



OFF THE SHELF

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The Priceless Work of Volunteering

The benefit of volunteers to the Foodbank can be summed up in a quote by Sherry Anderson, “Volunteers don’t get paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.” The Foodbank has volunteers ranging in age from 12 to 90, who come with a variety of skill sets – from sorting in the warehouse, to answering phones, driving our retail route, or manning stations at Healthy Food Distributions. Through their service, volunteers help the Foodbank distribute more food to those in need.

In Fiscal Year 2017, our volunteers contributed over 13,000 hours of work, equating to six full-time staff members. The need for skilled volunteer positions is becoming increasingly important as the Foodbank grows in its service to the community. Without these volunteers, the Foodbank would be substantially limited in its ability to provide services.

Volunteer, Alfred Hampton, spent the better part of four decades driving a vehicle for his company. After retiring, he found himself needing things to do, so he decided to volunteer. He has become a jack of all trades, from performing maintenance tasks, to auditing internal safety conditions, to driving our retail pick up route. “I’ve always had a passion for food and people being hungry. To be able to be a part of the solution now by using my specific skill set has really been a blessing,” said Hampton.



Virginia Mitchell volunteers her time doing clerical work for the Foodbank on a weekly basis.

It’s not just physical work that our volunteers have helped with at the Foodbank. For four years, Virginia Mitchell has used her background as a registered nurse to help out with data-entry and clerical work. Her experience with computer inputting and confidentiality has not only made her an asset to the Foodbank, but given new goals to her life after retirement.

“I’m learning new things, I’m retired, but I’m still learning and doing,” said Mitchell. “I think it’s important to give back, my parents volunteered their whole lives, so I have always believed in doing your part to help.”

The Foodbank is always looking for volunteers who bring a unique set of skills to the table. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please contact Elaina Feuerbach at 522-4022 or efeuerbach@centralilfoodbank.org.

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The Beatles once wrote a song titled “With a Little Help from My Friends.” It is considered one of the 500 best songs ever written, according to Rolling Stone Magazine, and it might just be because it’s so relatable. We all need help to get by from time to time, and the Foodbank is no exception. Our volunteers, donors, and partners are the keys to our success and help us carry out our mission year after year - getting food on the tables of those who need it most.

Our volunteers have always been members of the Foodbank family. They come to us with all kinds of skill sets that we have found critical to our success. Their countless hours spent doing anything from answering the phones, to sorting food, to even picking up product, have allowed us to get more food out to our neighbors.

I love getting to know those who lend their talents to the Foodbank. Each volunteer has a story of what brought them through our doors, and some of them come to us wanting to utilize the skills they used in the workforce. I have seen all kinds of skilled workers come in wanting to give back to their community on a volunteer basis, and as one of our volunteers put it, it’s a win-win. The volunteer gets to continue doing work they love, for the good of the community, while the Foodbank benefits from their unique skill set.

I cannot express enough how important these folks are to our organization. I have always maintained that we can’t do it without them, and that statement has never held more true. As we adapt to an ever changing world and grow with the times, our skilled volunteers are essential to helping us become more effective, while making the biggest impact possible. If you have a special skill to share, we would love to have you. I promise you, your impact will be felt and appreciated.

Pam Molitoris

Caterpillar Grant Helps Provide Holiday Meals in Macon County

Central Illinois Foodbank received a nearly \$36,000 grant from the Caterpillar Foundation to provide food to more than 17,000 people who face hunger in Macon County. A member of the Feeding America network, Central Illinois Foodbank is one of 30 food banks selected to receive this grant.

“We are thankful to the Caterpillar Foundation for its commitment to fighting hunger and supporting families in need in our community,” said Pam Molitoris, Central Illinois Foodbank Executive Director. “Because of this grant, we have been able to purchase 1,460 turkeys for families and children this Thanksgiving. We will also be able to provide milk, eggs, and fresh produce for holiday meals this season, thanks to the Caterpillar Foundation’s generosity.”

