Eastern Illinois Foodbank

2016 ANNUAL REPORT



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THE HIRES REPORT

Dear friends and supporters,

I often tell people I have the best job in town. I then see a quick look of confusion in their eyes before the conversation continues. They doubt how the daily fight against hunger could ever be enjoyable.

But I stand behind it. With a great staff, supportive Board of Directors and generous donors like you, I really do think I've got a pretty good gig. Looking back on all our impressive work in FY16, it's become even more clear that Eastern Illinois Foodbank is changing lives by bringing food — and hope — to our neighbors in need.

It is reiterated to me on a daily basis — through a donor call or a pantry visit or a talk with a local legislator — that **our work is important and desperately needed by one in every seven people in our community.**

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We launched our Retailers Against Hunger program, partnering with almost 40 local stores to rescue nearly 2 million meals in the first year alone. In February 2016, we opened a pantry at the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District, utilizing a food-as-medicine approach. Delivering healthy meal options and 'food prescriptions' to clients as they visit their health care providers — brilliant!

Last year, we distributed a record 8.6 million pounds of food, including 1.6 million pounds of fresh produce. When I took this job eleven years ago, I only hoped we'd reach numbers of this level.

Without your support, these innovative strategies and overall growth wouldn't be possible. Your donations enable us to meet our mission of alleviating hunger and nourishing stronger communities. Thank you for believing in our work and generously supporting it.

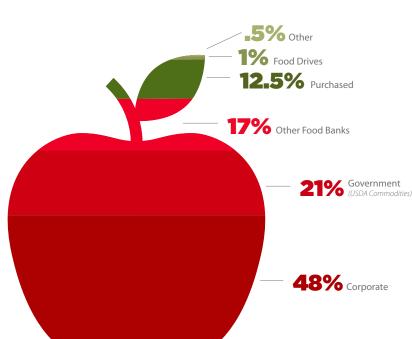
The Foodbank continues to explore creative opportunities that enhance our ability to reach the **one in seven** people locally who struggle with food insecurity. It is my hope that one day, my job won't be needed. For then we really would have won in the fight against hunger.

Jim Hires President& CEO



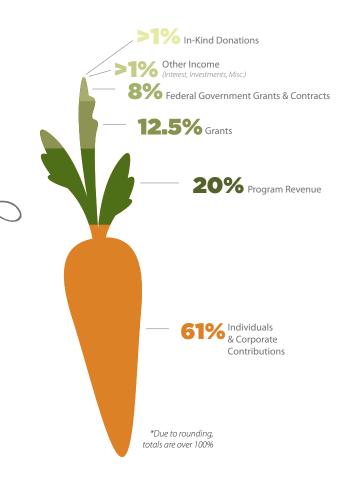
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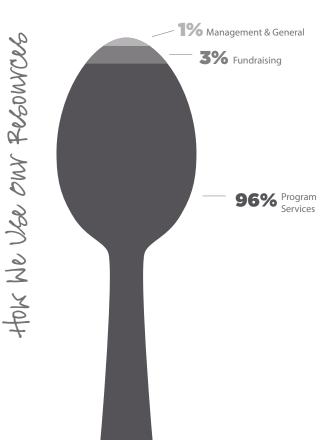
Where our Funding comes From



Financial Report

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Public Support & Revenue	
Contributed food	\$10,469,649
Contributions	\$1,452,080
Government grants & contracts	\$3,560,709
Other grants	\$420,292
Program revenue	\$502,097
Total Public Support & Revenue	\$16,404,827
Expenses	
Program services	\$15,634,903
Fundraising	\$430,997
Management & General	\$236,940
Total Expenses	\$16,302,840
Non-Operating	
Investment income (expense)	(\$28,499)
Loss on sale of long-lived assets	-
Total Non-Operating	(\$28,499)
Change in Net Assets	\$73,488
Net Assets, beginning of year	\$6,267,018
Net Assets, end of year	\$6,340,506
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INDIVIDUAL GIVING

The following donors made a significant contribution to supporting our work in FY16.

\$10,000 +

Samuel Feinberg & Julie Savignac Steven & Elizabeth Mills

\$9,999 - \$5,000

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CORPORATE GIVING

made a significant our work in FY16.

