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2022 **ANNUAL REPORT**

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Supporters like you gave Bobby a safety net when his life didn't go as planned. *See inside.*

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The Daly Briefing

Friends like you keep coming through to help our neighbors in challenging times.



Dear Friend,

From an unprecedented pandemic to record high inflation, we keep experiencing challenges that disproportionately hit our neighbors facing hunger. Yet, time and again, friends like you continue to give generously to help us rise to meet these challenges.

With your help, we've launched programs like our Produce Pop-Ups, which expand our ability to bring nutritious fresh foods to rural and underserved communities. We also were able to send students home with more than 60,000 backpacks filled with food for the weekend. And you helped distribute more than 6.5 million meals to our neighbors facing hunger. What an incredible year!

We were also thrilled to welcome back so many volunteers, who donated over 1,200 hours repacking food, distributing meals, and even cleaning up our grounds. We couldn't do what we do without our volunteers!

I hope you'll take a moment to read through this special annual report edition of your newsletter to learn more about the impact you and others are making through your support of Eastern Illinois Foodbank. I've seen firsthand the difference it makes, and I can't thank you enough.

I also hope you'll continue to support us this holiday season, as the need for food relief remains higher than usual through this period of higher gas and food prices.

We want to meet the needs of every single person experiencing food insecurity in our community. With your continued support, I know we can do it.

Gratefully,

Kelly W. Daly

Kelly Daly, President & CEO

He's Grateful for You

You were Bobby's safety net when things didn't go as planned

As a fifth grade math and special education teacher with a master's degree, Bobby loved his career.

But when his mother got sick and needed his help, Bobby didn't hesitate to quit his job and move back home with her. He had hoped to work as a substitute teacher until he could get a new teaching license, but unforeseen challenges made it difficult to do so.

Bobby's paycheck doesn't cover the cost of utilities and necessities like food.

Still, Bobby knew he had to do everything he could to help his mom, so he got a job working at a thrift store "to keep the lights on."

Unfortunately, that paycheck just doesn't stretch far enough to cover the cost of utilities and necessities like food.

So, why is Bobby grateful this holiday season? Because of generous friends like you, he can go to his local food pantry and get all the nutritious food he and his mom need to stay healthy.

Even better, he also can get everything he needs for a special Thanksgiving meal. "That'll be my contribution to the family dinner," Bobby says.

Although he misses teaching, he's thankful to be around family — including his mom, aunt, and cousins — during the holiday season.

Thank you for brightening the holidays for families like Bobby's. Your support makes a difference for neighbors facing hunger.



You make the holidays brighter for families like Bobby's. Thank you!

Produce Pop-Ups Expand Access to Fresh Foods

This spring, Eastern Illinois Foodbank launched our Produce Pop-Ups, a "just-in-time" produce delivery pilot program that enables us to distribute produce to rural and underserved areas whose pantries have little or no cold storage and limited distribution hours. Twice a week, we arrive at one of our partner pantries during their distribution hours to supplement the food our neighbors receive with products such as fresh fruit and bread. It quickly became clear that this is a much-needed service that has a huge impact.

Clients at a recent distribution at Compassionate Food Ministries in Paris shared that they already have come to rely on the fresh produce, especially with the rising costs of groceries forcing them to make impossible choices such as food or

medicine. "These distributions are so important," shared a local mother. "We just moved here and don't know what our family would do without this help — it's a godsend."

While picking up food for his sister, Brad said, "We really enjoy the fresh produce. My sister's doctor said to add more fruits and vegetables to her diet, and this helps so much. We're eating better and saving money at the same time."

These deliveries aren't just helping our neighbors, but also the environment. We've seen a 60% reduction of food waste this year and look forward to continuing to reduce our footprint as we serve our community.

Looking forward, EIF is excited to bring Produce Pop-Ups to more of our partner agencies with the support of

our community. As the economic impact of rising costs intensifies, more people are at greater risk for missing meals. To meet this increased demand, we know that finding innovative ways to serve our neighbors is essential to fulfilling our mission of alleviating hunger.





