



Eastern Illinois  
**Foodbank**

# 2018 **ANNUAL REPORT**

FISCAL YEAR 2018: JULY 1, 2017 - JUNE 30, 2018



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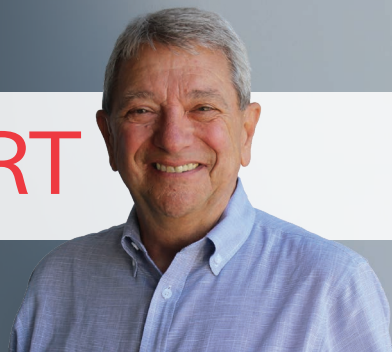
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# THE HIRES REPORT



Dear friends,

Community support is at the heart of Eastern Illinois Foodbank. It always has been, it always will be. For more than 35 years, communities in eastern Illinois have been working together to alleviate hunger through our network of partner agencies. During these 35 years, Eastern Illinois Foodbank has experienced monumental change—changes in our facilities, changes in our leadership, changes in the type of food we distribute and the ways we distribute it. But one thing has remained constant, you and your willingness to help.

You've been with us every step of the way as we've grown from a small facility on Griggs Street in Urbana to a 39,000 square foot facility serving 18 counties. You've supported our efforts to increase the amount of fresh and frozen food we distribute. You've helped us build strong Backpack and School Pantry Programs.

As you read our annual report, do so with pride. Our accomplishments are your accomplishments. Your financial support, volunteer efforts and donations of space have resulted in additional outreach through our Foodmobile Program. Because of your generosity and enthusiasm, we celebrated the 10th anniversary of our PROM BENEFIT with a record breaking year. For the first time, we presented a Lifetime Giving Award at our Partner Recognition Event.

Reflecting on the past fiscal year, makes me optimistic for the future. Community support will sustain us as we grow our reach into communities, improve our facility to handle food much more efficiently and increase the volume of nutritious food our 167 agencies provide to clients.

Thank you again for allowing us to represent you in the fight against hunger. **Together we are truly "alleviating hunger and nourishing stronger communities."**

Regards,

Jim Hires  
President & CEO



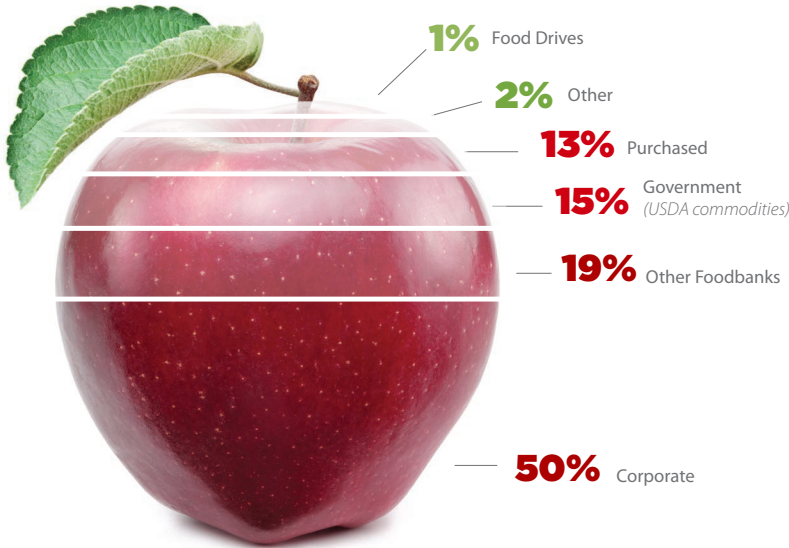
As you read our annual report, do so with pride. **Our accomplishments are your accomplishments.**



Up to **1 million pounds of food** can be stored in our 39,000 square foot warehouse, which includes 9,000 square feet of refrigerator and freezer space and a single dock from which we distribute and receive food.



