



FOOD BANK OF IOWA

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

A FOOD BANK OF IOWA NEWSLETTER

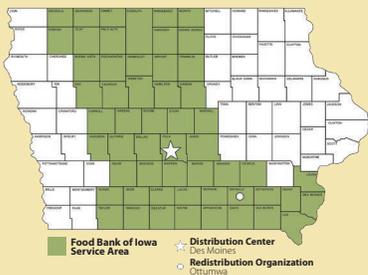
Mission

We provide food for Iowa children, families, and seniors to lead full and active lives, strengthening the communities where they live.

Vision

A hunger free Iowa.

Our service area



The Food Bank of Iowa distributes food through more than 400 partners across 55 Iowa counties.

On The Road

In the past year, the Food Bank of Iowa has increased the amount of time our trucks are on the road by more than 80 percent.



Increase in direct service

Some Iowa communities are blessed with the population and means to support multiple permanent food pantries, meal sites, and other sources of food assistance. In other towns, a small population may struggle to provide the same resources to their neighbors. Cue the Food Bank of Iowa.

As our trucks zigzag across the state, they stop in towns like Hartley, Lacona, and Swea City—not to deliver food to a local food pantry, but to support one of our programs: the Mobile Pantry Program, School Pantry Program, Backpack Program™, or Summer Food Service Program.



“Our job is to make sure that every Iowan has access to the food they need, whether they

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Increase in direct service

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live in a big city like Des Moines or a small town like Primghar,” said Kate Pauly, a regional partnership coordinator at the Food Bank of Iowa. “We work with community leaders to determine what solution works best for their needs, then coordinate the food, volunteers, and locations needed to make it work.”

At the Food Bank of Iowa, we have the staff, the expertise, and—most importantly—the food to make a difference. Each of our four regional partnership coordinators is responsible for a certain segment of our service area (Northwest, Northeast, Central, and Southern).

“Our regional partnership coordinators get to know the communities they serve, and approach solutions holistically,” said Matt Unger, distribution director at the Food Bank of Iowa. “Some larger rural communities like Storm Lake or Indianola, can support permanent distribution outlets like food pantries and meal sites. For towns lacking those resources, our programs help fill the gap.”

Food Bank of Iowa programs are coordinated by our staff to directly serve those in need. Local volunteers help us distribute food at each of our program sites.

- ✦ Mobile Pantries are farmers’ market-style distributions of food at temporary locations, staffed by volunteers.
- ✦ School Pantries work much like a traditional food pantry, but they’re conveniently located within a school and managed by school staff and volunteers.
- ✦ The Backpack Program™ provides kids in need with sacks of nutritionally balanced, kid-friendly foods each Friday during the school year.
- ✦ The Summer Food Service Program helps fill the gap that free and reduced-price school meal programs leave during the summer by providing daily ready-to-eat meals.

As these programs mature, many of them shift into locally supported programs with permanent sites. A mobile pantry in Exira led to the establishment of a permanent food pantry there, and Backpack Program™ schools in Marshalltown and Newton have transitioned to more permanent school pantries.

“Our distribution has grown every year for 35 years, and demand shows no sign of letting up,” said Food Bank of Iowa President & CEO Michelle Book. “The more ways we can get food to people who need it, the better.”



Note From Our CEO

Dear Friends,

The past year has been a time of growth, change, and opportunity at the Food Bank of Iowa, but I am disappointed that it must be so.

I am disappointed that Iowa children, families, and seniors still struggle to get the food they need. I am disappointed that our services are so greatly needed across the 55 counties that we serve.

A report released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in September showed that, nationally, food insecurity rates are declining. In urban areas, more people have access to the food they need to thrive. This is heartening news, but it's not enough.

Food insecurity rates nationwide are still higher than at any point before the Great Recession. More surprisingly, food insecurity rates for Americans living in rural areas, like many of the counties we serve, have actually increased.

Our experiences show this reality: Each year, we distribute more food than we did the year before, yet demand greatly outpaces our capacity. Our programs grow, new partners join our network, and our warehouse hums with activity. We do our work better, but still there are unmet needs.

There is, however, one bright light in our world. That light is you, our supporters: thousands of people sharing their resources, time, and talents to help our neighbors.

Thank you for being our best bulwark against hunger. Thank you for being a hunger fighter. Together, we can solve hunger.

