NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK

2011 ANNUAL REPORT

Feeding Our Hungry Neighbors
Northern Illinois Food Bank is a team of donors, volunteers, non-profit partners and employees whose mission is to solve hunger in our community. We strive to feed hungry neighbors by maximizing every individual’s potential in a positive environment while practicing positive and ethical behavior.

We believe that providing neighbors with nutritious meals in a dignified way will afford them the best opportunity to succeed in their life.

We believe we can best achieve our mission by being an active and positive contributor to Feeding America and our network partners.

We will continue to serve more neighbors by embracing these principals while being sensitive to the cultures and diversity of those we serve as a growing charity. Above all else, we will always be a positive force in our community.

Dear Northern Illinois Food Bank Friend,

Community. It’s what brings and holds us all together. Over my past year as president of Northern Illinois Food Bank, I’ve seen the power that results from a dedicated group of individuals coming together for a common cause.

As the number of people needing our help continues to grow – our network partners are telling us they are seeing anywhere from 30 to 50 percent more people asking for assistance since 2010 – the focus of the community is ever so important. Solving hunger is a big task. With more than 500,000 people at risk of hunger in our area, it’s a much bigger task than one organization can handle alone.

Thankfully, we have a great network of feeding programs (more than 600 across our 13-county area), a ton of volunteers (13,000 last year gave 82,000 hours of their time), hundreds of food donors, and thousands of supporters who have united with us in our vision that no one go hungry in northern Illinois.

In the past year, I’ve met many, many dedicated people: a woman fighting cancer who happily volunteers for a pantry because it provides a welcomed distraction and sense of purpose for her; compassionate network partners who help hundreds of families each month receive the food they need to put a meal on their table; food recipients who donate what they can’t use to their food pantry’s “sharing table” so that others will have enough to eat; and through our Friends and Family Days – there’s a photo of my son and I volunteering at our West Suburban Center on the opposite page – I’ve met devoted volunteers and supporters who are committed to helping their neighbors in need.

This annual report will provide more detail on the ways that together WE are feeding our hungry neighbors. Last year, these combined efforts lead to Northern Illinois Food Bank distributing more than 34.8 million pounds of food, the equivalent of 29 million meals, in our community.

Whether you’ve helped us sort food at one of our Centers, worked with our network partners, held a food drive, or given food or funding to support our programs, you are a critical part of our community, and I am so very grateful for your support.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or any member of our staff, or visit www.SolveHungerToday.org.

Sincerely,

Pete Schaefer
President and CEO
We Believe

that TOGETHER we can solve hunger in our community.

Network Partners

Northern Illinois Food Bank collaborates with a network of more than 600 different partner organizations that provide food directly to our hungry neighbors through their food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and youth and senior centers. Together with these organizations, their staff and volunteers, Northern Illinois Food Bank is at the forefront of solving hunger in our communities.
Holiday Meal Boxes
Nearly 28,000 families celebrated the holidays with a traditional holiday dinner, complete with dancing, stuffing, gravy, vegetables, fruit and dessert, as a result of the Holiday Meal Box program.

Senior Meal Boxes
Fundably through private donations, 3,529 Senior Meal Boxes were distributed, benefiting local senior living centers who are capable of preparing their own meals, but lack the resources to purchase food.

Campaign Donors
We thank our generous donors for their support of our Capital Campaign. The following organizations, companies and individuals contributed $15,000 or more to this campaign between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2011.

Shakespeare and Mark Baker
Donald and Carol Swanson
Lilac and Frank Savic
Priscilla Swenson
Kenneth Sweet
The Geisinger Foundation
William and Kimberly Hoff
Kay and Kathy Hoffer
Harriet and Andrew Thomas
Northwestern Mutual Foundation
Community Foundation of Kane County
Shawnee and Harold Schwartz
Douglas L. Daugherty
Sandra and John Williamson
Mary Jane and Larry Tingler
Sharon and John Martini
Rudolph W. Allrich
Susan and Robert Kulick
Marjorie and John Engen
Robert and Susan Kulick
William and Danette Kimes
people in northern Illinois are at risk of hunger

Our Solution

Northern Illinois Food Bank’s Mobile Pantry allows network partners with limited storage capacity to provide their clients with more refrigerated, frozen and packaged foods – especially protein-rich meat. Thanks to corporate and foundation sponsorships, the Mobile Pantry also visits underserved areas, thus providing more hungry neighbors with nutritious food. Each truck delivers up to 10,000 pounds of food to 200 - 300 families per visit. In Fiscal Year 2011, Northern Illinois Food Bank’s two Mobile Pantries made a total 367 visits.
We Strive to be a positive force in our community.

Innovative Programs and Partnerships

The Meal Gap Study indicates that nearly one in four children in northern Illinois live in households that don't have enough food to meet their basic needs. Our Child Nutrition Program addresses this starting issue by working with schools, after-school programs and summer feeding programs to provide snacks, lunches and suppers to children who may otherwise go hungry.

After-School Programs

487,837 snacks and suppers were provided to approximately 4,500 children through after-school programs.

Summer Nutrition Program

181,731 breakfasts, lunches, snacks and suppers were provided through the Summer Nutrition Program, a program that helps ensure children have enough to eat when school breakfast and lunch programs are not in session.

Backpack Program

Nearly 1,400 boys and girls took home a backpack each Friday during the school year filled with two-day's worth of nutritious food for themselves and up to two additional family members.
Northern Illinois Food Bank
FY2011 Financial Summary

Operating expenses

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