### Where our Food comes From



### Financial Report

#### Public Support & Revenue

Contributed food	\$12,317,411.00
Contributions	\$1,947,204.46
Government grants & contracts	\$2,590,571.48
Other grants	\$280,494.33
Program revenue	\$504,361.25
<b>Total Public Support &amp; Revenue</b>	<b>\$17,640,042.52</b>

#### Expenses

Program services	\$17,446,758.23
Fundraising	\$574,409.23
Management & General	\$258,219.44
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$18,279,386.90</b>

#### Non-Operating

Investment income (expense)	\$58,203.88
Loss on sale of long-lived assets	\$(438.00)
<b>Total Non-Operating</b>	<b>\$57,765.88</b>

#### Change in Net Assets

**\$(581,578.50)**

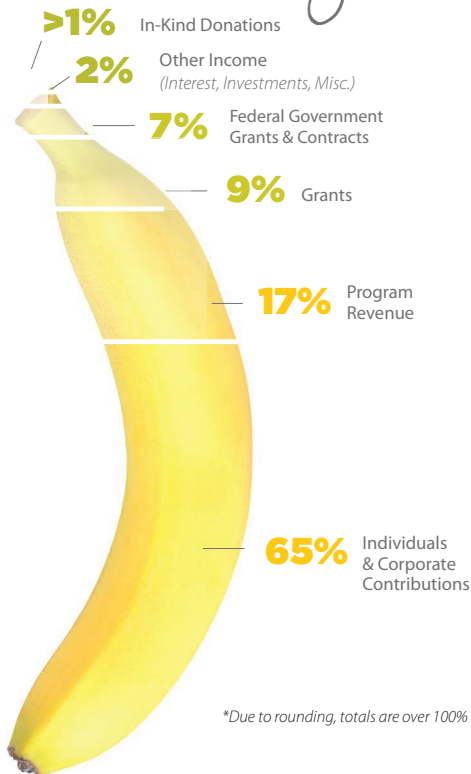
#### Net Assets, beginning of year

**\$6,476,544.00**

#### Net Assets, end of year

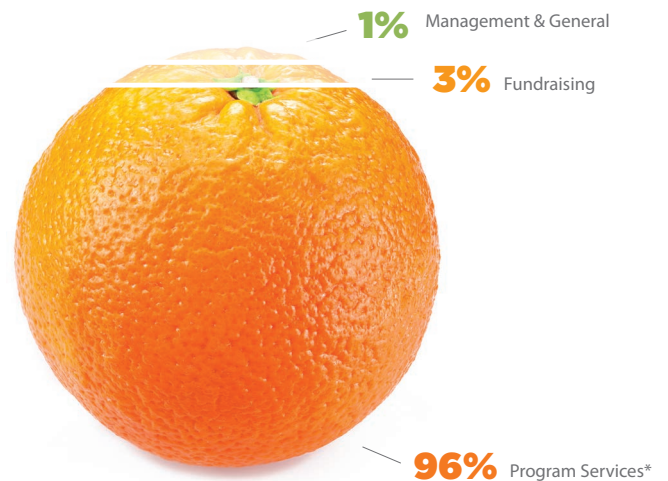
**\$5,897,965.50**

### Where our Funding comes From



\*Due to rounding, totals are over 100%

### How We Use our Resources



\*Includes value of donated food



**We recycle!** Thirty-two tons of cardboard from our facility was recycled last fiscal year which generated \$1,700.

# INDIVIDUAL GIVING

*The following donors made a significant contribution to supporting our work in FY18 and are members of Hundreds Against Hunger.*

## \$10,000 +

Michael Blayney & Joyce Bohrer  
Steven & Elizabeth H Mills

## \$9,999 - \$5,000

Anonymous (2)  
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Mary Kruse  
Gary & Bobbi Schnitkey  
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## \$4,999 - \$2,500

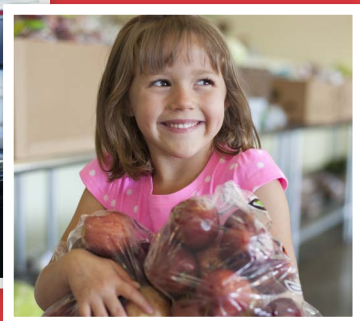
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Michael & Karen F Folk  
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Dale Velkovitz  
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## \$2,499 - \$1,000

