



Eastern Illinois
FOODBANK

IMPACT REPORT

Fiscal Year 2023: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

**Celebrating 40 years of
alleviating hunger and
nourishing stronger
communities**





2023 marks Eastern Illinois Foodbank's 40th anniversary.

Over the past four decades, we have grown into a dynamic organization working with more than 160 partner agencies to serve 1.5 million people a year throughout 18 counties in east-central Illinois. All of this has been made possible because of the generous support of friends like you.



Kelly W. Daly

Kelly Daly
President & CEO

In our 40th year, we unfortunately saw a 40% increase in people seeking our services. With rising grocery prices and emergency SNAP allotments expiring earlier this year, more of our neighbors are turning to us than ever. However, as we've done since we first opened our doors in 1983, Eastern Illinois Foodbank will continue to meet challenges head on.

As we emerged from the pandemic and entered a new era of foodbanking, we took on the task of expanding and improving our facility. Thanks to the generous donors who supported our capital campaign, we purchased and renovated the building to our north into a Volunteer Center. The addition officially opened to the public during Hunger Action Month in September of 2022, and we have transformed our volunteer program to include open volunteer hours. Volunteer engagement has since increased 537% which has been critical to ensuring we are able to distribute healthy, fresh food to our communities. In fact, we doubled the amount of produce we distributed this year!

We also reimagined our Foodmobile program, which is now traveling to all 18 counties in our service area, allowing us to meet our neighbors where they are. In addition to our network of partner food pantries, soup kitchens and other feeding programs, we are directly bringing food to more than 80 communities each month.

I see firsthand every day the impact your support has on our neighbors. Thank you for your continued partnership as we work to ensure that every family, child, senior, veteran and individual in our community has access to the nutritious food they need to live a happy and healthy life.



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HOW WE ALLEVIATE HUNGER



IF YOU BUILD IT, VOLUNTEERS WILL COME

Our volunteers make our work possible by donating something irreplaceable: their time. In fact, our incredible volunteers donated more than 6,500 hours this year—that's a 537% increase over last year!

This year, the opening of our new volunteer center and introduction of open volunteering hours allowed us to welcome hundreds of new faces into the foodbank to help us feed our community. The expanded space allowed us to add ergonomic equipment, anti-fatigue mats, improved tables, and lockers for volunteers to store their belongings.

From our corporate volunteering program to family repacks to the annual Operation Orange event, there's a chance for everyone to make a difference. To learn more about volunteering at EIF and to sign up for our volunteer newsletter, visit eifoodbank.org/action/volunteer/.





Providing Families With More Varieties of Nutritious Food

When we met Rachel and her daughter Avery at a Foodmobile distribution in Normal, they were looking forward to seeing the selection of food available that month. “This help makes a huge difference. She’s growing like a weed and eating us out of house and home!” Rachel and Avery have been coming to the Foodmobile for a while, and say it allows them to pay other bills. “Food prices are astronomical these days, and \$100 just doesn’t go as far at the grocery store. There are things we wouldn’t be able to do without this [assistance],” Rachel shared.

Like most children, Avery has her go-to foods—her favorite is stuffed crust pizza, and she doesn’t like any condiments on her burgers—but the variety at the Foodmobile distributions allows her to try new things. She had a hard time choosing between all the fresh fruit and vegetable options, and replied with an enthusiastic “Ooh. Yes, please!” when a volunteer asked if she wanted to try some pumpkin spice bagels.

Rachel knows that there’s still a stigma around receiving food assistance, and said she was happy to share their story to make others feel less alone. They’re so grateful for the resource that Avery hopes to volunteer at the Foodmobile when she becomes a student at Normal West High School, where the distribution is held each month, and give back to others the way they’ve given to her family. “It’s so important to help your community,” Rachel said.



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Foodmobiles, Reimagined

EIF's Foodmobile program is a system of mobile food pantries designed to bring nutritious food to rural and underserved areas. The program evolved this year when the Foodbank added a trailer to its fleet, allowing the efficient transportation and distribution of food to multiple towns each day. The trailer is already traveling to all 18 counties in our service area every month.

“With our communities facing obstacles such as increased food prices and transportation costs, it's more important than ever to meet our neighbors where they are,” said EIF President & CEO Kelly Daly. “In the past year, we saw a 40% increase in people seeking our services. We knew we had to evolve this program in order to best respond to the needs of our community.”

The program is a lifeline for families like Connie's, who visits the Foodmobile distribution in Edgar County. “I'm very thankful for it,” she said. “By the time we pay the bills, there's nothing left.” She told us a lot of seniors in her community don't have transportation and the distributions coming to their small town is helpful. “A lot of people don't drive,” she said, “and every little bit helps.”

A current Foodmobile schedule can be viewed at eifoodbank.org/help/mobile.html.



