TOGETHER WE ARE
SOLVING HUNGER
IN NORTHERN ILLINOIS

2016-17 ANNUAL REPORT
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It has been a year of continued growth with the goal of not only providing enough meals to our neighbors, but also transforming our communities.

If you’re reading this letter, you are a part of our community – just like every single name in this annual report. We could not be more grateful for the steadfast support you have provided. When we come together, we are able to share, provide and learn as we build strong, vibrant, loving communities in which everyone is exceptionally cared for and welcomed. As we do that, we’re working toward our ultimate goal: solving hunger in Northern Illinois. For that, we can all be proud.

Warmly,

Julie, Karen and Geneace

Dear Food Bank Friends,

Throughout the past year, our commitment to solving hunger has not wavered. As we close in on providing enough meals for our neighbors in need in Northern Illinois, our commitment grows even stronger. It is our belief that every single person not only needs, but deserves, access to enough food that is both nutritious and desirable. Here at the Food Bank, we will never waver from that goal.

In total, we served 65.5 million meals last year to our neighbors in need in the suburbs of Chicago and rural communities across Northern Illinois. While every community is important, we are most focused on increasing meal distribution to our underserved, highest-need communities. We’ve piloted and expanded key programs to ensure that all of our kids, seniors and families have every meal needed, every day. This is only possible because of our generous donors and volunteers – what you do matters and makes difference!

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– Jennifer, St. Charles
“I don’t think people realize the profound effect they have on someone [when they donate]: they’re not just providing food, but also dignity. That little bit of help helps in many other ways.”

– Sam, Elgin
“I can’t think of anything much more gratifying than participating in a cause in which you deeply believe. And I deeply believe in the impact Northern Illinois Food Bank is having on the community by partnering to provide full plates for those in our 13-county service area who simply need a caring and helping hand.”

– Genace Williams, Founder & President, OLW Communications, Inc.
### Northern Illinois Food Bank Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Report

#### Executive Committee
- Victoria Molina
- Juliana Michelotti
- Jennifer Lamplough
- Eric Kunkel
- Dianne Korizon
- Scott Jewitt
- Willie Hopson
- Amy Hettinger
- Gloria Sanders
- Aileen Ryan
- Charles Peterson
- Jesus Perez
- Michael Passarelli

#### Board of Directors
- AS OF JUNE 30, 2017
- Aaron Mitchell
- Todd Enright
- Donald Williams, Jr., CPA
- Dan Long
- United Way of Northern Illinois
- AICPA

#### Operating Expenses
- Food Bank Operations: 87%
- Facilitating: 3%
- Measurement and General: 10%

#### Source of Funding
- Granting (Matching funds included)
- Program services: 88%
- Temporarily matched for progress: 12%
- Other Income: 1%

#### Source of Food Received
- Purchased: 54%
- Donated: 46%
West Suburban Center
273 Dearborn Court
Geneva, IL 60134
T: 630.443.6910

Northwest Center
765 Research Parkway
Rockford, IL 61109
T: 815.639.1257

North Suburban Center
440 Keller Drive
Park City, IL 60085
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