



2014 ANNUAL REPORT

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended May 31st, 2014

Revenues and Other Support

Program Service Fees	\$	984,943
Grants & Contracts		402,646
Contributions		1,302,461
Contributed Food Received		16,701,531
Interest		3,216
Other		6,021
Loss on Sale		(28,723)
Net Assets Released from Restrictions		16,403
Total Revenues and Other Support		\$ 19,388,498

Expenses

Foodbank Operations	\$	1,720,797
Contributed Food Distributed		16,503,531
Administrative & Fundraising		455,840
Depreciation		121,577
Total Expenses		\$18,801,745

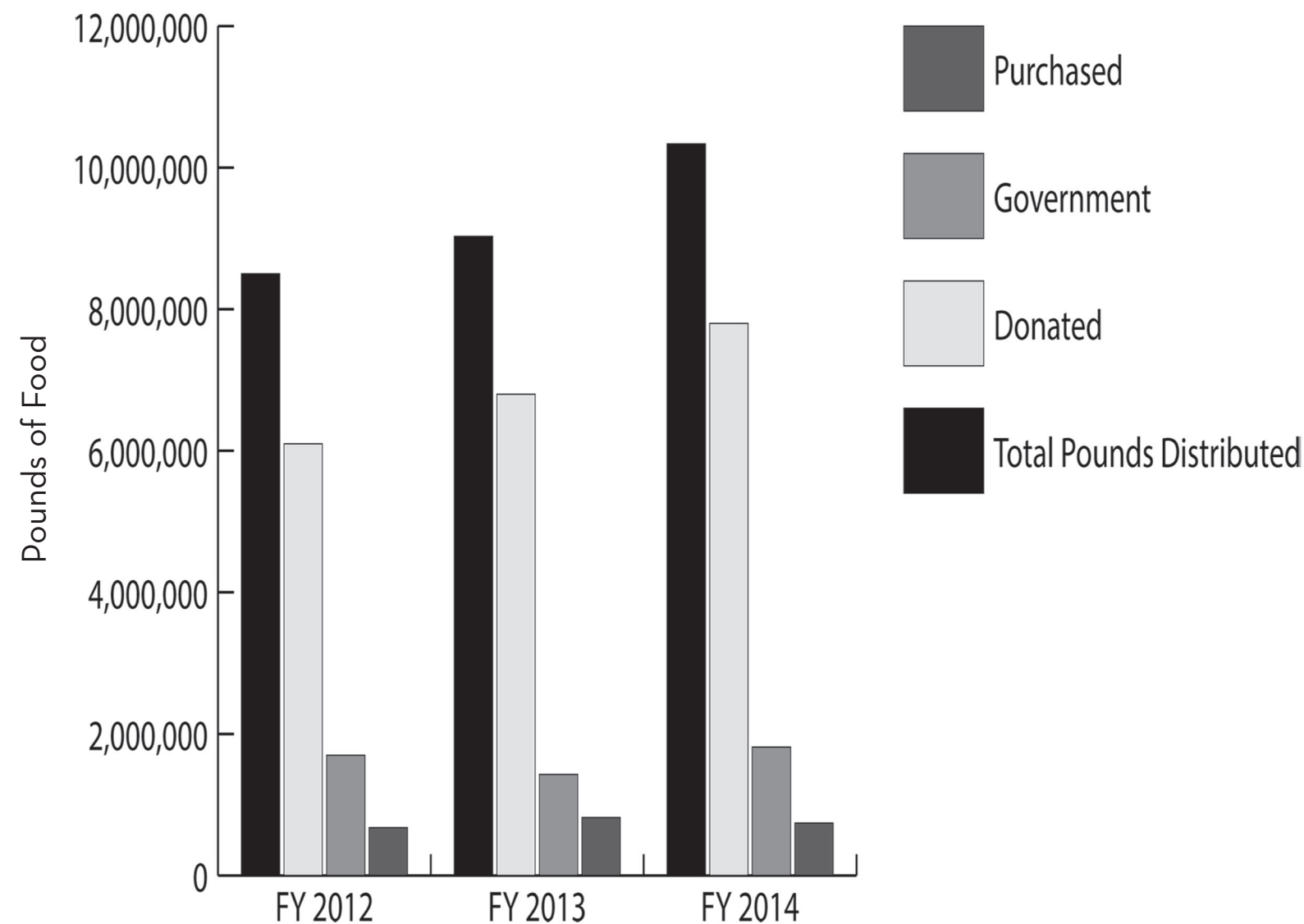
Change in Unrestricted Net Assets	\$	586,753
Change in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets		(16,403)
Change in Net Assets		570,350
Net Assets at Beginning of Year		4,742,556
Net Assets at End of Year		5,312,906



