



NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK

FY21 Annual Report Summary (July 2020 – June 2021)

Getting Back to Better



What an incredible year. Through the darkest and brightest periods of pandemic, Northern Illinois Food Bank kept going – learning, adapting and pushing through to accomplish the extraordinary. See our Impact Statistics for details.

This past year, our team of dedicated staff and volunteers worked harder and longer than ever before. There were many moments when they had a choice. They could have said “No.” As the pandemic raged on, the Food Bank could have closed its doors. Everyone could have stayed home.

Instead, the Food Bank team showed up – in a big way. They thought smarter, tackling problems thoroughly and effectively. They improved access to services and increased our resources to neighbors despite supply chain obstacles. All of this resulted in reaching more people.

What fueled the Food Bank team is their shared passion: serving our neighbors in need. It’s that passion that is what will take us beyond the pandemic and drive our organization going forward. It’s what will get us “Back to Better.”

Let’s face it – returning to “normal” is not an option. What the past 18 months has shown us is that hunger is a very real issue for families across the 13 suburban and rural counties that we serve. Our neighbors bear the brunt of worldwide economic stress through wage cuts, furloughs, lay-offs, higher food prices and more. Many of our neighbors are a paycheck away from disaster.

This year, we estimate that 21 percent more people in Northern Illinois will face food insecurity (compared to pre-pandemic levels), which equates to 350,000 people, including 100,000 children, who will not have enough food to thrive. Furthermore, according to a report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (“Household Food Security in the United States in 2020”), 6 of 10 households who are food insecure are not accessing federal, state and local free food resources and assistance available to them.

Our work is far from finished. Since the start of the pandemic, we have redefined ourselves to meet the unprecedented demand for assistance. That will not end. We will continue to mobilize our community and expand access to nutritious food to everyone who needs it.

We will continue to assist families, veterans, seniors and students with food assistance benefits, including helping with SNAP applications, providing referrals to local food pantries, claiming child care tax credits, and securing supplemental nutrition support for women, infants and children through programs like WIC.

We will continue to innovate to make it easier to access food assistance while preserving the dignity of those in need. We will continue extending hours, reducing proof of income or identity, expanding the variety of food available, and piloting programs that allow people to order the food they want online and have it delivered directly to their home.

We will continue to be inclusive, supportive and equitable in providing direct, immediate access to resources. And we will continue to ask: “What do you need so you can thrive?”

We will get Back to Better.



IMPACT STATISTICS



100M

meals distributed



18M

meals distributed through
Mobile Markets and
pop-ups



30%

of food distributed was
fresh produce



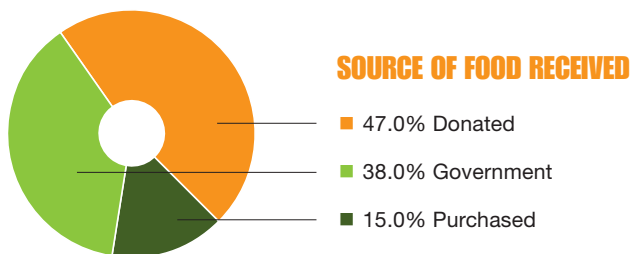
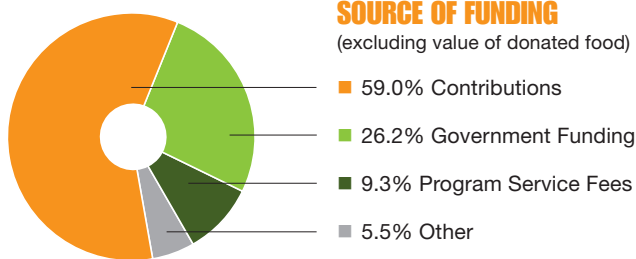
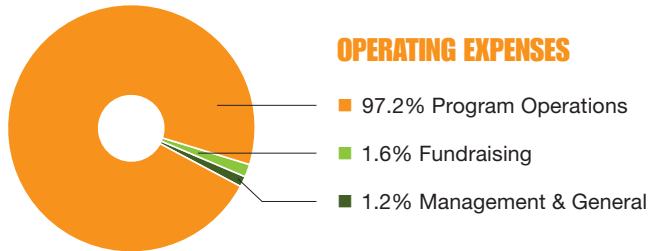
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granted to aid network members
in serving our neighbors



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FY21 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

REVENUE AND SUPPORT

Program service fees	\$ 5,092,437
Contributions and grants	\$ 32,247,601
Fees and grants from government agencies	\$ 13,088,647
Donated goods and services	\$ 168,745,980
Other income	\$ 4,247,716
Total Revenue and Support	\$ 223,422,381

EXPENSES

Food Bank operations (program services)	\$ 30,570,486
Contributed food distributed	\$ 172,979,187
Management and general	\$ 2,413,372
Fundraising	\$ 3,412,100
Total Expenses	\$ 209,375,145

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 20,472,729
Certificates of deposit	\$ 1,018,353
Investments	\$ 17,582,756
Grants, Accounts and Contributions receivables	\$ 3,219,403
Inventory	\$ 8,739,350
Prepaid expenses and other assets	\$ 64,917
Property and equipment, net of depreciation	\$ 19,080,554
Total Assets	\$ 70,178,062

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$ 642,624
Accrued liabilities and other	\$ 2,092,710
Bonds payable – net	\$ 5,805,269
Total Liabilities	\$ 8,540,603

NET ASSETS

Without donor restrictions	\$ 56,903,582
With donor restrictions	\$ 4,733,877
Total Net Assets	\$ 61,637,459
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 70,178,062

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