



# Northern Illinois Food Bank

## Your support can help NIFB reach new milestones in providing food for hungry people!

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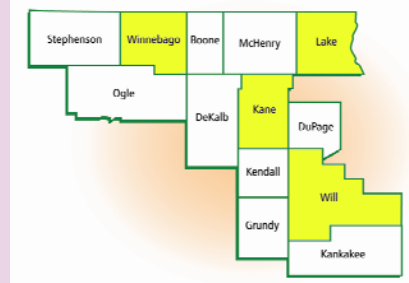


Hunger Facts

Through the generosity of our many donors and volunteers last year we provided food for the nearly **300,000 people living in poverty**, including **100,000 children**, and the **721,000 unemployed** in northern Illinois.

*"To the people that's giving the food, just so they know that this is really helpful."* Pamela, Pantry Client

We distributed a record **35 million pounds** of food through our network of 537 food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and youth feeding sites in 13 counties across northern Illinois. This 28% increase over last year reflects the continuing increase in demand for food assistance.



Food Recovery

Thanks to our generous food donors, **over 50% of all the food distributed is nutrition-rich protein**. We are grateful to our Food Recovery Partners – Jewel, WalMart, Sam's Club and Kroger/Highlander – for providing 6.6 million pounds of product of which 3.3 million pounds was frozen meat and seafood.

We provided **1.1 million meals** last year to hungry children! NIFB serves healthy after-school snacks, suppers, breakfasts, and lunches to **4,500 children each day**. Every Friday, over 1,000 children at risk for chronic hunger receive backpacks filled with enough food to feed them and two siblings for the entire weekend.

*"What's that called? Carrots! I like those because they are healthy for your eyes."* Elizabeth, Youth Feeding Site Participant



Feeding our Future



The Mobile Pantry

NIFB's **Mobile Pantry**, a traveling food pantry with refrigerated bays that can carry **up to 10,000 pounds of food** made 283 visits in the last year to feed over 52,000 families. With the recent acquisition of a second Mobile Pantry truck, NIFB will be able to increase service to areas and communities under-served by traditional pantries.

*"The food's good, especially the meats..."* Larry, Pantry Client



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A vital part of helping us achieve our mission, more than **10,000 NIFB volunteers** donated **75,000 hours** of time sorting and packing thousands of pounds of food.



Volunteer Support



Express Stamps & Advocacy

NIFB's direct distribution programs provided **over 30,000 boxes of nutritious food** to help reach under-served populations.

A **Congressional Hunger Award** recognized NIFB's efforts to increase access to federal benefit programs through the Express Stamps program and advocacy.

## Building for the Future

NIFB celebrated an important milestone on July 12<sup>th</sup> as we broke ground for our new **Food Distribution and Community Nutrition Center**. The new facility, which we expect to be completed by mid-2011, will provide much-needed amenities and space to help us more effectively and efficiently store, process and distribute food. We are grateful to the generous support of those who have already contributed to this exciting project and invite you to learn more about making a Capital Campaign donation.



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