



Off the Shelf

Fall 2026



Thanks to Steve and Jodie Koch, 5,000 meals helped kick off summer, providing nourishment to students and seniors across our community.



Pam Molitoris
Executive Director

Director's Dish

It's a Wonderful Life is one of my favorite movies. I know – it isn't the holidays, but I think the overall message in the movie is relevant. The moral that every individual's life has meaning, and our everyday choices and connections shape the world in ways we often don't realize, rings true today.

I think about the druggist in the movie and how George was kind to Mr. Gower even when he lashed out at him after not delivering a prescription, how he helped him avoid a tragic mistake as he was grieving his son who had died in an influenza outbreak. We see what happened when George was granted his wish and never existed, the

tragic fallout from the wrong prescription being delivered and the demise of Mr. Gower for the mistake that George wasn't there to catch. This scene is a powerful reminder of how one person, how one action, can change the world, and often that moment does not even register.

As we work toward our vision of access to and awareness of healthy foods for all, your actions can change the world, can leave a mark. You are leaving a legacy, a footprint of kindness and connection when you help feed our neighbors.

When I think of the children and seniors you help feed, the parents you help breathe a little easier, the families who are able to share a meal together due to your generosity, it reminds me of how we are connected in this world, and how together we shape it!

Pam Molitoris

Community Partnerships at Work



A family, surrounded by kindness and support, shows their excitement at a Decatur distribution.



The Illinois Farm to Food Bank program supports local farms like Mueller Family Farms and our efforts to provide healthy foods to neighbors.

SAVE THE DATE!



Hickory Point Bank's 5th Annual Cereal Drive

Sept. 22 | 6:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

3131 Wabash Ave., Springfield, IL 62704

This Hunger Action Month, help provide **56,000 bowls** of breakfast for kids in our community! Donate breakfast essentials to help children start their day with the nutrition they need. Then stick around to enjoy delicious food from The Taco Joint and take your shot at dunking local community leaders in a dunk tank!



Can't make it?
Scan to send items directly
to the Foodbank!

For more information, please contact Chloe Lucca at 217-522-4022 ext. 226 or clucca@centralilfoodbank.org, or Alexis Johnson at 217-522-4022 ext. 211 or ajohnson@centralilfoodbank.org.



Heartland Credit Union's Hygiene Drive

Oct. 14 | 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

2213 W. White Oaks Dr., Springfield, IL 62704

We're excited to partner with Heartland Credit Union for a Hygiene Drive! **Donate new, unopened** feminine hygiene products, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant, and other daily essentials. Hygiene products are among the most requested items at our partner agencies, and your support will help keep these necessities on the shelves for local families.



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