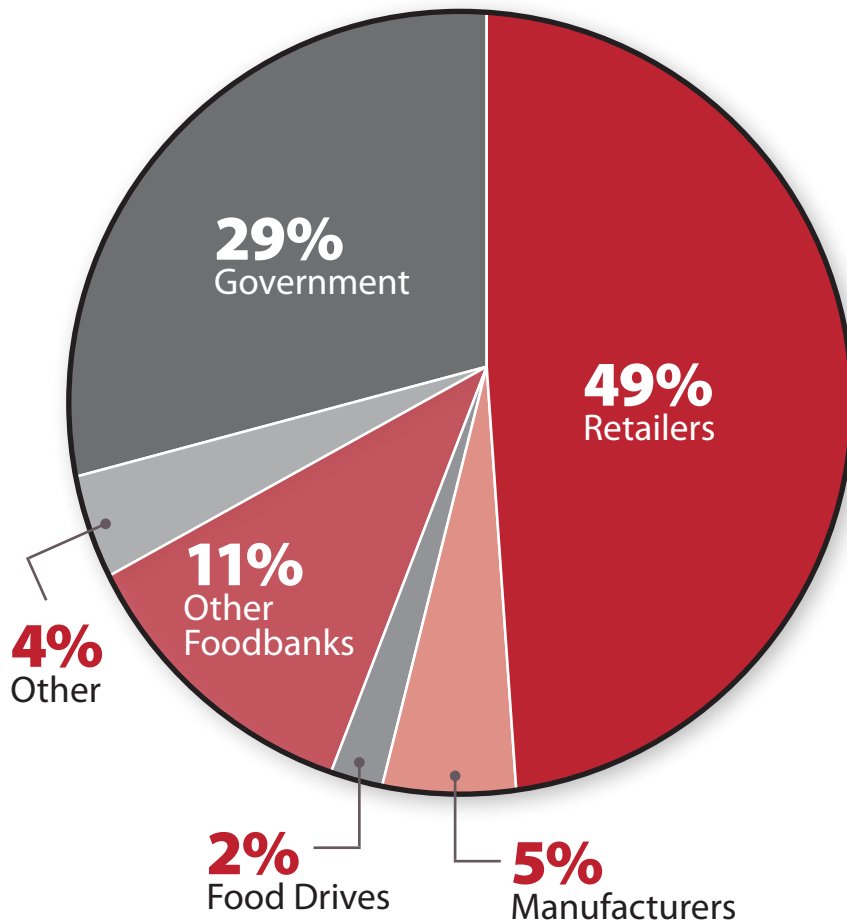
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WHERE OUR FOOD COMES FROM



FINANCIAL REPORT

Public Support & Revenue

Value of donated food	\$13,273,134.00
Contributions	\$4,383,801.11
Government grants & contracts	\$883,569.02
Other grants	\$703,446.88
Program revenue	\$305,065.76
Other income	\$6,883.34
Total Public Support & Revenue	\$19,555,900.11

Expenses

Program services	\$16,777,738.40
Fundraising	\$846,069.35
Management & general	\$219,852.47
Total Expenses	\$17,843,660.22

Non-Operating

Investment income (expense)	(\$154,654.92)
Total Non-Operating	(\$154,654.92)

Change in Net Assets **\$1,557,584.97**

Net Assets, Beginning of Year **\$10,288,139.06**

Net Assets, End of Year **\$11,845,724.03**

**Nonaudited financial results*

Thank You, Volunteers!

Though we continued to face challenges from the pandemic that limited opportunities, we were thrilled to start bringing more of our loyal volunteers through our doors. From repacking food and cleaning up our grounds to distributing meals at Foodmobiles, we simply couldn't do what we do without our amazing volunteers.

This year, our volunteers ...

- Repacked **57,914 pounds of food**
- Donated **1,227 hours** of their time
- **And brought hope** to our neighbors facing hunger

Thank you to the donors who supported our mission in FY22.



HIGHLIGHTS

In the face of challenges such as rising costs and supply chain issues, EIF was able to meet the elevated need in eastern Illinois thanks to the incredible support of our communities.



