YOU
MATTER
TO US!
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14,000 STRONG

Our volunteers provide the hands and heart necessary to give hope to our hungry neighbors.

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11% MEALS TO KIDS

Hungry children can’t learn. This year we’ve increased our child nutrition programs to help give the 1 in 5 children who face hunger in northern Illinois a strong foundation for success.

Dear Friend,

Another year has gone by and our work seems to be more important than ever. Food pantry use is on the rise. Our feeding partners tell us that families who previously came in every few months are now “regulars.” Time and time again we hear of folks who have been our supporters in the past now needing our help. Hunger in the suburbs is growing, and our commitment has never been stronger.

This year, our team renewed our vision that no one be hungry in northern Illinois. We’ve launched our SolveHungertoday.org website; we created a new logo to coincide with our refined mission—to lead the northern Illinois community in solving hunger through innovative programs and partnerships—and we’ve developed training programs for our network partners that will help them build capacity and serve their hungry neighbors more effectively.

We looked to you, our partners in feeding our hungry neighbors, to grow our programs, and you responded. With your help, we distributed a record 40 million pounds of food—the equivalent of 33 million meals—to our hungry neighbors in FY12. Working with our retail partners, we enhanced our Food Recovery Program to get more fresh produce and bakery to those in need by partnering food pantries with retailers so that perishable donations are now distributed within 24 to 36 hours. This program helped us provide the equivalent of 10 million meals.

Recognizing that child hunger is a key obstacle to our future generation’s success, we increased our outreach to children through our after-school and summer feeding programs and our BackPack Program by 11 percent. Your generous donations of food, funding and time also helped us overcome shortfalls in government commodities to keep food flowing to our more than 700 partner feeding programs.

While we are proud of our accomplishments, this year’s Feeding America Map the Meal Gap Study indicates we have more work to do. The study identified a need for 79 million meals in our area so no one goes hungry. Knowing that 1 in 8 people will face hunger at some point this year compels us to work all the more diligently to solve hunger in our community.

Our success is tied to the support of you, our generous donors, volunteers and partners, who give selflessly so our hungry neighbors will have the nutrition they need to lead healthy, productive lives.

It’s with sincere gratitude that I thank you for being part of our food bank family.

Godspeed,

Pete Schaefer
Corporate partners are vital to the success of Northern Illinois Food Bank. Food and fund donations from companies, foundations and organizations help us grow our programs and feed more hungry neighbors.

As the founding sponsor of the Food Recovery Program more than a decade ago, JEWEL-OSCO has donated millions of pounds of fresh produce, bakery and other food to our network. JEWEL-OSCO’s annual Hunger Action Month campaign raises substantial financial and food donations while educating the public about hunger in the local community, and proceeds from this year’s first A Taste That Matters presented by JEWEL-OSCO allowed us to provide 1.9 million meals. The second annual A Taste That Matters, again sponsored by JEWEL-OSCO, will take place May 9, 2013 at the Drury Lane Oak Brook.

The company’s move to zero waste this year brought more food to our hungry neighbors. On days the food bank isn’t picking up from stores, our partner feeding programs do, resulting in nutritious food being distributed to hungry neighbors within 24-36 hours. JEWEL-OSCO was the food bank’s top Food Recovery Program partner in FY12, donating 7.6 million pounds of food.

“Through our wonderful partnership with Northern Illinois Food Bank, we’re able to provide hunger relief, which is a top priority for us, while also making sure good food doesn’t go to waste,” said JEWEL-OSCO President Brian Huff. “We look forward to building on our relationship with the Food Bank, so that together we can help even more people in the future.”

Corporate donors help us feed more hungry neighbors

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In total, JEWEL-OSCO and its employees provided 7.3 million meals to our hungry neighbors in FY12.
Families come together to serve their neighbors on a Saturday morning in mid-September, a group of families wait in the Wayne Township parking lot for the Northern Illinois Food Bank Mobile pantry to arrive.

