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Eastern Illinois Foodbank



It is only with your support that we continue our mission of alleviating hunger and nourishing stronger communities. Dear friends & supporters,

We recently received a donation from a generous donor accompanied by the following note:

"Your work in our community is paramount. Thanks for all you do!"

She is right. Our work is paramount - vital and important - across the 17 counties we serve. I graciously accept her thanks and praise. But I'd like to pass on that gratitude to you – our most loyal donors and partners. It is only with your support that we continue our mission of alleviating hunger and nourishing stronger communities. Thank you for believing in our work and generously supporting it. Your investment is valued and never more important than now, as we see more and more people in need.

News statistics were released in 2015 showing a staggering 15.6% of the people living in our service area are food insecure - meaning they don't know from where their next meal is coming. That's significantly higher than the statewide rate of 13.6%. And, in Champaign County alone, that figure jumps to over 17% - one in every six people and one in every four kids.

Eastern Illinois Foodbank responded to that growing need, focusing programs towards the most vulnerable

populations. The ongoing success of our Healthy Futures Initiative, made up of our School Pantry, BackPack Program Senior Grocery and Foodmobile programs, continues to demonstrate our commitment.

We opened our first elementary school pantry in March 2015 at Garden Hills Elementary School in Champaign and have another local site in the works now. School pantries have proven to be a more consistent food source for children and families as a whole and are great examples of community collaboration supporting local neighborhoods. We now boast six school pantries. Additionally, the Foodbank now oversees four senior feeding sites, in Champaign, Urbana and Mattoon. These programs target the growing senior population, easing their financial burden by providing groceries to meet their unique nutritional needs.

Thanks to your generous gifts and strategic efforts by the Foodbank Board of Directors, staff and community partners, our network of over 200 member food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other emergency feeding programs have strengthened across eastern Illinois. We so appreciate your partnership and commitment to our mission.

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Jim Hires President & CEO



6,250,000 meals were served through EIF's network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other emergency feeding programs.



Financial Report

Public Support & Revenue	
Contributed food	\$8,565,375
Contributions	\$1,185,364
Government grants & contracts	\$2,443,769
Other grants	\$469,956
Program revenue	\$410,962
Total Public Support & Revenue	\$13,075,426
Expenses	
Program services	\$12,549,754
Fundraising	\$411,438
Management & General	\$212,508
Total Expenses	\$13,173,700
Non-Operating	
Investment income (expense)	\$59
Loss on sale of long-lived assets	(\$36,398)
Total Non-Operating	(\$36,339)
Change in Net Assets	(\$134,613)
Net Assets, beginning of year	\$6,401,631

Net Assets, end of year

Individuals 3) Program & Corporate)) Contributions Revenue 19% **58%** 3) \$6,401,631 \$6,267,018 116,000 individuals in eastern Illinois.

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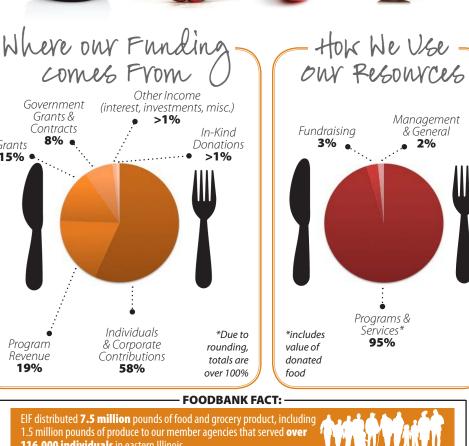
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INDIVIDUAL GIVING

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\$109,999 - \$40,000 United Way of Champaign County

\$39,999 - \$10,000

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DBANK PROGRAMS & OPERATIONS

EIF added two trucks and a van to the fleet in FY15. The cost of one truck was covered entirely thanks to a \$125,000 grant from the Walmart Foundation. Both trucks harness refrigeration capacity which allows us to efficiently distribute and collect food throughout our service area. The addition of these trucks has not only dramatically increased the amount of product delivered to our member agencies but has also increased the amount of fresh produce and refrigerated/frozen product distributed to those in need. The van has ensured that EIF staff and volunteers can safely and efficiently pickup local retail food donations almost every day of the week. Acquiring two state-of-the-art vehicles and a new van has reduced down time during repairs, decreased fuel and routine maintenance costs and has improved overall efficiency in our operation - ensuring our agencies and those they serve have a reliable source of emergency food.

FOODBANK FACT

over 12,500 individuals – including 4,071 children – across 9 counties in eastern Illinoi

FOODBANK FACT:

More than **4,200 seniors**

were served through Senior

Feeding Program sites in

FY15.



The Foodbank launched its first School Pantry in a local elementary school. Garden Hills Elementary School was the first site for our BackPack Program back in 2006

but in February 2015, McKinley Pantry at Garden Hills Elementary School officially opened its doors. Garden Hills Elementary converted from a BackPack Program to a School Pantry Program to respond to a greater need and to provide more food to children and families at their school. The Pantry is open to families after school twice a month.



1,438 households with served through the School



EIF expanded the Senior Grocery Program to 3

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new sites. Washington Square Senior Grocery Program and Faith United Methodist Church Senior Feeding Program in Champaign and Mattoon Community Food Center's Senior Feeding Program in Mattoon focused on alleviating hunger among the senior population in eastern Illinois. Seniors at risk of hunger often face unique barriers such as specific nutritional needs, mobility restrictions and limited food budgets. The Senior Grocery Program is designed to address these obstacles and increase food distribution specifically related to healthy senior eating. This includes making foods available to seniors that are low in sodium, sugar, saturated fat and trans fat.



