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**Northern Illinois Food Bank receives \$100,000 grant from Jewel-Osco
and Jewel-Osco's Foundation Nourishing Neighbors**

GENEVA, IL — Aug. 6, 2021 — Northern Illinois Food Bank's work to mitigate hunger in 13 counties in Northern Illinois was aided recently by a \$100,000 grant from Jewel-Osco and Jewel-Osco Foundation's Nourishing Neighbors Program that aims to help connect qualified individuals with existing federal meal programs such as SNAP, WIC, P-EBT and free or reduced school nutrition programs.

Northern Illinois Food Bank is directing this funding to support its SNAP outreach team in effectively connecting families with federal programs that can help during times of food insecurity.

"This generous donation from Jewel-Osco Nourishing Neighbors will help Northern Illinois Food Bank address hunger issues in our community by connecting individuals in need with federal programs designed to relieve hunger," said Melinda Craigs-Ingram, the Food Bank's SNAP Outreach Manager. "We're grateful that Jewel-Osco is partnering with us to help ensure our neighbors have enough to eat. We encourage anyone with questions about federal programs to call us at 844-600-SNAP or email snap@northernilfoodbank.org."

The goal of Jewel-Osco Foundation Nourishing Neighbors program is to ensure those who live in the communities served by Jewel-Osco have enough food to eat.

"We're always looking for the best ways to fight hunger in the communities we serve. By partnering with top-notch organizations like Northern Illinois Food Bank, we know we can make a difference in the lives of our neighbors who are facing food insecurity issues," said Mike Withers, Jewel-Osco's President. "We appreciate the work of Northern Illinois Food Bank to help qualifying individuals in our neighborhoods connect with existing federal meal programs."

Shoppers can use SNAP EBT benefits at Jewel-Osco stores and some locations even offer online ordering with the Link Card - <https://www.jewelosco.com/shop/lp/snap-ebt-pay-at-pickup.html>.

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About Northern Illinois Food Bank

Our vision at [Northern Illinois Food Bank](https://www.northernilfoodbank.org) is for everyone in Northern Illinois to have the food they need to thrive. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and proud member of [Feeding America](https://www.feedingamerica.org), we serve our neighbors in 13 counties with dignity, equity and convenience, providing 250,000 meals a day. We bring together manufacturers, local and corporate grocers, area farmers, corporations, foundations, and

individuals who donate food and funding, and each week nearly 1,000 volunteers help us evaluate, repack, and distribute food. We also proudly partner with more than 900 food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and youth and senior feeding programs to provide nutritious food and resources. Our distribution centers are located in Geneva, Park City, Rockford and Joliet. Find out how you can [get help](#), [volunteer](#), [donate](#) or [get involved](#) at SolveHungerToday.org, or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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