



RIVER BEND  
FOOD BANK

1982 - 2022

MEMBER OF



# FY22 ANNUAL REPORT

## AGENCY PARTNERSHIPS



**12,637,403 MEALS  
DELIVERED THROUGH 219  
HUNGER-RELIEF PARTNERS**

*Food pantries in churches, schools, senior living complexes, and community action organizations distribute millions of meals to people in need across the 23 counties we serve.*

## VOLUNTEERS



**1,592 VOLUNTEERS GAVE  
16,161 HOURS**

*Feeding a community takes... a community! Volunteers extend our work by providing valuable support sorting and packing food at our warehouse, assisting guests at mobile food pantries, helping with administrative work, and delivering food across our service area.*

### BACKPACK PROGRAM



**84,812  
BACKPACKS  
DISTRIBUTED**

*One in seven children faces food insecurity in our service area. Every week during the school year, 3,000 children each receive six, kid-friendly meals to take home for the weekend.*

### MOBILE FOOD PANTRIES



**399 MOBILE  
PANTRIES  
FACILITATED**

*Mobile pantries partner with community organizations in rural areas and food deserts, to bring food where it's needed most.*

### SCHOOL PANTRIES



**64 SCHOOL  
FOOD PANTRY  
SITES**

*Pantries across the service area provide safe places in local schools where students and their families can access food on an as-needed basis.*

### SENIOR PROGRAMS



**8 SENIOR  
FOOD PANTRY  
SITES**

*Adults over 65 make up 17% of our neighbors facing hunger. Pantries inside senior living complexes give access to healthy food for those with limited mobility.*

### SERVICE INSIGHTS & CLIENT EMPOWERMENT



**7,932  
INDIVIDUALS  
CONNECTED**

*With the Link2Feed database, individuals who need additional community resources or support can be identified and paired with a Services Coordinator*

# 17,233,784 total meals distributed



## 325 FOOD INDUSTRY PARTNERS

*The U.S. throws away over 35 billion pounds of food each year. Instead of food in our service area going to waste, food donations from manufacturers, distributors, and grocers gave 14.1 million meals - 61% of all meals distributed.*

# FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

The work we are doing is getting more challenging. The Food Bank's need for food has been increasing, while donated food from food manufacturers, grocery stores, and government food subsidies are all decreasing. Food distributed at the Food Bank's own two pantries is up nearly 60% compared to 2021. Additionally, the cost of food is up 17% from 2021 levels and freight and fuel costs have doubled.

To respond to these challenges, the Food Bank has had to buy more food, and the Board has approved an innovative program to subsidize the purchase of food by our partner pantries. This helps but will not make up for the shortfall.

We're also realigning staff to best meet needs. Included in that is the hiring of Nancy Renkes as the new President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). We are happy to welcome back Nancy, our former Chief Partnership Officer, beginning September 30. During our CEO search, it became clear that Nancy's previous background at River Bend Food Bank, combined with her most recent experience as the Executive Director of the Feed My People Food Bank in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, made her the right person for the job at the right time. Welcome back!

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the stellar work of the staff since the start of the Food Bank's change in leadership. Since the beginning of May, long-time volunteer Board member and former Deere exec, Marie Ziegler, has been handling the responsibilities of interim CEO. She and our incredible staff have kept initiatives moving forward and have expertly handled the day-to-day operations.

Thank you, all. I can't begin to express our gratitude to each and every one of you.



