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Spring 2021 &
Annual Report

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SPREADING HOPE

A Community comes together

Director's Dish

Recently, I found myself asking — what is the definition of community? As is often the case in the English language, there is no one definition.

Two of the definitions I found were – a group of people with a common characteristic or living together with a larger society, and a unified body of individuals.

When I think of the Foodbank's community, the definition I think holds most true is — a unified body of individuals. We come from different geographic communities, have different professions and different interests, but the one characteristic that unifies us is our passion to provide a basic need — food.

In the last several months, the Foodbank has delivered food to its network of partners, hosted

drive-thru distributions, and provided food directly to children and seniors. With your help and the help of countless partners and volunteers who sorted and handed out food, pre-boxed groceries, and delivered food in our refrigerated vans, together we have provided hope for our neighbors.

There is still much work to be done, however, we are inspired and encouraged by the efforts of our partners, volunteers, and donors. Thank you for being part of our community!

Pam Molitoris

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Executive Director



Community Partnerships



Partnering with the YMCA of Springfield, the Foodbank provided 735 sack lunches made by Nelson's Catering for area students using the YMCA as a remote learning site. "By the Foodbank providing nutritious foods for students, our staff can focus our resources on working with the students in other areas," said Sarah Brewer, Association Director of Youth Development.



Suzy Parn, head of the **Corporate Charitable Committee at Dot Foods**, emphasized the importance of partners in meeting communities' needs. "While this last year has been a challenge to our business, the silver lining has been our ability to provide food to people in need in our communities and nationwide. Through our partnership with the Foodbank and many similar agencies, we've been able to fulfill our company's values of caring and sharing with our neighbors. The commitment of our employees has made it possible for us to provide the millions of pounds of food donations we've made in 2020. Thank you to everyone at Central Illinois Foodbank for the inspiring work you do, and for allowing us to participate in your mission — which means we're fulfilling our charitable mission as well."



"Oyster stew has been a family tradition during the holidays," says Robbie Roberts of **Robert's Seafood**. "Each year, Robert's Seafood supplies Chesapeake Bay fresh oysters for the families of central Illinois. This year with family gatherings limited during Thanksgiving, we found ourselves long on our fresh inventory. My daughter and co-owner, Andrea, thought it would a great gesture to supply many of our senior citizens that have been 'couped up' this year with a bowl of our famous oyster stew. A call to Pam at the Foodbank is all it took. She engaged the folks at Nelson's Catering to take our recipe and produce over 750 bowls of stew and distribute to area seniors. Our family has been blessed by our community; we were humbled to be able to spread some of that love back to our senior citizens."

Tackling Hunger!

With the 2020 high school football season sidelined by the COVID-19 pandemic, Derek Parris, Sports Director with Channel 1450, wanted to find a competitive way to help the community. His play: the "Fill the Trailer" food drive. "I wanted to come up with something fun to do and to allow teams to still compete and to have something to strive for ... and pairing it with helping the community just made sense," said Parris.

Channel 1450 invited football teams from the Central State Eight and the Sangamo conferences to join them to "Fill the Trailer" for the Foodbank. As word spread, Parris received text messages and emails from coaches eager to help. "The food drive for us was a chance to give the kids an opportunity

to make an effort in a group dynamic," said David Hay, Head Football Coach at Glenwood High School. "They are missing that terribly right now. The opportunity to participate and then value efforts on the behalf of others is the most valuable lesson any student gets from high school athletics ... and this drive helped fill that hole ..."

The teams collected \$1,500 and 10,475 pounds of non-perishable food items, which provides nearly 18,000 meals, making our neighbors the big winners!

Ten schools from Sangamon and Menard counties — Glenwood, Auburn, Southeast, Williamsville, Rochester, Sacred Heart Griffin, Pleasant Plains, New Berlin, PORTA, and Athens — lined up outside the Foodbank for the final results. "Our players, parents, and community love to compete. So, it was fun to take on the area with this food drive. It was even more fun to see the excitement that it generated when we brought in the food!" said Aaron Kunz, Head Football Coach at Williamsville High School.

The leading scorer was Auburn at 2,663 pounds followed by Southeast at 1,995 pounds, then Williamsville at 1,317 pounds and Glenwood at 1,090 pounds. "We didn't know what to expect this year but there was an incredible turnout," said Parris. The teams collected \$1,500 and 10,475 pounds of non-perishable food items, which provides nearly 18,000 meals, making our neighbors the big winners!

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Spreading Hope Through Holiday Meals

Rob Titone, with Friend-In-Deed, knew that the annual holiday assistance program's 60th year had to be different. "This year, we focused our efforts on food because it is an important and basic human need," said Rob.



