



# MAKING AN IMPACT

Food Bank of Northwest Indiana | 2016 annual report





# COMMUNITY

The Food Bank of Northwest Indiana is the largest hunger relief organization in the Region, and the only food bank serving Lake and Porter Counties.

Thanks to the dedication and support of our donors, volunteers, and other friends in the Northwest Indiana community, we distributed more than **4.2 million meals to neighbors in need in 2016.**

## IF I HAD TO CHOOSE ONE WORD TO DESCRIBE THE WORK OF THE FOOD BANK OF NORTHWEST INDIANA IN 2016, IT WOULD BE **IMPACT.**

Our network of 100+ partner agencies remains unyielding in its fight against hunger, and in 2016 **served more than 22,000 people and families every month.** And that figure only counts the meals distributed... it doesn't tell you how hard these agencies work to provide encouragement, guidance, and hope to all who walk through their doors.

In our fifth year of the Backpack program, **400 students received a bag of wholesome, kid-friendly food before every weekend** or break during the school year. Nearly **23,000 breakfast and lunches were served during our 2016 Summer Food Service Program**, providing more than 400 kids and teens with the nutrition they need during the summertime.

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) for seniors saw **significant growth during 2016**, increasing from 550 monthly food boxes to more than 700 by the end of its first full year of implementation. With a consistently full waiting list, I believe CSFP will continue to grow and impact senior hunger in a big way.

With a 1,148 square mile service area comprising both rural landscapes and urban and suburban neighborhoods, our approach to serving all neighbors in need must be just as far-reaching. In 2016, the Food Bank's fleet of **hunger relief vehicles traveled countless miles to deliver 642,085 meals** through our mobile distribution programs.

The Food Bank's hunger relief efforts are impacting thousands of lives in immeasurable ways. But with nearly 100,000 people facing hunger in Northwest Indiana, it's just a fraction of what I believe our impact should be—and will be—in years to come. **We cannot do this work without you, our donors, volunteers, advocates, and friends who join the fight for a hunger-free Region.** Together, we can build a happier, healthier community for everyone.

With my sincerest gratitude,

Steve Beekman  
Executive Director

## BACKPACK PROGRAM

We provide kids with proper nutrition, so they have the fuel they need to learn, play, and grow. Since 2011, the BackPack Program has worked to bridge the meal gap for students at risk of going hungry over the weekend when the free/reduced breakfast and lunch programs are unavailable.

During the 2015-16 school year, more than 400 students across five school districts received critical weekend meals. That means kids like Jennifer didn't have to worry about where their next meal would come from, and spent the weekends on what matters most: being a kid.



We are committed to ensuring all children have access to the nutrition they need to learn, play, and grow all year long. Because the last thing a child should worry about is having enough to eat.

## SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM



We give children and teens the opportunity to enjoy summer break, without worrying about where their next meal will come from. The Summer Food Service Program ensures kids in need have access to good, nutritious food all year long, even during their summer break from the guaranteed nutrition provided by free/reduced-priced school meals.

Nearly 23,000 breakfasts and lunches were served to more than 400 kids across 12 meal

sites last summer, making it easier for kids and families to stay happy and healthy over the summertime.



## COMPASSIONATE

We rely on a network of devoted volunteers to keep the Food Bank mission moving forward every day in the Region.

**More than 1,400 volunteers generously gave their time, talent, and kindness** to our hunger relief efforts in 2016. These groups, families, and individuals of all ages sorted, packed, and distributed meals to people in need throughout the community.



# INSPIRING

League of Hope members inspire action and lead the fight against hunger in Northwest Indiana by giving more than \$1,000 each year to hunger relief efforts.

In 2016, **125 League of Hope members provided 895,317 meals** to individuals and families across the Region.

## COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM



We support the health and dignity of seniors in our community. The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) provides a months' worth of nutrition assistance to low-income seniors across Northwest Indiana.

Every month in 2016, **730 local seniors received regular boxes of nutritious, supplemental food**. The Food Bank recognizes the critical issues facing aging adults in our community, and aims to continue growing hunger relief efforts for this vulnerable population.

We rely on a generous and dedicated community of donors, volunteers, friends, and partners to drive hunger relief in the Region. Together, we can build a stronger, healthier community for everyone.

## MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

Our Mobile Food Distributions reach every community across Northwest Indiana to provide hunger relief directly to people and neighborhoods in need. We strive to increase access to fresh, healthy food for all of our neighbors through weekly Pantry on the Go stops, mini mobile markets, large-scale fresh mobile markets during Hunger Action Month, and special holiday distributions.

We delivered more than **642,085 meals** straight to individuals and families facing hunger across Lake and Porter counties, ensuring that all people had access to the nutrition they deserve.



## FOOD BANK PARTNER AGENCIES



Our partner agencies man the front lines of the fight against hunger in the community. This dedicated network of 100+ partner agencies shares resources, support, and hope throughout Northwest Indiana to people who need it most.

Every month, Food Bank partner pantries, soup kitchens, and other sites provide critical assistance to more than 22,000 individuals and families in the Region. These hardworking agencies ensure that the children, adults, and seniors we serve are treated

with respect and dignity, while providing a safe, welcoming environment:

### CEDAR LAKE

Project Love

### CHESTERTON

Fairhaven Baptist

### CROWN POINT

God's Appointed Place

Holy Spirit Church

St. Mary's Crown Point

Winfield Township

### EAST CHICAGO

Antioch Baptist

Catholic Family Services

Community Fellowship

Greater Destiny Church

Greater First Baptist

House of Glory

James Hunter Building

Meek Baptist

Nicosia Building

Northtown Village Apartment

Salvation Army - East Chicago

St. Luke Soup Kitchen

St. Mark AME Zion Church

The Mission of Jesus Christ

UNO - Dr. Martin Luther King Ctr.

UNO - Pennsylvania Center

West Calumet Housing

### GARY

25 Alive Food Pantry

A New Life Ministry

Al Thomas High Rise

All Nations COGIC

Bethel Temple

Brother's Keeper

Carolyn Mosby High Rise

Christ Baptist Church

Clark Road Genesis Family Ctr.