7.8 million pounds of food, including 1.1 million pounds of produce, were distributed to our network of partner food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and other feeding programs. **That's 6.5 million meals for our neighbors facing hunger.**



Our fleet of trucks traveled 171,000 miles last year, delivering food and picking up donated product.



To combat weekend hunger, 62,204 backpacks full of food were distributed to students from our Backpack Program partners, Feeding Our Kids and Food 4 Kids.



We provided 9,870 pounds of culturally relevant food to our neighbors.



Nearly 1,000 schoolchildren and their families were provided food through our School Market Program.

442,413 pounds of food, including 153,831 pounds of fresh produce, were distributed to **11,904 individuals and 3,777 children** through **76 Foodmobiles** in rural and underserved communities.



Mission Impact Awards

Our growth and success would not be possible without the support of our community and donors.

These dedicated individuals and companies have helped Eastern Illinois Foodbank further our mission of alleviating hunger and nourishing stronger communities. We would not be able to fight hunger without you!

Food Donor of the Year — Sam's Club



In the last fiscal year, Eastern Illinois Foodbank saw an overall decrease in the amount of food donated to us through our community partners, such as retailers, manufacturers, and wholesalers.

While most of our partners' donations were decreasing, donations from the two Sam's Club stores in our service area (Bloomington and Champaign) actually increased. We received 18% more food from them in the last fiscal year than the previous one. Their donations totaled nearly 950,000 pounds, or the equivalent of enough food to provide 800,000 meals for our neighbors.

Business Partner of the Year — Champaign Asphalt Company

Champaign Asphalt Company's relationship with Eastern Illinois Foodbank dates all the way back to our days on Griggs Street in Urbana in the 1980s. Most recently, they played a monumental role in our capital campaign to expand and improve our warehouse.

**Champaign
Asphalt Company LLC**

In January, Eastern Illinois Foodbank publicly launched our capital campaign. Our friends at Champaign Asphalt Company leveraged their support as part of a match campaign throughout the month of February, and the campaign raised more than \$160,000 to help us reach our goal!

"We are proud to be part of an organization whose full attention is assisting the most vulnerable as well as helping those directly providing basic resources to those throughout our local communities," shares Champaign Asphalt President & CEO Joe Lamb. "There is a tremendous need locally being met by the Foodbank, and Champaign Asphalt is delighted to play a small role in meeting that need."

Mission Impact Awards — Lisa Rector & Cory Roberts

Eastern Illinois Foodbank's annual Prom Benefit is a fundraiser like no other, including the crowning of a King and Queen who raise the most by the end of the night. Being on prom court is a fun and unique experience ... and it takes a fun and unique individual to win! However, our court members are having fun for a cause: this year, they raised over \$55,000 to feed our community.

Enthusiastic, compassionate, and driven, Prom Queen Lisa Rector hit the ground running — determined to break our standing prom court member record. By the end of the night, she achieved her goal and raised a truly incredible \$21,610. "Being a real estate agent, I am reminded too often about the everyday struggles some families experience in our community," Lisa said. "I'm excited to support the Foodbank, knowing that might bring families together for a meal."

Our Prom King Cory Roberts was also dedicated to winning from the moment he joined court. "I was able to volunteer in the Backpack Program a few years ago with the Urbana Fire Department, and have wanted to partner with EIF ever since," shared Cory. "EIF's vision and programs they have in place to fulfill the need in eastern Illinois are extraordinary." Cory is one of our top prom fundraisers of all time, bringing in an amazing \$11,676.

Cory's and Lisa's dedication didn't stop once they got the crowns. Following Prom, they reached out to see how they could continue supporting EIF and serve as ambassadors as our reigning royalty. They are servant-hearted and generous leaders in our community, and they made for a truly unforgettable Prom season.



Community Partner of the Year — United Way of Champaign County

United Way of Champaign County has been a longtime partner of Eastern Illinois Foodbank, and their support over the years has been tremendous. Simply put, we could not do what we do without them. In total, their donations over the years have provided the equivalent of nearly 4 million meals to our neighbors — truly remarkable!

