way.