Embassies of Christ

First AME

First Baptist Church - Gary

FWO - For Women Only

Gardens on Carolina

Gary Manor Apartments

Gary Muslim Center

Genesis Tower Housing

Gethsemane MB

Glen Park High Rise

God's Grace Church

Gospel Truth

Healthier Living Charitables

Holy Rosary Conference

Jerusalem MB Church

Linden House

Masjid Al Amin Food Pantry

Miller First Baptist

New Friendship

Northlake Church of Christ

Open Door Church

Peace Baptist Church

Problem Solvers Association

Rapid Assessment Center

Salvation Army - Gary ARC

Sojourner Truth House

St. Andrew

St. Ann's Conference

St. Mary's of the Lake

St. Monica & Luke

The Church of God in Christ

The True Church of Jesus Christ

Trinity COGIC

Trinity United

Van Buren Baptist

Veteran's Village

Wonder Working Word

Zion Progressive

Zion Temple Apostolic

### GRIFFITH

Operation Care

St. Timothy Church

### HAMMOND

Apostolic of God's Love

Bethel Congregational

Caring Hands

Charity House Woodmar

First United Methodist

Greater Works Prayer

Mount Zion MB

New Hope MB

St. Joseph's Conference

### HEBRON

Hebron Country Pantry

Salem United Methodist

### HIGHLAND

St. James Conference

### HOBART

Advancing Christ's Kingdom

Cornerstone Community

Church

Southlake Church of God

### LAKE STATION

First Baptist Church

Light of Life Worship Center

### LOWELL

St. Edward's Conference

Trinity Lutheran Church

### MERRILLVILLE

Aliveness Project

Christian Revival Center

Faith Temple of Christ

Little Dreamers

New Ebenezer MB

### MUNSTER

Salvation Army - Munster

### PORTAGE

Iglesia Evangelical de Cristo

Portage Twp. Food Pantry

### VALPARAISO

Immanuel Lutheran

New Hope Church of God

The Church of Jesus Christ

Village Hilltop Pantry

### WHITING

Calumet College St Joseph

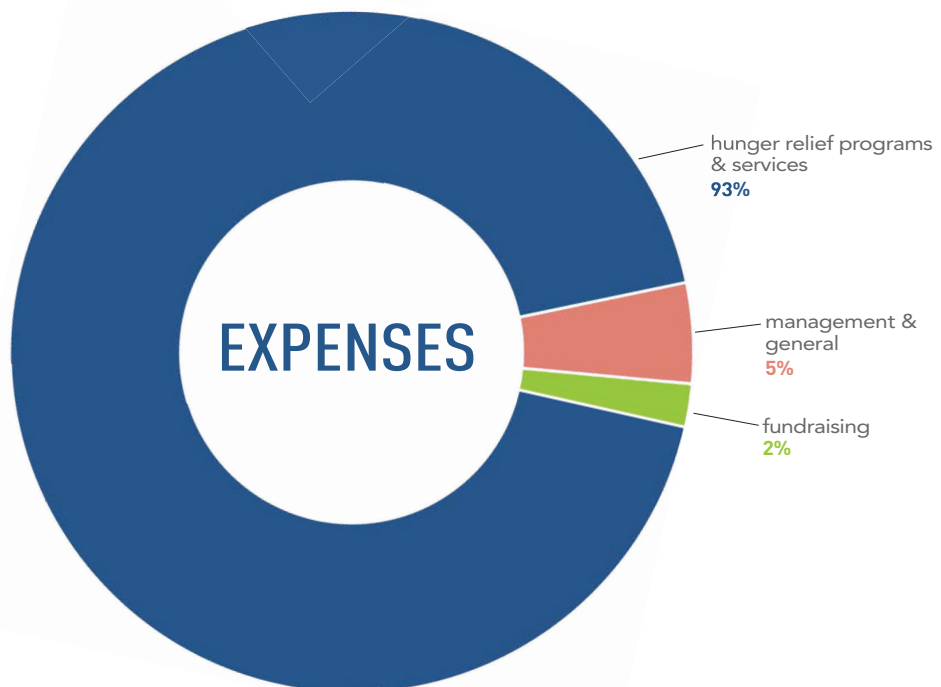
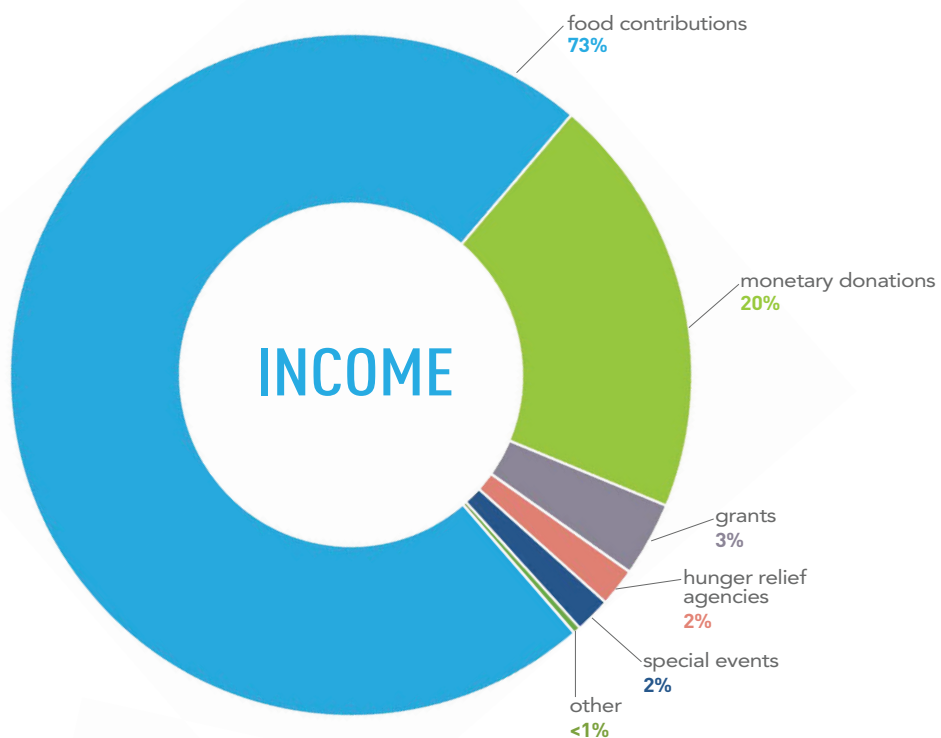