One of the most impactful ways United Way has partnered with EIF is through annual grants for a Food Fund in Champaign County, which is a reserve of local dollars that can be used to place nutritious emergency food into the hands of people facing hunger. Through the Food Fund, participating member agencies receive a discount toward shared maintenance fees when ordering product from the Foodbank. This year, United Way of Champaign County awarded EIF with \$50,000 toward our Champaign County Food Fund.

The impact cannot be understated. Angela Bradley of Stone Creek Food Pantry in Urbana explained how the Food Fund allows their pantry to provide enough food to make complete meals for the families they serve. She said her volunteers notice immediately when they have access to the Food Fund because they have more food to distribute.

“While conditions have improved for some households, 44% of Champaign County families don’t earn enough to afford basic household essentials — including food,” said United Way of Champaign County Chief Impact Officer Beverley Baker. “Our Community Essentials grants fund critical programs, such as the Food Fund, which help prevent crisis and provide families with more stability. By partnering with EIF on the Food Fund, United Way is essentially able to support the network of food providers in Champaign County.”



Mission Impact Awards — Commerce Bank

One of Eastern Illinois Foodbank’s most popular annual events is Operation Orange, a full day of volunteers repacking food in back-to-back competitive shifts. As we came out of the peak of COVID-19, we were challenged to find a way to bring back Operation Orange in 2021 in an impactful but safe way. As if on cue, a banker from a local Commerce branch reached out and told us he’s been passionate about helping fight hunger his whole life, and his team was interested in getting involved with EIF.

Commerce instantly became our Operation Orange champions, providing not only a generous sponsorship but a group of enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers who packed over 2,200 meals for our neighbors. Following Operation Orange, they invited us to a Community Engagement Committee meeting to discuss how we can work together to make a difference in eastern Illinois, and have remained committed to helping us alleviate hunger. We’re thrilled to have them return as Operation Orange sponsors this year and are honored to continue our partnership with them to fulfill our mission.

Mission Impact Awards — Sophia Libman

We first met Sophia when she volunteered her time last summer as an intern at Eastern Illinois Foodbank, and we were instantly impressed — she just began her junior year in high school, but is professional and composed well beyond her years.

Sophia helped update our school contact list and craft a marketing strategy to get local schools involved in our annual Fall Into Giving campaign, a food and funds drive we coordinate every November. The campaign raised \$6,000 to help our neighbors facing hunger.

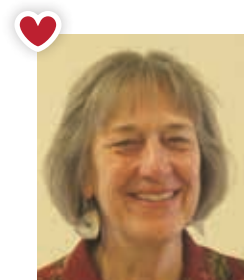


“I decided to get involved because of the meaningful impact they’re making in the community,” Sophia shared. “The best part is interacting with the clients ... just seeing how grateful they are, and I’m grateful to be helping — it’s just a mutual feeling.”

She is also an active member of Academy High’s Caring Crew, which has hosted fundraisers for EIF. Last spring, Sophia organized the Caring Carnival with three other local high schools. The event featured raffles, games, a volleyball tournament, and more to raise money for EIF. She’s helped raise awareness about food insecurity by creating videos and speaking with WCIA about her experience working with EIF to alleviate hunger. Her drive, passion, and commitment to helping others have been an inspiration to everyone at EIF.

Mission Impact Awards — Jennifer Greene

Jennifer is a retired university professor who has volunteered with Eastern Illinois Foodbank for many years. She became interested in EIF because she wanted to help get food to those facing food insecurity and viewed volunteering as an act of personal generosity and kindness. Jennifer has attended over 100 volunteer opportunities and has given more than 400 hours of her time volunteering at EIF. She is also a longtime donor.



Jennifer says she has experienced substantial and profound satisfaction from her volunteer work at EIF, especially participating in Saturday morning Foodmobile distributions. The kindness she has seen from both clients and volunteers alike has made Foodmobiles an impactful experience for her.

Her favorite thing about EIF is that the staff and volunteers are committed to the vision of serving those facing food insecurity, and she feels that this shared commitment is very powerful.

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