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Jont & Patricia Allen  
Elizabeth Allison  
Michael Alsip & Jessica R King  
Kenneth & Mary K Andersen  
Dawn Aubrey  
Carol Augspurger  
Richard Avner  
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Nigel D Goldenfeld & Joan Campagnola  
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Julie Cidell  
Ruth Anne Clark  
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Gery & Cheryl Conlin  
Maria Conrad  
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Deborah Day  
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Rusty & Julie Denney  
William & Rebecca E Dey  
Patricia Drake  
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Gerald & Denise Dugan  
Rory Durkin & Mary E Martens  
Rhoda Engel  
John Epifanio & Jean Flemma  
Randy & Sharon Ervin  
Mary Ficek  
John & Helen I Frauenhoffer

Rusty & Jill W Freeland  
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Jennifer Greene  
Carolyn Griffin  
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James & Ellen S Harms  
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Erin Murphy  
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Jeffery Wampler  
William Weber  
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Theodore R & Joan Zernich  
Steven Zimmerman & Sharon  
Shavitt  
Steven Zumdahl & Susan L  
Arena



# CORPORATE GIVING

*The following donors made a significant contribution to supporting our work in FY18.*

## **\$110,000 +**

Feeding America  
Yahoo Employee Foundation

## **\$109,999 - \$40,000**

The Donnini/Rudolph Family Charitable Fund  
United Way of Champaign County

## **\$39,999 - \$10,000**

Carle Foundation Hospital  
Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation  
J.R. Albert Foundation  
Jackson Chiropractic & Acupuncture  
John P. Cadle Foundation  
Monsanto Fund  
Squirrelrelay  
WGRC - World's Greatest Rotary Club

## **\$9,999 - \$5,000**

Anonymous(1)  
Ameren Illinois  
City of Urbana / Cunningham Township  
Common Ground Food Co-Op  
Rural Grace Food Pantry  
Schwab Charitable Fund  
The Benevity Community Impact Fund  
The Meyer Charitable Foundation  
The Woodforest Charitable Foundation

## **\$4,999 - \$2,500**

Anonymous(1)  
Community Foundation Of East Central Illinois  
Community Shares of Illinois / Midwest Combined Federal Campaign  
Enterprise Holdings Foundation  
Gifford State Bank  
LyondellBasell  
Orange Krush / Illini Pride - U of I Foundation  
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St. Boniface Catholic Church  
The Andersons Inc.  
The Raynie Foundation  
Vesuvius  
Wells Fargo Foundation  
YourCause Paying agent for Corporate Giving Program

## **\$2,499 - \$1,000**

Anderson Electric  
Arthur Southern Baptist Church  
Associated Transfer & Storage  
Bayer  
Bright Funds Foundation  
Busey Bank

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Consolidated Communications  
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Corvette Club of IL  
Crusaders Church of Danville  
Episcopal Church Foundation  
ESS Clean, Inc.  
Farm Credit Services  
Fasteners Etc., Inc.  
First Financial Bank  
First Presbyterian Church of Urbana  
Hampster Industries  
Harrington & Tock, LLC  
Heartland Bank & Trust Co.  
Hessel Park Christian Reformed Church  
Hickory Point Bank & Trust  
Illinois American Water  
Illinois National Bank  
Illinois Pork Producers Association  
L. E. Myers Company  
Macy's Foundation Matching Gifts Program  
Melody Gaming LLC  
Michelle's Bridal Shoppe  
Midas Auto Systems Experts, Inc.  
Myers Insurance Group, Inc.  
New Covenant Fellowship  
Potters House Ministry  
Ratio Foundation, Inc  
Spherion  
St. John Lutheran Church of Royal  
State Farm Companies Foundation  
Student Bar Association  
TAI Charitable Foundation  
Team Wireless  
The Episcopal Diocese of Springfield  
Thrivent Choice  
U of I Community Credit Union  
United Way of Coles County  
Unity Church & Spiritual Center of C-U.  
The Episcopal Diocese of Springfield  
Wells Fargo Foundation  
Wyffels Hybrids