\$110,000 + Feeding America

\$109,999 - \$40,000

Anonymous Donor The Donnini/Rudolph Family **Charitable Fund** United Way of Champaign County

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Advanced Aesthetics Surgery & Laser Center Aldi #37 (Mattoon) Aldi #51 (Pontiac) Aldi #54 (Bloomington) Aldi #8 (Normal) Aldi #89 (Danville) Aldi #90 (Champaign) Aldi #91 (Urbana) Alsum Farms & Produce Inc. Aunt Millie's **Blue Moon Organic Farm** Bridor USA Inc. **Central Illinois Foodbank Central Illinois Produce** Chiquita Coca-Cola Refreshments Conagra Grocery Products, Inc. **Conair Corporation** Country Salvage County Market (Champaign) CVS Pharmacy (Champaign)

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Your Support...



allowed us to distribute a record 8.6 million pounds of food including 1.6 million pounds of fresh produce — to our neighbors in need across our service area.

In July 2015, we expanded our reach from 14 to 17 counties. Dewitt, Livingston & McLean counties became a part of EIF's service area increasing the number of food insecure individuals in our service area by 35%.

Together We ...

12,800 sacks of food delivered to **400** school children through the BackPack Program.

Nearly **8,000** students and their families were fed through our School Pantry Program.

Over **3,700** seniors struggling with hunger received food through Senior Feeding Programs.

Delivered over **571,000** pounds of food and fresh produce on **60 Foodmobiles** which reached **16,600 individuals**, including nearly **6,000 children**, in rural & under-served communities





CODBANK PROGRAMS & OPERATIONS

Retailers Against Hunger. Thanks to grant funding from the Walmart Foundation, EIF launched our **Retailers Against Hunger** Program in August 2015 which has resulted in 39 retail partnerships, over 1,800,000 meals donated and less food waste in local landfills. **Retailers Against Hunger** is a partnership between local food retailers and the Eastern Illinois Foodbank to help alleviate hunger in eastern Illinois.



Food received from retailers is often highly nutritious and generally the most expensive for the Foodbank to obtain. Meat, dairy, produce and baked goods are among the most donated items from stores in the **Retailers Against Hunger program**. Retailers throughout EIF's 17-county service area can join in the fight against hunger. Retail pickups are scheduled during warehouse hours on a recurring basis or the Foodbank will link member agencies in areas with nearby retailers to conduct store pick-ups. This ensures food doesn't go to waste and is distributed network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other emergency feeding programs as quickly as possible.



Food as Medicine. The Champaign-Urbana Public Health District, in collaboration with EIF, debuted a food pantry in February 2016, utilizing a Food as Medicine approach to service. The program uses a pre-packaged distribution model, providing individuals with food to last two to three days. It's designed to be an immediate source of emergency food for children and families struggling to afford an adequate diet for healthy living. Information about other local food pantries and soup kitchens is also shared with patients. This approach has proved incredibly successful for EIF and our agency partners with two additional pantries opening in early FY17 using the same Food as Medicine model.

EIF BREAKS RECORD FOR POUNDS OF FOOD RECEIVED

Eastern Illinois Foodbank brought in **over one million pounds of food** and other grocery product in December 2015, setting a new record for the most pounds received in one month.

The Foodbank received 1,045,079 lbs. of grocery items during the final month of 2015. That total shattered the record of 877,006 lbs. set in January 2014.

The increase is due, in large part, to the generosity of our donors. Donated product for December totaled nearly 600,000 lbs., almost 100,000 lbs. more than the previous record set in August 2005 of 492,836 lbs. In addition to manufacturer and retailer donations, Eastern Illinois Foodbank also receives food from USDA commodities and food drives, while also purchasing a small percentage of product.



In October 2015, the Foodbank asked schools, businesses and organizations to hold a food drive and/or fundraiser to help alleviate hunger during the holiday season. 65 schools, businesses and organizations raised over 76,000 meals alone. Donations were also collected outside two local businesses — County Market on Duncan in Champaign and at NewsTalk1400 in Champaign — and a mass mailer was distributed throughout our 17-county service area. The results were amazing and we couldn't have been more grateful for the support. Day of Giving raised a total 850,000 meals for those struggling with hunger in our community. Our network of agencies throughout our service area were able to access additional and higher quality food thanks to donations made during Day of Giving.

HUNGER ACTION MONTH

EIF again participated in Hunger Action Month in September 2016. Every September, foodbanks across the nation promote a month-long calendar of activities to increase awareness of the issue of local hunger.

HAM highlights: **Operation Orange**

More than 200 volunteers repacked over 5,400 meals and over 15,500 pounds of granola bars for 12 hours to help feed our neighbors in need.



Hickory Point Bank Food & Funds Drive

Our community helped raise more than 25,000 meals during the all-day drive outside of Hickory Point Bank in downtown Champaign.

Chamber After Hours

EIF hosted its first Chamber After Hours with the Champaign County Chamber of Commerce on September 17. We opened our warehouse to the public and shared our mission and vision with business and community leaders.