Sincerely,

Michelle Book

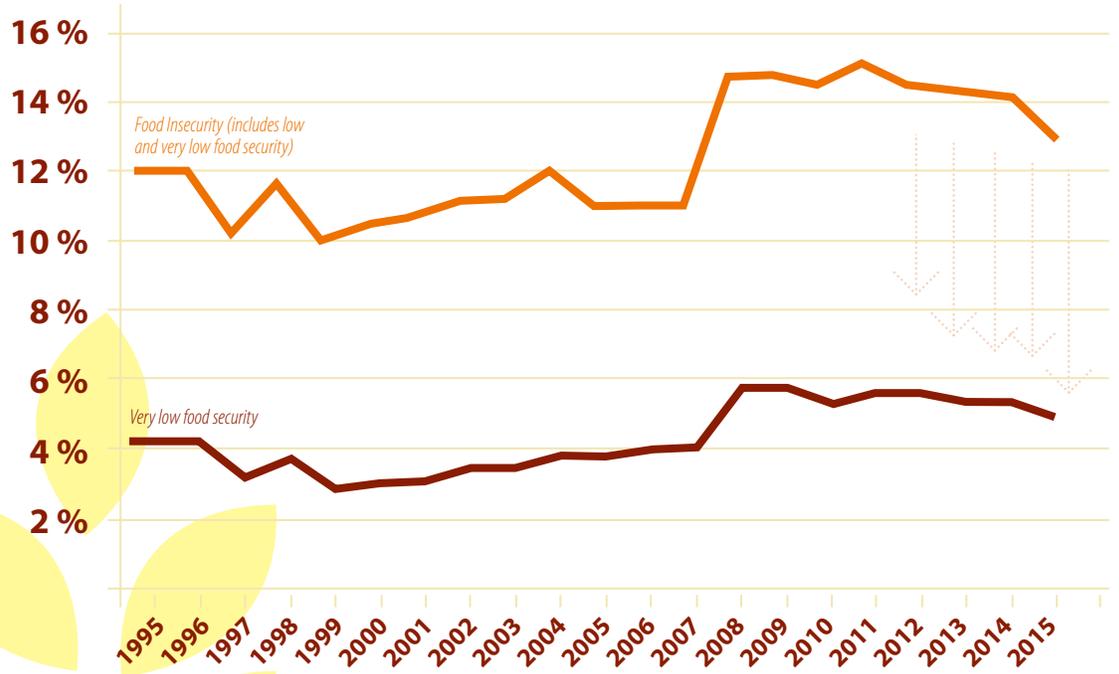
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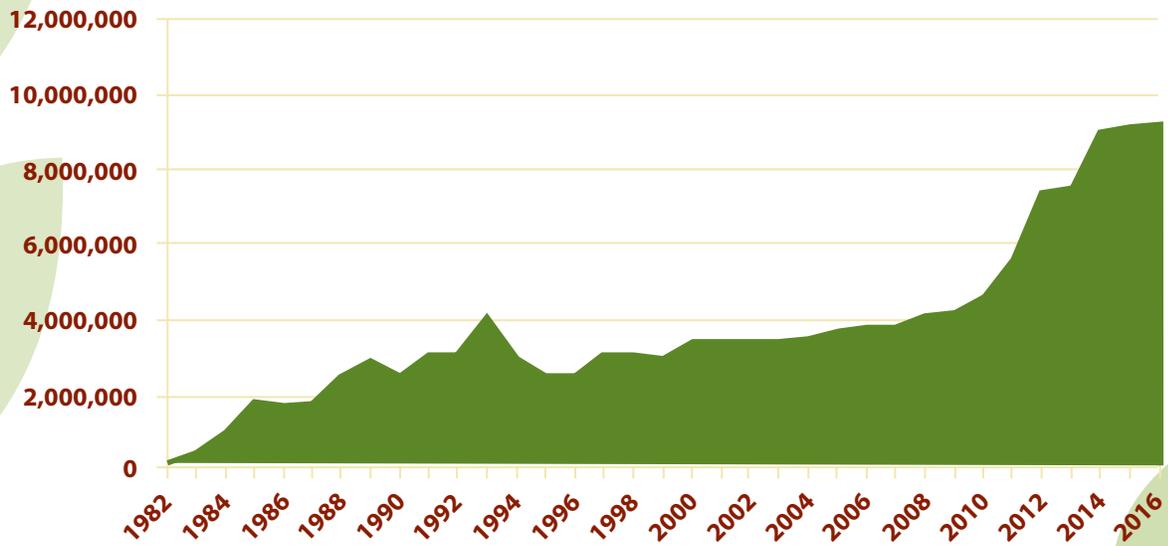
Trends in Hunger