# IN-KIND GIVING

Advanced Aesthetics Surgery & Laser Center  
Aldi #37 (Mattoon)  
Aldi #51 (Pontiac)  
Aldi #54 (Bloomington)  
Aldi #73 (Charleston)  
Aldi #8 (Normal)  
Aldi #89 (Danville)  
Aldi #90 (Champaign)  
Aldi #91 (Urbana)  
Aldi #92 (Savoy)  
Alsum Farms & Produce Inc.  
Aunt Millie's  
Bayer  
Bimbo Bakeries  
Blue Moon Organic Farm  
Campbell's Soup Company  
Central Illinois Produce  
Champaign Central High School Band  
Chicago White Sox  
Circle K  
Coca-Cola Refreshments  
Cohen Center for Jewish Life & Illini Hillel Foundation  
Conagra Grocery Products, Inc.  
Conair Corporation  
Country Salvage  
County Market #329 (Pontiac)  
County Market (Duncan)  
Curtis Orchard  
Dole Fresh Vegetables  
Ed Morford  
Elite Island Resorts  
Flowers by Kristine  
Frito Lay  
General Mills, Inc.  
Harvest Market  
Hendrick House  
Hormel Foods Corp  
IL Pork Producers Association  
Illini Fighting Hunger  
Illinois Dpt of Human Services  
J.M. Smucker Company  
Jason Reda  
JC USA  
Jennie-O Turkey Store  
Kellogg Company  
Kentucky Fried Chicken  
Kraft Foods Inc.  
Kroger #260 (Paris)  
McLane Midwest  
Meijer #146 (Champaign)  
Meijer #207 (Normal)  
Meijer #247 (Urbana)  
Meijer #269 (Danville)  
Midwest Foodbank

Misc. Companies  
Miscellaneous Individuals  
Mondelez International  
Morford  
National Letter Carriers  
Nestle Purina PetCare  
Northern Illinois Foodbank  
Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc.  
Olive Garden  
Panera Bread Co., LLC  
Pepperidge Farm  
Pepsi  
Pepsi-Cola North America  
PetSmart Charities  
Pilgrim's Pride Corp.  
Posada Real Los Cabos  
Potandon Produce L.L.C.  
Prairie Farms  
Quaker Oats  
Quaker-Tropicana-Gatorade  
Ruler Foods #246 (Danville)  
Ruler Foods #249 (Champaign)  
Ruler Foods #251 (Charleston)  
Ruler Foods #290 (Champaign-CF)  
Ruler Foods #292 (Robinson)  
Sam's Club #4815 (Normal)  
Sam's Club #8197 (Champaign)  
Schnucks (Champaign)  
Schnucks (Savoy)  
Schnucks (Urbana)  
Schraad & Associates  
Sigma Delta Tau  
Sinai Temple  
Sola Gratia Farm  
Starcrest Cleaners  
Supervalu DC  
Target-PFresh #T0943  
The Clorox Company  
The Libman Company  
Treehouse Private Brands, Inc  
Triad Shredding Corp.  
Tropicana Products, Inc.  
Trucking Companies  
Two Men & A Truck  
Tyson Foods, Inc.  
USDA-ARS (Three Sisters Garden)  
W. Newell & Co.  
Wal-Mart #1093 (Rantoul)  
Wal-Mart #1125 (Normal)  
Wal-Mart #1386 (Pontiac)  
Wal-Mart #1548 (Watseka)  
Wal-Mart #1734 (Champaign)  
Wal-Mart #2491 (Danville)  
Wal-Mart #2934 (Paris)  
Wal-Mart #3255 (Savoy)  
Wal-Mart #3459 (Bloomington)  
Wal-Mart #422 (Robinson)  
Wal-Mart #481 (Mattoon)  
Wal-Mart #487 (Clinton)  
Wal-Mart #506 (Flora)  
Wal-Mart #5403 (Urbana)  
Wal-Mart #612 (Charleston)  
Wal-Mart #798 (Marshall)  
WDWS/WHMS/WKIO Radio  
White Wave Foods, Inc.  
Wolfe Orchards  
WorkSource Enterprises



Our fleet of 6 trucks traveled 150,000 miles last year — a 63% increase since FY15 — delivering food and picking up donated grocery products across 45,000 square miles.



# EASTERN ILLINOIS FOODBANK HIGHLIGHTS

**9.8 million pounds** of food, including **1.9 million pounds** of produce, was distributed to our network of partner food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other emergency feeding programs.



**195,800 pounds of produce** was distributed to nearly **19,000 individuals and over 7,000 children**, (a 25% increase over FY17) through **52 Foodmobiles** held on Saturday mornings in rural and underserved communities.