## STEADFAST

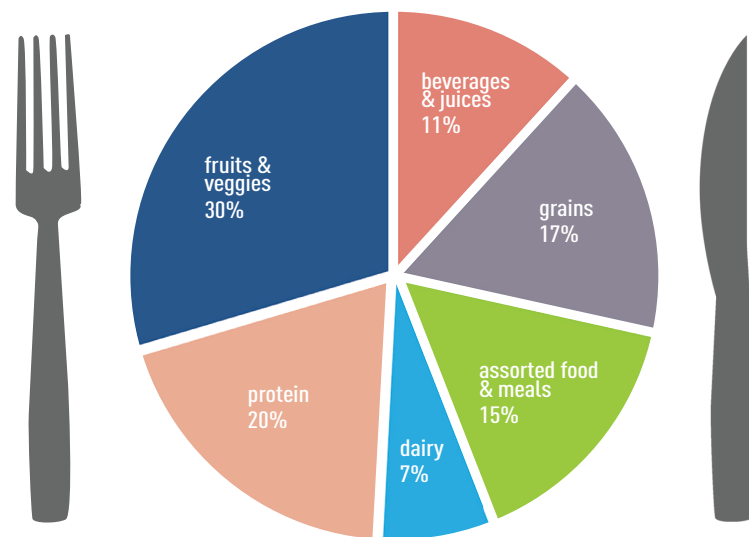
Members of Three Square Society are among the Food Bank's most dedicated friends. By pledging monthly financial support to the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana mission, they make a big difference... a little at a time.

Last year **87 Three Square Society members** provided nearly **10,000 meals every month** to people we serve.

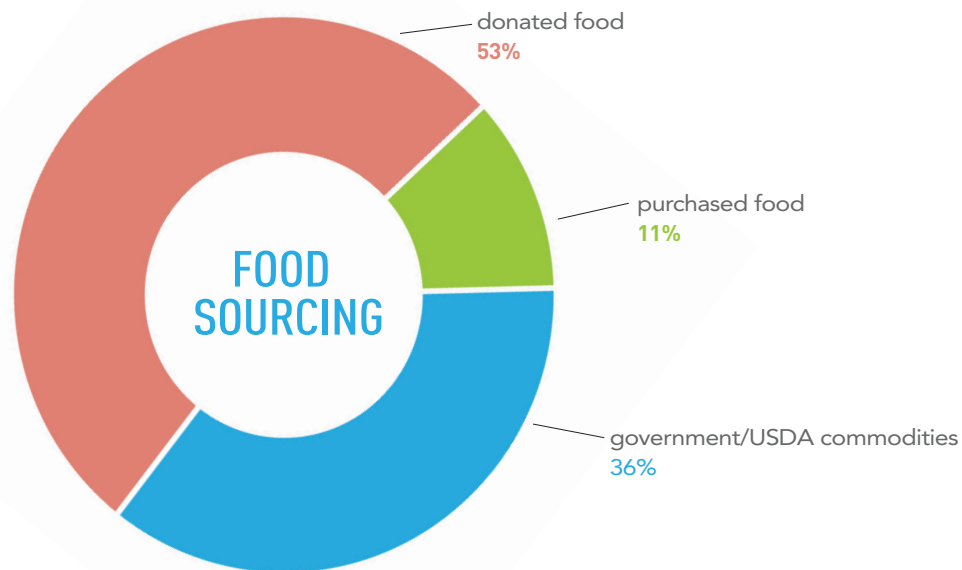
## STATEMENT OF FINANCES



## WHAT'S FOR DINNER?



We make sure food doesn't go to waste by working with more than 40 local retail stores to safely rescue good food from being thrown out. More than 30% of donated food is acquired through Retail Rescue.



# MISSION

To alleviate hunger by acquiring and distributing food to people in need, promoting solutions that advance self-sufficiency and hunger relief, and leading our region in the fight against hunger.

# VISION

To be the leader of a community mobilized to fight hunger and address its causes.

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Kris Parker**, president  
Porter County Purdue Extension Office

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Strack & Van Til

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People's Bank

**Harry Vande Velde**, secretary  
South Shore Leadership Center

**Melvin Branch**  
BMO Harris Bank

**Justin Cicillian**  
Woodforest Bank

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NIPSCO

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Whole Foods Market

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Temple Beth-El

**Steve Beekman**  
Food Bank of Northwest Indiana

Join the fight against hunger today.  
Visit [foodbanknwi.org](http://foodbanknwi.org) to learn more and start  
making an impact in the lives of our neighbors in  
need across Northwest Indiana.