**Janet Mathis**  
*Board Chair*

River Bend Food Bank



## Our Board of Directors

### **Janet Mathis**

*Chair*  
*The Development Consortium*

### **Marie Ziegler**

*Vice Chair*  
*Deere & Company (retired)*

### **Daniel Joiner**

*Secretary*  
*UnityPoint Health - Trinity*

### **Robert Leibfried**

*Treasurer*  
*Honkamp Krueger & Co., P.C.*

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*Immediate Past Chair*  
*Rock Island Arsenal (retired)*

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*Ruhl & Ruhl Realtors*

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*Project Success*

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### **Tami Petsche**

*Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce*

### **Nancy Renkes**

*River Bend Food Bank*

### **John Weber**

*Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church*

# Audited Financials: FY2021/2022

## BALANCE SHEET

FY2022

FY2021

### ASSETS

Current Assets	\$13,953,032	\$13,868,998
Unconditional Promises to Give	\$413,091	\$20,240
Investments	\$2,871,761	\$3,160,937
Endowment	\$736,251	\$247,914
Plant, Property, & Equipment	\$6,121,636	\$4,829,520
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,095,771</b>	<b>\$22,127,609</b>

### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Total Liabilities	\$1,111,351	\$855,629
Net Assets	\$22,984,420	\$21,271,980
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,095,771</b>	<b>\$22,127,609</b>

## INCOME STATEMENT

### REVENUES

Donated Food	\$33,911,757	\$43,838,142
Contributions	\$6,377,814	\$8,785,003
Program Fees	\$136,089	\$96,915
Federal Grants	\$1,677,951	\$2,687,223
Special Events, net	\$ -	\$ -
Investments Increase (Loss)	\$(517,078)	\$848,175
Other	\$13,976	\$22,137
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$41,600,509</b>	<b>\$56,277,595</b>

### EXPENSES

Program Services	\$38,100,635	\$48,086,492
Management & General	\$1,043,040	\$860,279
Fundraising	\$765,466	\$596,214
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$39,909,141</b>	<b>\$49,542,985</b>

Change in Net Assets	\$1,712,440	\$6,734,610
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Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$21,271,980	\$14,537,370
Net Assets, End of Year	\$22,984,420	\$21,271,980



## Hunger-Relief Partner Highlight: Good Food Collaborative

The Good Food Collaborative is a food-based nonprofit organization that helps fight food insecurity in the Macomb, Illinois area.

"I'm Zac Green, and I'm the Food Program Coordinator at Good Food Collaborative. I help build educational cooking programs for adults and kids, and I host instructional cooking videos called the Food U series on YouTube to help empower people with the skills and knowledge to better feed themselves, their families, and the community."

Zac was a volunteer and helped bag groceries and pack meats to send out to families. He wanted to take some of his work and life experiences and help build something constructive for his community. Now, he work with kids in a free Kids Cook! educational program, helping local kids and their families learn basic kitchen skills to cook with inexpensive, whole foods.

"The biggest challenge we've seen is the accessibility to go out and get groceries. Some of the households we serve have a hard time making it out to get groceries for a variety of reasons. That's one of the biggest reasons our Mobile Food Pantry program (food delivery program serving around 300 households each week in McDonough County) is necessary."

Zac knows that being a partner in River Bend Food Bank's network is making a big impact for the Good Food Collaborative. "When people get access to more food and learn more about what to do with some of the groceries and local ingredients, we get closer to a hunger-free community."

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## Program Highlight: The Backpack Program

Cateleya (age seven) and Graciela (age nine), are excited about school and about being part of the Backpack Program at Hamilton Elementary in Moline, IL.

"My favorite subject in school is math, because we're learning how to do division," Gracie says. "I'm looking forward to learning all kinds of new stuff this year." Cateleya chimes in, "Reading is my most favorite subject, because you get new books, and you can take them back to your desk, and you get to read with somebody or read to yourself."

Gracie and Cateleya enjoy what they get in their backpacks on Fridays. "I really like the juice," says Cateleya, smiling. "I like the ravioli," Gracie says. "And the cereal! Yum! I like to eat cereal for breakfast."

Every week during the school year, the Backpack Program provides 3,000 children with six weekend meals (two breakfasts, two lunches, two dinners). These kid-friendly meals help make sure children at risk of hunger across our region have enough to eat when they're not in school. With food from the Backpack Program, Gracie and Cateleya don't have to worry about when they'll get their next meal - instead they can focus on learning and growing up to be healthy, happy adults.



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