**900+ students** received a backpack full of food to combat weekend hunger from our **BackPack Program partners, Feeding our Kids** and **Food for Kids**.



**600 school children and their families** were provided food every month by our **School Food Pantry Program**.



**53,000 meals** were provided to **3,500 veterans** in our community through partnerships with VFW Post 630 and the VA Illiana Health Care System



Pantry staples and over **75,000 pounds of fresh produce** was distributed to more than **2,100 households** at Champaign Park District Neighborhood Block Parties and Mobile Market food distributions.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

EIF recognized the following partners for their significant support in FY18:



**BUSINESS PARTNER OF THE YEAR – Illinois Pork Producers**  
For more than five years, Illinois Pork Producers has been providing ground pork to the Foodbank — nearly 30,000 pounds since 2013.

During the last fiscal year, they began supporting EIF in other ways. They sponsored our Prom Benefit by providing a monetary gift and covering the cost of one of our protein items - pork, which helped offset the cost of the event and enabled us to raise 700,000 meals. They are a true example for other businesses in our community.

decades. In FY18 alone, they donated close to 314,000 meals — almost doubling their donation from the prior year of 159,000 meals. McLane strives to make a difference in our community.



**COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE YEAR - Food as Medicine Program**  
The Foodbank works with the Champaign Urbana Public Health Department's Friends of Champaign County food pantry and Promise

Healthcare to serve patients and individuals who are struggling to afford an adequate diet for healthy living. Hunger and health are directly linked, and when people don't have enough food or have to choose inexpensive foods with low-nutritional value, it can seriously impact their health. Being able to provide families with a prescription for food puts a meal on their tables and alleviates a burden in their lives. Last year alone, our Food as Medicine Programs served 7,492 Households, including 18,948 individuals and 10,787 children.



**FOOD DONOR OF THE YEAR – McLane**  
Responding to the growing need for emergency food in eastern Illinois, the Foodbank has expanded considerably over the last decade. McLane has been supporting our mission for nearly two

# OUR VOLUNTEERS...

Repacked **123,000 pounds of food,**

Distributed nearly **475,000 meals** on Foodmobiles,

**Helped raise \$250,000** by supporting community events,

**And brought hope** to our neighbors in need.



## THANK YOU!

## VOLUNTEER MILESTONES

In FY18, **2,000 volunteers** donated nearly **10,000 hours** of their time (equivalent to 4.8 FTEs) in our office, warehouse and throughout our community.

The following Foodbank volunteers also reached milestones in FY18:

### 300+ HOURS

Michael Crosby  
Charles Lehman  
Joanne Vician

### 500+ HOURS

Sandy Finnerty  
Beverly Herzog  
Gail Hueting

### 800+ HOURS

Marvin Piwoni

### 1,000+ HOURS

Fred Fechtmann  
George Roth



## DAY OF GIVING

**Tuesday, November 27, 2018, marks EIF's Day of Giving!** This holiday season, we're asking our community to come together to raise meals for families in need.

**You can participate in Day of Giving by:**

- Holding a food or funds drive or donating to a public drive (find a list of participating businesses and schools).
- Donating on Day of Giving, in the back parking lot of WCIA from 6am-7pm.
- Volunteering! We'll need help collecting monetary gifts outside of WCIA and repacking food in our warehouse. Find details and register to volunteer at [www.eifoodbank.org](http://www.eifoodbank.org).

**Day of Giving is a great opportunity for students, co-workers and colleagues to get involved in giving back to our community.**

Visit [www.eifoodbank.org](http://www.eifoodbank.org) and click on "Day of Giving" for more information.

## PROM BENEFIT FOR HUNGER RELIEF 2018

The Prom Benefit was held on March 10, 2018, at the Hilton Garden Inn and hosted by Jackson Chiropractic. The sold-out crowd of 350 attendees contributed to another record-breaking year, **raising over \$140,000 — 700,000 meals** — nearly 50% more meals than last year for our neighbors in need!

This year's Prom Court truly made an incredible impact, raising \$75,000 and doubling last year's court total. Brian Stark and Miranda Soucie were crowned Michelle's Bridal Prom King and Queen, raising more than 136,000 meals (\$27,000+) combined.