"The Foodbank is so professional at distributing food that it was nice to brainstorm with Pam to find the most efficient and effective way to help the most people this holiday season."

Friend-In-Deed and Central Illinois Foodbank partnered with Nelson's Catering of Central Illinois to create 2,500 holiday meals, which were delivered before Thanksgiving and Christmas to seniors at

seven Springfield locations: Capitol Retirement Village, Bonansinga, Hildebrandt, Villas at Vinegar Hill, Senior Services, Sangamon Towers, and Park Tower.

"The pork chop was so tender, the food was all good, and it all meant so much to all of us," said Shirley, an active resident at the Capitol Retirement Village.

Vicki Selvaggio, Professional Service Coordinator at Capitol Retirement Village, echoed Shirley's sentiments. "The residents could feel the generosity, understanding, and compassion. You see, it's more than a chicken, ham, or turkey meal — it's hope."



Spotlight on Hunger

In 2020, Larry's daughter and two grandchildren temporarily moved in with he and his wife, who are disabled and on a fixed income. Food distributions are essential to help the family make the most of limited funds, and Larry often invites others to go with him as he visits distributions several times a month.

"We appreciate the food. It's all good. We are able to use the money that would have paid for groceries to pay our other bills, like utilities and medical bills."



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FY20 Statement of Activities

Year Ended May 31, 2020



Every dollar you donated helped us provide the equivalent of

six meals.

97%

Thanks to the combined impact of donated food and funds, 97% of the Foodbank's expenses directly support programs that feed people.

Revenues and Other Support

Program Service Fees	\$ 867,849
Grants & Contracts	\$ 1,588,876
Contributions	\$ 2,371,614
Contributed Food Received	\$ 12,855,419
Interest	\$ 29,245
Other	\$ 21,020

Total Revenues & Other Support	\$ 17,734,023
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Expenses

Foodbank Operations	\$ 2,736,031
Contributed Food Distributed	\$ 13,318,487
Administrative & Fundraising	\$ 444,253
Depreciation	\$ 186,174

Total Expenses	\$ 16,684,945
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Change in Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	\$ 817,991
Change in Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	\$ 231,087

Total Change in Net Assets	\$ 1,049,078
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Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$ 7,129,608
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Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 8,178,686
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Growing Forward

Nourishing Our Neighbors

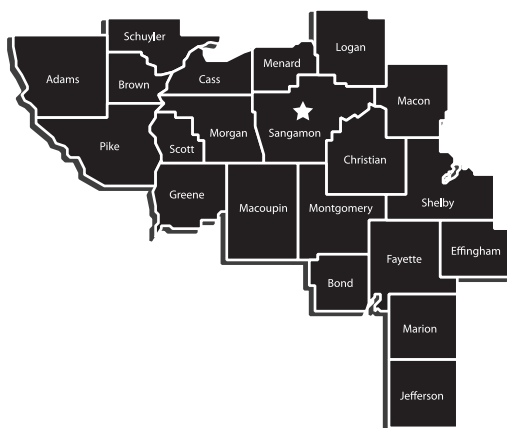
Vision

Access to and Awareness of Healthy Food For All

Mission

To provide food, and develop awareness of and creative solutions for food insecurity.

In our 21 county service area



Over 120,000 people

don't know where their next meal will come from

1 in 4 children

faces hunger

1 in 7 people

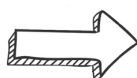
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We Distributed



10.3 million

pounds of food

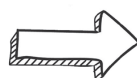


including



2.8 million

pounds of fresh produce

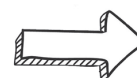


providing



8.6 million

meals across 21 counties



hosting



85 Drive-thru

distributions throughout central and southern Illinois

Our community donated over **13,400** volunteer hours which is equivalent to **6.5** full-time employees.

To Help Others Find Food

Visit the **Food Locator** at centralilfoodbank.org

Text the word **FINDFOOD** to **855-536-6320**

Standard carrier message and data rates may apply, based on your cell phone carrier. If you would no longer like to receive messaging, please text the word STOP to (855)536-6320 and you will be unsubscribed immediately. For help with the system, please text the word HELP to (855)536-6320. You may receive up to FOUR messages per month based on need of emergency messaging.



Charity Navigator awarded Central Illinois Foodbank its 11th consecutive 4-star rating, the highest rating they bestow on the charities they monitor. Only 1% of the thousands of charities rated by Charity Navigator have earned this recognition. Charity Navigator is the largest charity evaluator in America and its website attracts more visitors than all other charity rating groups combined. The organization helps guide intelligent giving by evaluating the Financial Health and Accountability & Transparency of more than 8,000 charities. Charity Navigator accepts no advertising or donation from the organizations it evaluates, ensuring unbiased evaluations, nor does it charge the public for this trusted data.