FOOD INSECURITY 1995-2015



SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

MEALS DISTRIBUTED BY FOOD BANK OF IOWA



SOURCE: FOOD BANK OF IOWA

FROM MINNESOTA TO MISSOURI

SOURCE: FOOD BANK OF IOWA



Our service area encompasses **29,000 square miles** of Iowa



49 of the 55 counties we serve are considered rural



Our longest delivery route, to northwest Iowa, is **nearly 500 miles round trip**



HUNGER

Hunger doesn't take a break, so neither do we. Last year, we provided more than 9 million meals to Iowa children, families, and seniors.



BACKPACK™

We served 5,400 kids in need weekly through our Backpack™ Program, serving 159 schools in 32 counties.



MOBILE PANTRIES

Through 26 mobile pantry distribution sites, we provided 351,076 lbs. of food to 22,404 individuals last year.



FRESH PRODUCE

Last year, we distributed 1,088,029 lbs. of fruits and vegetables, collected from food producers, retailers, and donors.



HARVEST DONATIONS

Farmers, gardeners, and volunteers of all kinds helped provide fresh produce. Our top growers included Tracy Blackmer, who produced 21,251 lbs; the Newton Correctional Facility, which grew 76,928 lbs; and our corporate partners at FBL Financial and John Deere Financial, who harvested 2,813 lbs.



RETAIL PICK-UPS

Our retail partners at stores like Walmart, Target, Hy-Vee, and Fareway donated more than 1,979,622 lbs of food last year.



HUSH

Our partners received 69,464 lbs of fresh, lean venison through the HUSH program, distributing it to Iowans in need.



VOLUNTEERS

1,364 volunteers helped us do our jobs last year, putting in 10,666 hours of time worth \$246,064.62.

2016 Annual Report

Financial Report

Statement of Activities for the year ended June 30, 2016

Revenue

Contributions	\$1,760,830
Agency Revenue	\$549,573
Food & Commodity Donations	\$7,606,311
Other Revenue	\$897,181
Total	\$10,813,895

Expenses

Program Services	\$11,659,332
Administrative Services	\$133,436
Fundraising	\$370,276
Total	\$12,163,044

Statement of Financial Position June 30, 2016

Assets

Cash and Investments	\$2,962,274
Accounts Receivable	\$49,967
Prepaid Expenses & Other Assets	\$27,955
Inventory	\$473,827
Land, Building & Equipment (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	\$1,193,636
Total	\$4,707,659

Liabilities & Net Assets

Liabilities

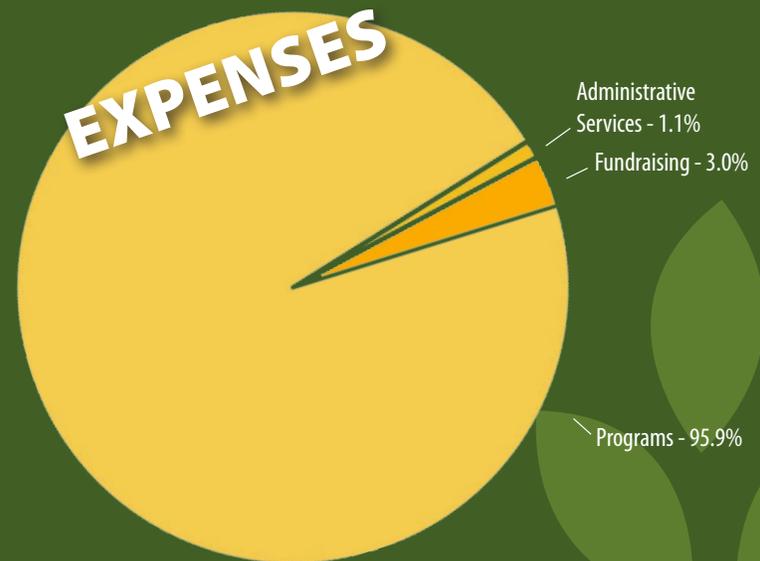
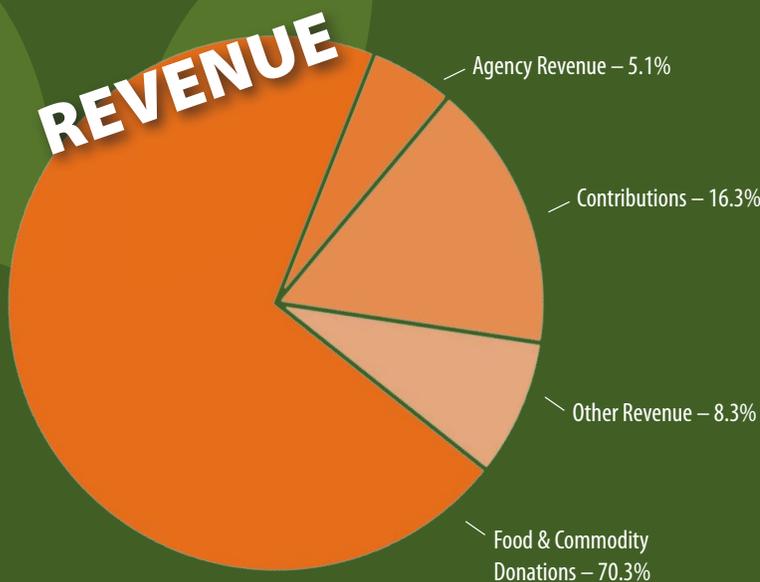
Accounts Payable	\$505,699
Accrued Wages & Related Taxes Payable	\$43,901
Total	\$549,600