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

3% goes to administrative and fundraising costs.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION MIX IN POUNDS



Charity Navigator again awarded Central Illinois Foodbank a 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

To collect donated food and grocery items from growers, manufacturers, processors, wholesalers and retailers for distribution to charitable agencies serving people in need.



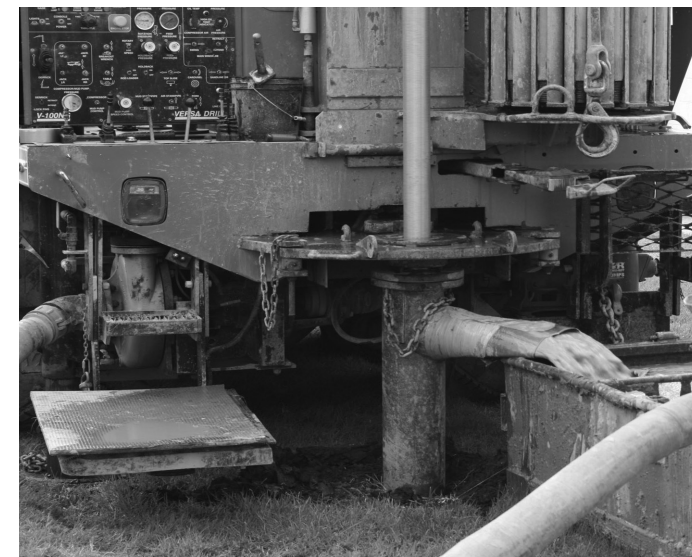
OFF THE SHELF

SPRING 2015 NEWSLETTER & ANNUAL REPORT

The Foodbank Goes Green

This fall work began on an estimated \$850,000 geothermal project that will help cut utility costs at the Foodbank's 56,000 square foot facility. The geothermal project will help heat and cool a portion of the building.

50 wells were dug 200 feet deep in the open lawn on the east side of the Foodbank's Cook Street location to install a closed loop geothermal heating and cooling system in the ground.



One of the first 50 wells being drilled in October 2014.

The system will use the earth as a heat source in the winter and a heat sink in the summer, resulting in significantly lower energy consumption.

"We want to put our resources towards feeding people in central Illinois, not towards paying utilities. The geothermal project will allow us to save on operating costs and put that savings towards food," said Central Illinois Foodbank executive director, Pam Molitoris.

This energy conservation project comes with a hefty price tag of nearly \$850,000, but \$750,000 of that amount is being funded through a consent decree settlement between Dominion and the US EPA involving Kincaid Power Station.

The first phase of the geothermal project is complete, and the system is heating the volunteer sort room.

Phase two will begin this spring - converting the rest of the offices to geothermal heating and cooling.



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DIRECTOR'S DISH

by Pam Molitoris
Executive Director



As I sit here just a few days before Christmas, I have crossed off the last gift to buy on my shopping list. Now it's time to start a new list, the dreaded New Year's resolution list. We have all made resolutions, but how many have we seen through the whole year? I'm still trying to stay off the chocolate and in a constant struggle to eat healthier. While I'm sure I am not alone in the 'eat healthy' resolution category, so many in central Illinois are just hoping to have food on the table in 2015.