OPERATION RANGE **12 HOUR REPACK**

In honor of Hunger Action Month, more than 200 volunteers filled the warehouse for EIF's inaugural 12-hour food repack, Operation Orange. Individuals and community groups repacked over 6,000 pounds of bulk cereal and families labeled almost 14,000 cans of mixed vegetables in our Kids' Zone. Repacked food was then made available to our member food pantries, soup kitchens and other emergency feeding programs in eastern Illinois.



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WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS



Eastern Illinois Foodbank was excited to honor Keith Hanson with the first slot in a perpetual plague honoring volunteers who donated 1,000 or more hours in their lifetime. Keith has been volunteering at the Foodbank for over 15

1,000+ HOURS

Keith Hanson

years, stocking shelves and sorting food donations, and surpassed 1.000 hours of service in FY15.



1,489 volunteers donated 7,414 hours of their time last fiscal year - that's equivalent to 3.5 full time employees. The Foodbank is able to maximize limited resources and keep our warehouse stocked with food because of dedicated individuals and organizations that donate their time to alleviating local hunger. Last year, volunteers repacked food, distributed grocery product on Foodmobiles, supported office staff, assisted individuals with applying for SNAP benefits, helped at community events and sorted product in our warehouse. EIF volunteers do so much more than donate their time. They provide hope to those struggling with hunger and are advocates for EIF's mission.



Marv Piwoni



Laura & Glenn Morrison

DAY GIVING

DAY of GIVING

ENBER 2, 2014 marked the second annual Day of Giving food and funds drive. EIF's Day of Giving campaign is an opportunity for our community to come together and fill empty plates for individuals and families struggling to make ends meet across eastern Illinois. Individuals, schools, businesses and organizations in our service area set a new record, raising \$110,000 and collecting an additional 7,600 pounds of food. Combined, over 666,333 meals were raised for local families in need for Day of Giving.

Of that total, almost \$53,000 was designated to county food funds across our service area, directly benefiting and strengthening our network of member agencies. County food funds provide EIF member agencies with increased buying power to procure even more high quality grocery product for those struggling with hunger.

Day of Giving is so much more than a simple food and funds drive. It's a day of generosity. A day of hope. A day that changes lives for many right here in our community.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

EIF recognized the following partners for their significant support in FY15:





SuperValu was presented with the 2015 Food Donor of the Year award.



Illini Fighting Hunger was honored as the 2015 Community Partner of the Year.

Photo Credit: Scott Paceley Photography

County Market was named our **Business Partner of the Year** due to their support of EIF's first ever Day of Giving food and funds drive. County Market offered to host the live event in their parking lot at the busy intersection of Kirby and Duncan roads in west Champaign on December 2, 2014. The success of the campaign is a true testament to County Market's strong leadership, dedicated staff and loyal customers. Day of Giving 2014 wouldn't have been as successful without the support of County Market. They are a true example for other businesses in our community.

SuperValu was named our **Food Donor of the Year**. Supervalu provides offsite freezer storage to the Foodbank, free of charge. This in-kind donation allows EIF to accept and store frozen foods, mainly meat and complete meal product, above and beyond our current cold storage capacity. This extra source of support allows EIF to accept loads of desirable food, like protein and distribute according to demand. Additionally, SuperValu more than doubled their donation from FY14 and significantly impacted the donations of other food manufacturers. In all, SuperValu donated roughly a quarter of a million pounds of food to Eastern Illinois Foodbank in FY15.

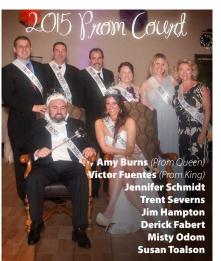
Illini Fighting Hunger was named our **Community Partner of the Year**. On April 11, 2015, more than 1,500 volunteers came together to package over 160,000 meals and an additional 56,000 servings of oatmeal. Nearly all of that food was donated to Eastern Illinois Foodbank from IFH. Illini Fighting Hunger is more than just one day of community and campus support. Since 2012, this group of dedicated Illinois students has engaged over 10,000 volunteers in more than 18,000 hours of public service and has repackaged more than one million meals. Their commitment to the issue of food insecurity personifies the Eastern Illinois Foodbank's mission of alleviating hunger and nourishing stronger communities.

PROM BENEFIT 2 HUNGER RELIEF 2015

In its seventh year, **more than 327,600 meals** (\$54,600 net) were raised at the Prom Benefit in March 2015. Over 250 attendees filled the Hilton Garden Inn ballroom for a night of dancing, fun and raising money to alleviate local hunger. The Prom Court alone, made up entirely of generous community members, fundraised 40% of the night's proceeds. Prom 2015 made a big impact in the lives of those struggling with hunger in our community in FY15.

2015 Prom Committee

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MISSION IMPACT AWARDS

are given to community partners who meaningfully advance the Foodbank's mission. The following were awarded Mission Impact awards in FY15 for their past and current support.

These arardees help drive the Eastern Illinois Foodbank's mission of alleviating hunger in eastern Illinois:

- Sinai Temple
- National Association of Letter Carriers
- Kim Wujek

FOODBANK FACT:

Our community organized events raised more than **\$214,000** in FY15. That's equivalent to **1,284,000 meals** for our neighbors in need.