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As a youth, Joel Hoekstra heard a man tell a story about being hungry as a child. The man said he would find ways to be in the hallway during class so he could sneak into other children’s lunches and take a bite or two. Other times, the man said he had eaten paste to “momentarily stop the pain in his stomach.” Joel, now 35, remembered the man’s story years later when he saw a television announcement for Feeding America that talked about childhood hunger in the U.S. and encouraged viewers to get involved.

That commercial led Joel to Northern Illinois Food Bank in 2003. A year later, he became a volunteer supervisor, leading other groups in food bank tasks such as sorting food donated at food drives and repacking food into boxes for distribution to our partner feeding programs. Joel has continued to volunteer at least one day a week for the past nine years.

“I have a natural inclination, and a strong faith, that drives me to help others,” Joel said.

Joel’s dedication to feeding our hungry neighbors is evident in all he does. A chemist at a pharmaceutical company by day, Joel has encouraged his parents and his church group to volunteer at the food bank. He introduced his fiancée to the food bank, and they now volunteer together. And, his parents, who are also regular volunteers at the food bank, have asked their friends to join them.

For Joel, who is a great example of how one person can make a big difference in the life of our hungry neighbors, it’s a family affair.
Every day when Ellen Tucker wakes up she thanks God for her life, her kids and her blessings. Those blessings include the thousands of Northern Illinois Food Bank donors who make food possible to Ellen and other neighbors in need.

Ellen is one of the more than 60,000 hungry neighbors Northern Illinois Food Bank serves each week. A divorced mom of two beautiful girls, Sydney, 13, and Emma, 10, Ellen works full-time. Her salary barely covers her expenses; her weekly grocery budget is $50 or less.

She appreciates the food bank’s Mobile Pantry that our network partner, Hinsdale Community Services, arranges to come to her apartment complex every month.

Ellen explains that the mobile pantry “fits into her life,” which includes getting Emma, who is wheelchair bound due to a childhood illness, ready for school and onto the bus, working her office job, and helping Sydney with homework. Once the girls are in bed, she logs onto the computer to take online college courses for a bachelor’s degree in health administration and management she will earn this year.

“I’m so grateful that there is help right here in my neighborhood,” says thankful Ellen.

“I don’t know if people realize how huge their donation is for someone like me. I come back from the Mobile Pantry with a big, big box of groceries because someone found it in their heart to donate.” — Ellen Tucker
Mariela Soejarto is a fixture in the Lombard community. For more than 17 years, she’s run a program at York Community Resource Center that provides low-income children with a safe place to do homework and play after school. As a partner of Northern Illinois Food Bank, York Community also provides the children with after-school and summer meals.

Mariela is strict about the importance of homework and learning, but she is more than just a teacher or program manager. The children in the program become so attached to her that sometimes the youngsters call her “mom” without even realizing it.

On one occasion, Mariela’s number was the only piece of information a teenager had with her when she was seriously injured in a car accident. Awoken by a phone call in the middle of the night, Mariela rushed to the hospital to identify the girl, who was in a coma, so her parents could be notified.

While nutritious food brings these children together, the community-building and lessons of trust and support that happen at our feeding programs is the long-term benefit that will stay with them for life.
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We are at our greatest when we share our commitment to our capital campaign. This year, organizations, companies and individuals donated $10,000 or more to the capital campaign between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012.

### Capital Campaign Donors

![Food and Product Donors](attachment:food_product_donors.png)

![Volunteer and Donor Appreciation](attachment:volunteer_donor_appreciation.png)
## Northern Illinois Food Bank
### FY2012 Financial Summary

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### Operating expenses
- Foodbank operations: 97%
- Management and general: 1%
- Fundraising: 2%

### Source of food distributed (Meal equivalents)
- Donated: 66%
- Purchased: 16%
- Government sources: 16%

### Source of funding
- Contributions: 58%
- Government funding and grants: 15%
- Program service fees: 27%
- Other income: 3%

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