This grant is one of many given to Feeding America and its member food banks as part of a national investment to help alleviate hunger across the country, including 38 counties where Caterpillar employees live and work. In total, this donation will help provide over 250,000 meals to local children and families in need.



Central Illinois Foodbank’s Food & Agency Resources Director, Kristy Gilmore presents Turkeys to (Left) Rev. Stacy Brohard, Good Samaritan Inn and Robin Murray, Decatur Catholic Charities

RECENT NEWS



The 19th Annual Harvest Celebration raised over \$92,000 for Central Illinois Foodbank. The evening featured music by the Sangamon Valley Youth Symphony. Newschannel 20/ Fox Illinois was presented the Good Samaritan Award for their continued dedication to fighting hunger in central Illinois. We greatly appreciate the sponsorships for this event, both old and new.

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Franklin Christian Church Food Pantry

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Seventh Day Adventist Church Food Pantry

Spotlight on Hunger

Tanika Jones and her husband both work, but with five growing children it's hard to include fresh fruits and vegetables into their grocery budget. Even with extreme couponing, their grocery bill hits almost \$350 every month and that sometimes doesn't allow for fresh and healthy foods. Thankfully, for the Jones, three of their children attend Matheny-Withrow Elementary School in Springfield.

For the past three months, the Foodbank has been delivering fresh fruits and vegetables to Matheny every Thursday. "Without having to buy produce at the grocery store we have been able to save around \$70 a month on groceries," said Jones. "Now I'm doing our budget around the fresh produce we get on Thursdays."

Tanika has been able to make a lot of different dishes from the produce she receives including: apple pie, fresh-cut french fries, and even a cauliflower crust pizza. While the Jones family has benefited greatly from the produce, Tanika knows other families have as well. "I think this produce allows families to make healthier choices, because if they have to choose between convenience foods and fresh produce they are going to choose convenience foods due to the cost. Families just buy what they can afford."

The Foodbank delivers around 1,500 pounds of fresh produce to the elementary school each week, which serves around 250 kids.



Tanika Jones and her family receive fresh produce weekly at Matheny-Withrow Elementary

Coffee and Donuts Giveaway Raises Over \$900

On November 15th, the Foodbank held its first ever coffee and donuts drive-through. Thanks to in-kind donations from Krispy Kreme Donuts and Custom Cup Coffee in Springfield, free coffee and donuts were offered, but donations to the Foodbank were accepted. In just three hours the Foodbank was able to raise \$925, which equates to 6,475 meals provided to those who are hungry in central and southern Illinois. Sports Radio 1450 also participated in the event, holding their morning show AM Springfield at the Foodbank.





2017 ANNUAL REPORT



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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended May 31st, 2017

Revenues and Other Support

Program Service Fees	\$ 850,657
Grants & Contracts	505,839
Contributions	1,563,812
Contributed Food Received	18,327,786
Interest	4,860
Other	35,464

Total Revenues and Other Support **\$ 21,288,418**

Expenses

Foodbank Operations	\$ 2,037,512
Contributed Food Distributed	18,530,449
Administrative & Fundraising	489,527
Depreciation	132,418

Total Expenses **\$21,189,906**

Change in Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 98,512
Change in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	0
Change in Net Assets	98,512