As you are in the midst of honoring your New Year's resolutions or maybe still deciding on some, I encourage you to think about those who made it their New Year's resolution to provide food for their families. The holidays are always a great reminder to help those in need, but once all the gifts have been opened and all the family is gone, hunger still exists for over 118,000 people in our communities.

If you are still looking for that New Year's resolution, why not make it helping your neighbor? There are several resolutions you can make to help feed hungry families in central Illinois: making out a check, inviting a neighbor to dinner, spreading the word about hunger in our community or volunteering your time and talents. A resolution to charitable giving is a worthwhile one.

However you can help this year, those we serve would be so grateful. As for me, I will continue my resolutions of eating healthy and helping to make sure that those who are hungry don't go to bed with an empty stomach.

Pam Molitoris

Rotary Donates Citrus

For the second year in a row the Rotary Club of Springfield offered the option during their annual citrus sale to purchase a \$20 box of citrus to be donated to Central Illinois Foodbank. In the first year the Foodbank received over 2,000 pounds of fresh citrus through the Rotary sale. This year 5,200 pounds of fresh oranges and grapefruit were donated. Last year we distributed 1.7 million pounds of fresh produce and are on track to surpass that in 2015.



The 16th Annual Harvest Ball raised over \$88,000 for Central Illinois Foodbank. The evening featured entertainment from the Millikin Jazz Band. Walmart was presented the Good Samaritan Award for its continued dedication to fighting hunger in Central Illinois. Last year, Walmart donated 1.5 million pounds of food to the Foodbank. We greatly appreciate the sponsorships for this event, both old and new.

2014 Sponsors

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RECENT NEWS

Walmart Awards \$60,000 Grant

This fall Central Illinois Foodbank competed against 132 other food banks in Walmart's *Fight Hunger. Spark Change.* campaign. The social media campaign, which spanned from September 15th to October 5th, gave food banks a chance to win \$60,000 from Walmart if their food bank finished in the top 50 in online voting through the social media site Facebook. Central Illinois Foodbank received support from 21 counties and 150 agencies to garner enough votes to finish in the top 20 and receive one of the \$60,000 grants from Walmart.

In addition, three of the Foodbank's partners also benefitted from the award. Quincy Catholic Charities, Northeast Community Fund in Decatur and St. Martin Deporres in Springfield all received a \$5,000 credit at the Foodbank. The remainder of the money will go towards procuring fresh produce during the winter months.

Get Involved -- Volunteer!

Take a tour or learn about volunteering!

Volunteers are needed to help with sorting product Monday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Can't make it during the day? Not a problem, we are open every Wednesday until 7:00 p.m. and the second Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

If you would like to volunteer, please fill out the initial volunteer application on our website at CentralILFoodbank.org or pick one up at our facility on Cook Street.

Please contact Stephanie Schwermin at: 217-522-4022 with any immediate questions.

Spotlight on Hunger

Jennifer Robinson is a married mother of four. Her husband works a full-time job, sometimes up to 60 hours a week to help ends meet for their family. With four kids and the rising cost of daycare, Jennifer stays home knowing that daycare would eat up her whole paycheck. "We are on food stamps, but only receive \$200 a month to feed our family of six, which doesn't last very long," said Robinson.

In 2013, Jennifer and her husband were struggling during the Christmas season. With no answer for their children when they asked what's for dinner, they turned to Two Rivers Pantry in Mt. Sterling and their Christmas basket program. The program provides families with the food they need to have a holiday meal together.

After receiving a Christmas basket from Two Rivers, Jennifer and her family started to visit the pantry when food ran low and money got tight. "Everybody hopes that they don't need it, but with four kids at home you just do what you have to do."

Jennifer's family is just one of the many families that utilize the services of one of our 150 agencies throughout our 21-county region.



Jennifer Robinson visits Brown Co. TRRC in Mt. Sterling.

Donor Wall Unveiled

In September the Foodbank capped off their Growing Forward Campaign with the unveiling of the Growing Forward Donor Wall. The donors listed on the wall contributed just over \$1.5 million towards the Foodbank's Growing Forward campaign.