Net Assets

Unrestricted	\$4,041,473
Temporarily Restricted	\$116,586
Total	\$4,158,059

Total Liabilities & Net Assets

\$4,707,659



Financial information does not include the Food Bank of Southern Iowa

Building Our Team



Food, trucks, and pantries are all important things, but at the Food Bank of Iowa, we aren't in the "things" business. We're in the people business.

Our mission, vision, and goals all center on people. Children who need a meal over the weekend. Parents who need a little help stocking their shelves. Seniors whose fixed incomes fall short. And our own people: compassionate professionals and volunteers dedicated to our clients. To fulfill our mission, we need the best team possible.

Over the past year, we've made some changes to how we work and added new, enthusiastic hunger fighters to our team.

We've re-designed how some of our team members work, like our regional partnership coordinators, each of whom now serve a smaller number of counties with a view toward creating holistic solutions.

We've added new team members, like Dana Korneisel, whose job is to connect retail stores like Walmart, Target, Hy-Vee, and Fareway with our partners, rescuing foods like bakery bread and fresh produce, and Michaela Devaney, who brings a wealth of experience in volunteer services and community engagement.

As our team grows and changes, we keep our mission to help people at the forefront. We provide food for Iowa children, families, and seniors to live healthy, active lives, strengthening the communities where they live.

As we reflect on how our team has changed, we can't help but look back on our roots. We are eternally grateful to those hunger fighters who have called the Food Bank of Iowa their own over the past 35 years. Their legacy is our foundation.

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Serving Our Largest Metro



Within the Food Bank of Iowa's service area, about 180,000 children, families, and seniors struggle to get enough food. About a third of those people live in one area: the Des Moines metro. The state's largest city is the home of our distribution center, and that's no accident.



"About 54,000 people in Des Moines are deemed to be food insecure," said Matt Unger, distribution director at the Food Bank of Iowa. "That's why

we distributed almost 2.5 million meals to the metro last year through nearly 100 partners."

Some of our most dedicated partners also call Des Moines home. The DMARC Food Pantry Network, which serves thousands of residents through its network of 12 pantries, is our largest partner in Polk County. Last year, we distributed more than 560,000 meals through DMARC's pantries—almost one quarter of our total distribution in Polk County.

"Our roots here are strong, and we will always work to serve Polk County residents in need, just as we help those in all the counties we serve."

"Des Moines has always been, and will always be, the Food Bank of Iowa's home," said Food Bank of Iowa President and CEO Michelle Book. "Our roots here are strong, and we will always work to serve Polk County residents in need, just as we help those in all the counties we serve."



Make a Gift, Change a Life

Each gift you make to the Food Bank of Iowa this holiday season is an investment in someone's future. Every dollar we receive this holiday season turns into 4 meals for Iowa children, families, and seniors, helping them lead more healthy, active lives. Just \$100 can feed a family of four for more than a month, allowing them to focus on education, health, and a more fulfilling life.

Making it Work

"I should have retired, but I have to keep working. I work almost full time, but I don't get any jobs during the summer. Here I am at the food pantry, but it's OK. I've been a giver. I feel lucky to be an American."

– 75-year-old woman at St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, Des Moines



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