Net Assets at Beginning of Year 6,592,520

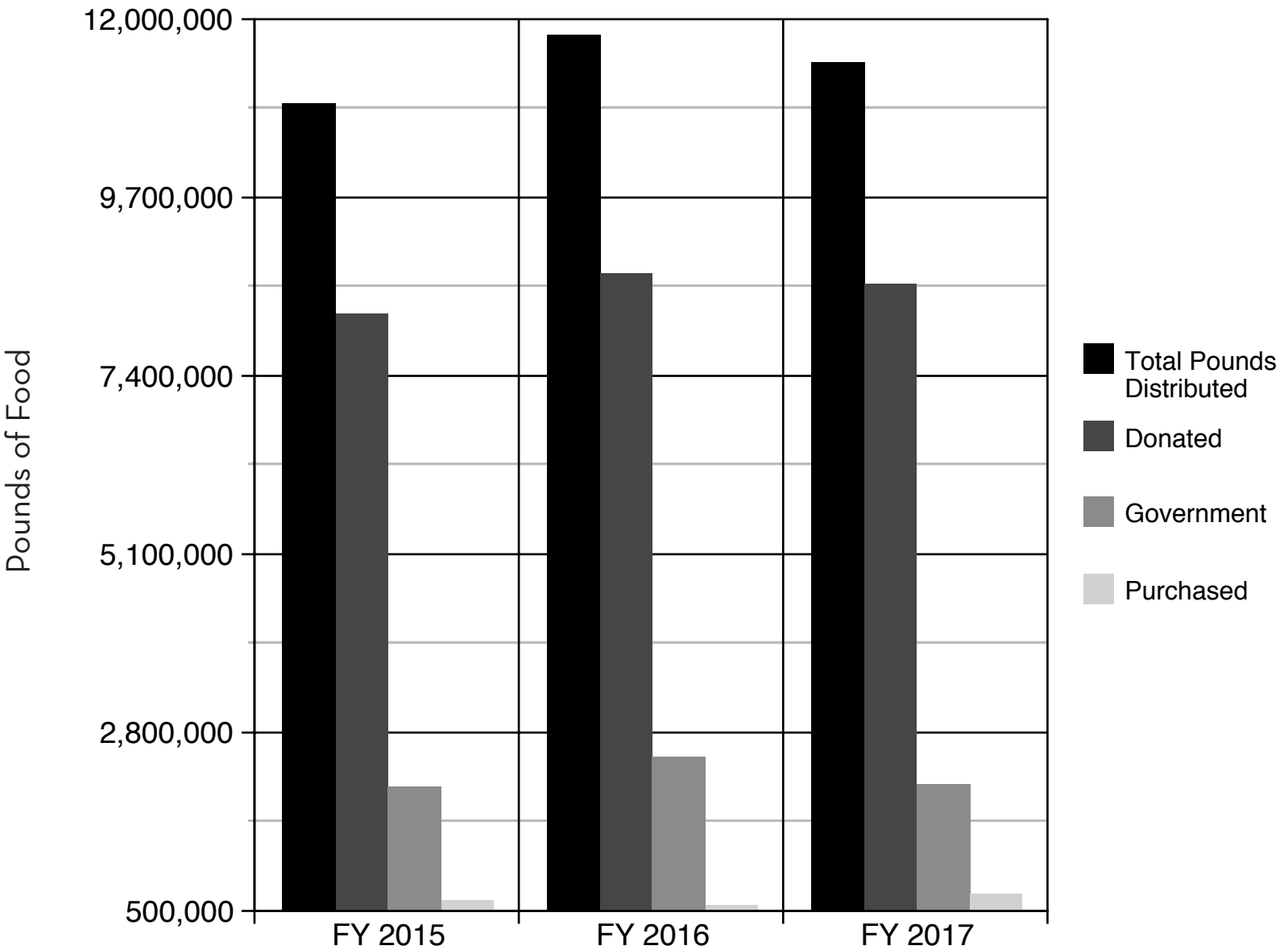
Net Assets at End of Year **6,691,032**



97% of every dollar goes directly to feed the hungry.

3% goes to administrative and fundraising costs.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION MIX IN POUNDS



Charity Navigator awarded Central Illinois Foodbank its 8th consecutive 4-star rating, the highest rating they bestow on the charities they monitor. Charity Navigator is America's premier independent charity evaluator. Charity Navigator uses an unbiased, objective, numbers-based rating system to assess the financial health of America's best known and largest charities.

OUR MISSION

Central Illinois Foodbank's mission is to collect donated food and grocery items from growers, manufacturers, processors, wholesalers and retailers for distribution to charitable agencies serving those in need, and work with public and private organizations to develop creative solutions to end hunger.