**Mark your calendar for Prom 2019 which will be held on March 9 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Champaign.**

Visit [www.eifoodbank.org](http://www.eifoodbank.org) to purchase tickets and for more information.

### Michelle's Bridal 2018 Prom Court:

London Blake  
Justin Gensler  
Brian Hanson  
Colleen Hatton  
Nikia Hults  
Warren Lee  
Nicole McGuire  
Stefanie Pratt  
Brian Stark  
Miranda Soucie

### 2018 Prom Committee

Clint & Tiffany Jackson,  
Co-Chairs  
Lorianne Bauer  
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Sarah Hills  
Meghan Kluesner  
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Steve Young,  
EIF Representative



# MISSION IMPACT AWARDS

Our growth and success would not be possible without the support of our community and donors who believe in our mission of alleviating hunger and nourishing stronger communities. Simply put – **we're able to fight hunger because you give.**



Some people are such over achievers—they can't just be crowned Prom King once, they have to do it twice. **Brian Stark** is one of those overachievers. But Brian doesn't put himself out there to win accolades, he does it to help feed his neighbors. Brian won his first Prom King title in the spring of 2017. Then this past March, he returned to become the first-ever consecutive Prom King. Each time Brian established a new fundraising record. As Prom King, he has raised more than \$33,000 for the Foodbank. He grew up on a farm and is from a strong farming community. He sees the connection between his professional work as Senior Manager at The Andersons Grain Group and the Foodbank's mission. Brian's goal is to give back to his community. And he has.



**Dr. Craig Gundersen** has been a monetary supporter of EIF and he's attended our Prom Benefit, but his incredible impact stems from his work with Feeding America. Dr. Gundersen is a Soybean Industry Endowed Professor in Agricultural Strategy and the Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics at the University of Illinois. He is one of the world's leading experts on food insecurity, and we are

lucky to have him right here in our own backyard. Through his involvement with the nationwide study on food insecurity, Map the Meal Gap, Craig has helped all of us explain food insecurity—and the need for support—to elected officials, donors, and the general public. His work informs our work at Eastern Illinois Foodbank. As a matter of fact, his work informs the work of more than 200 food banks across the United States.



**Morgan Powell** is a professor emeritus of musical composition and theory at the University of Illinois. He is a composer and jazz trombonist whose works are performed internationally. Patricia Hruby Powell is an acclaimed author, storyteller and dancer. For many years, this talented couple has coordinated a jazz benefit for the Foodbank. They recruit local bands, secure a location and request a donation at the door. They even secure prizes and sell raffle tickets to raise additional funds. The annual benefit is usually held around Thanksgiving so it captures the spirit of the season. Their efforts have raised more than \$12,500, or the equivalent of 62,500 meals, for the Foodbank.



**Champaign County Disc Golf** has held an annual Ice Bowl fundraiser benefiting the Foodbank, which is a true example of how

you can give back by doing what you love. What is the Ice Bowl? It's a game of disc golf - a game in which a concave plastic disc is thrown into each of a series of metal baskets situated on an outdoor course – in the snow and often freezing weather. The tagline for the event is "No wimps. No whiners." So far, their Ice Bowls have generated more than \$10,000—or roughly the equivalent of 55,000 meals.



## LIFETIME GIVING AWARD

Our first-ever Lifetime Giving Award was presented to **Steve and Betsy Mills**. The couple began giving to the Eastern Illinois Foodbank in 2010 and over the last 18 years, their generous support has provided the equivalent of 290,000 meals.

Steve explains why he and Betsy support the Foodbank's mission:

*"We certainly don't make our gifts with any expectation of recognition. In fact, in many ways, writing a check is the easy thing to do. We're blessed to have the resources to do so. The hard work is yours - and the real recognition goes to all of you - both the employees and the volunteers - who devote their time and energy each and every day to help meet the needs of our communities and fulfill the mission of the Foodbank."*

*I spent most of my working career at ADM and I have had the opportunity to travel the world and to witness the abundance of food that this planet of ours can produce. This world can be fed. No one, especially in this country, should ever go hungry. So until everyone is fed, Betsy and I will continue to support organizations such as the Eastern Illinois Foodbank."*