Our **Fiscal Year 2023 numbers** illustrate the importance of community support to continue meeting the elevated need:



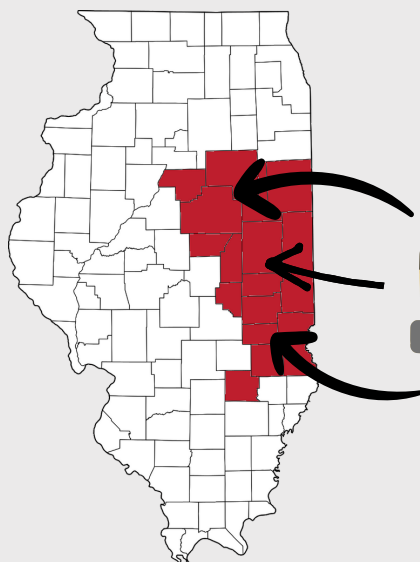
IN FISCAL YEAR 2023

NEIGHBORS SERVED

VOLUNTEER HOURS
DONATED

6,594
HOURS

=
THE WORK OF
3
FULL-TIME
EMPLOYEES



SERVICE AREA COVERED
14,500 SQUARE MILES
18 COUNTIES

NUMBER OF
PARTNER AGENCIES
168

MILES TRAVELED BY
OUR FLEET
176,146
(ACCIDENT-FREE!)

MISSION IMPACT AWARDS

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

These dedicated individuals and organizations have helped Eastern Illinois Foodbank further our mission of alleviating hunger and nourishing stronger communities.



BUSINESS PARTNER OF THE YEAR

Bayer's \$20,000 gift will fund more than one month of Foodmobile distributions, and their donation of anti-fatigue mats to our volunteer center keeps our volunteers safe and comfortable.



COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE YEAR

Community Foundation of East Central Illinois has been a valued partner of the foodbank for more than 20 years, and their grants have provided several key pieces of equipment to our warehouse.



MISSION IMPACT AWARD

This year, Meijer stores in Champaign, Urbana, Danville, and Normal all increased their food donations by 100,000 pounds, allowing us to feed more local families at a time of increased need.



MISSION IMPACT AWARD

We can always count on Hickory Point Bank to not only help feed our neighbors, but to have fun doing it. This year, they chose EIF as the beneficiary of funds and food donated at Clearview Farm's annual sunflower maze event—providing nearly 8,000 meals to our community.



MISSION IMPACT AWARD

Every week, Doug and Mary drive several hours to attend our open volunteer hours to repack food and assist with warehouse projects.



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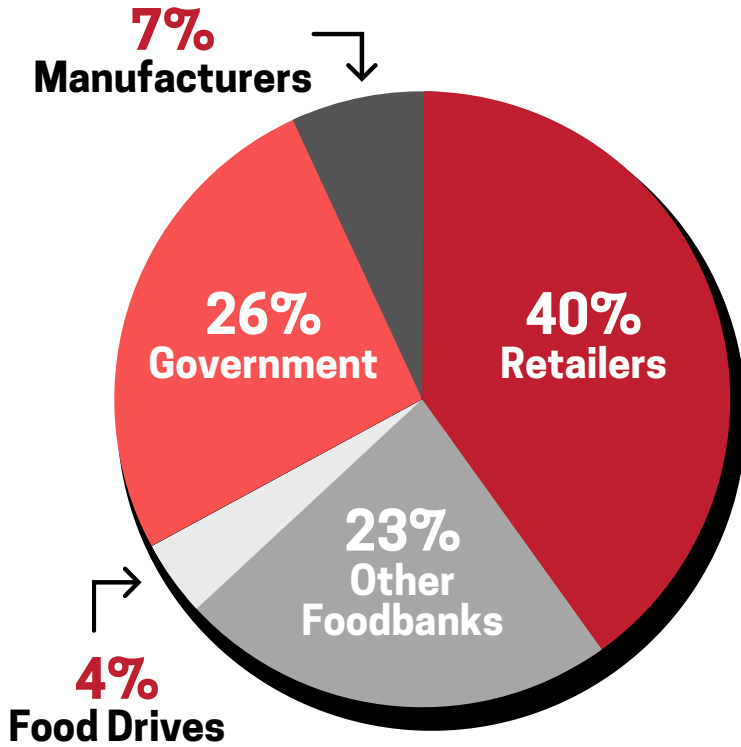
Girl Scout Troop 2133 always finds fun ways to give—including garage sales, food drives, and planting a garden to grow produce for our neighbors.

FINANCIALS

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FOOD SOURCES

Where did our food come from this year?



Public Support & Revenue

Value of donated food	\$17,467,720.00
Contributions	\$3,109,994.41
Government grants & contracts	\$929,687.95
Other grants	\$652,707.83
Program revenue	\$484,538.05
Other income	\$28,648.35

Total Public Support & Revenue **\$22,673,296.59**

Expenses

Program services	\$21,383,223.58
Fundraising	\$830,056.58
Management & general	\$234,614.14

Total Expenses **\$22,447,894.30**

Non-Operating

Investment income (expense)	\$50,253.70
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Total Non-Operating **\$50,253.70**

Change in Net Assets **\$275,655.99**

Net Assets (Beginning of Year) **\$12,133,382.28**

Net Assets (End of Year) **\$12,409,038.27**

**Non-audited financial results*

Stay connected to the work you support! Visit eifoodbank.org to learn more.



HERE IS MY HOLIDAY GIFT TO ALLEVIATE HUNGER

Yes, I'll help ensure local kids, families, and seniors have the nourishing food they need to make this season special!

I'm sending a gift of:

\$250 \$100 \$50 \$25 Other \$ _____

Please send me information about the Plate Fillers monthly giving program.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Please make checks payable to:

Eastern Illinois Foodbank
2405 North Shore Drive | Urbana IL 61802

Your donation is tax deductible to the full extent of the law. We will send you a receipt for your records.



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