SNAP Hunger Challenge

From September 20-27, the Eastern Illinois Foodbank invited our community to participate in the SNAP Hunger Challenge and live on \$4.50 a day for seven days. That's the average amount individuals in eastern Illinois were receiving from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP. The Challenge is an exercise in empathy — a call to live in someone else's shoes for one week. By raising awareness of the barriers to accessing high quality, nutritious food on a food stamp budget, we hope to mobilize the public to end hunger in Illinois.

PROM BENEFIT FOR HUNGER RELIEF 2016

Our community came together to raised almost \$90,000 at the Prom Benefit — a new record! Hosted by Jackson Chiropractic and Hilton Garden Inn on March 12, a roomful of generous supporters participated in a heads-tails game, silent and live auctions, raffle, paddle raise and danced the night away, donating 450,000 meals to our neighbors in need.

Our Prom Court broke last year's fundraising record by 10%, raising more than 144,000 meals. Denise Bates and Chas Holder were crowned Prom Queen and King, raising a combined 65,150 meals!

2015 Prom Committee

Clint & Tiffany Jackson, *Co-Chairs* Lorianne Bauer Wendy Davis Paula Hopkins Meghan Kluesner Elisa Palacio Sara Palacio Erika Ross Dawn Van Buskirk Joanne Vician Kristen Bosch, *ElF Representative* Kristen Costello, *ElF Representative*

2016 Prom Court

Denise Bates (Prom Queen) Chas Holder (Prom King) Miranda Bretz Angie Fiala Kristen Long Rob Meister Holly Melby Jarrod Rodgers Matt Schweighart PJ Trautman

Mark your calendar for Prom 2017 which will be held on March 11 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Champaign.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

EIF recognized the following partners for their significant support in FY16:

Walmart vas named our 2016 Food Donor of the Year, after more than doubling their donation from a year ago. Last fiscal year, 16 Walmart stores in the EIF service area donated nearly 1.5 million pounds of food - over 1 million meals - to EIF. That's 15% of our total product intake and a 55% increase over FY15! Through their state giving program, EIF has also been granted funds to purchase two trucks, along with a \$50,000 donation to purchase and install a freezer and cooler unit that expanded our ability to store nutritious product by 60% and increased distribution of frozen product by 25%. Walmart is also a member of our Retailers Against Hunger Program, ensuring food doesn't go to waste and is distributed as quickly as possible.



Sola Gratia Sola Gratia Farm was named our 2016 Community Partner of the Year. Over the past 4 years, Sola Gratia Farm donated more than 30,000 pounds of chemical-free produce to Eastern Illinois Foodbank. The Farm also donates directly to the TIMES Center, Daily Bread Soup Kitchen and Courage Connection's

women's shelters — all of which are EIF member agencies. Last year, almost 40% — roughly 12,000 lbs — of their annual harvest was donated to individuals and families in need in our community.



Common Ground Food Co-op was named EIF's 2016 Business Partner of the Year. Common Ground Food Co-op has supported Eastern Illinois Foodbank for nearly a decade. Their efforts, including the popular 'Round up for Good' campaign and ice cream social, have provided 160,000 meals to hungry

children, families and seniors in our community. In addition to their direct support of the Foodbank, Common Ground offers a "Food for All" program featuring recipes and classes to demonstrate how shopping at the Co-op and eating healthy, sustainable food can be affordable to those on a limited budget. They also offer grants and have a discount program for Co-op owners who qualify for SNAP or are facing a financial setback, furthering EIF's vision of making healthy food available to all.

VOLUNTEER MILESTONES

In FY16, 1,686 volunteers donated 8,280 hours of their time - the equivalent of 4 full time employees - repacking bulk food, distributing food on Foodmobiles, assisting in our office, stocking shelves & sorting food and supporting our events.



Laura and Glenn Morrison have collectively donated 1,059 hours of their time since 2010. Laura and Glenn started volunteering at food repacks and later became weekly volunteers and lead a group of volunteers sorting and packing product every Tuesday. In addition to her work in our warehouse, Laura also helps run the Central High School Food Pantry in Champaign, which distributes to students and their families twice a month.

The following Foodbank volunteers also reached milestones in FY16:



Gail Hueting



MISSION IMPACT AWARDS

are given to community partners who meaningfully advance the Foodbank's mission. The following were awarded Mission Impact awards in FY16 for their support.

These awardees help drive the Eastern Illinois Foodbank's mission of alleviating hunger in eastern Illinois: Mark & Cheryl Holderbaugh Monsanto Teryl Pigott RATIO Architects





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