

**Hoosier Hills Food Bank  
In Your Community:**

**Monroe County**

Monroe County is Hoosier Hills Food Bank's base of operations and largest county. In 2012, we distributed 1,591,171 pounds of food to 51 agencies in the county, 50% of the total food distributed. Mother Hubbard's Cupboard and Community Kitchen are the two largest agencies and others we support include: Amethyst House, Area 10 Agency on Aging, Boys & Girls Club, First Christian Church, First United Methodist Church, Grace Center Food Pantry, Hospice of IU Health Bloomington Hospital, MCUM, Middle Way House, Positive Link, Shalom Community Center, Salvation Army and pantries in Perry, Bloomington and Richland Townships.

Major food donors in the county include Walmart, Kroger, Marsh, Bloomingfoods, Tree of Life, MDV/Nash Finch, IMU Tudor Room and the NALC Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. HHFB is a member agency of United Way of Monroe County and receives generous support from the City of Bloomington, Monroe County Council, Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County, and the Perry, Bloomington and Van Buren Township Trustees. Most of our annual events take place in Bloomington including the Soup Bowl Benefit, Hoosier Hysteria, Canstruction and MLK Day of Service.

**Lawrence County**

The amount of food HHFB distributes in Lawrence County increased by 15% in 2012 – to 539,368 pounds. This represents 17% of the total distributed by the food bank. In addition to providing food to Becky's Place, Bedford Community Care Center, God's Place, Indiana Indian Movement, Lawrence Interfaith Endeavor, Limestone Girls Club, Mitchell Church of Christ, Mitchell Wesleyan Church and Salvation Army of Lawrence County. HHFB operates Families First, a monthly

mobile food pantry in Bedford and Mitchell. Last year, our mobile pantry served a monthly average of 130 households in Bedford (up 10% from last year) and 141 households in Mitchell (up 17%).

Major donors in Lawrence County include Walmart, Jay C, Food Ruler and the Lawrence County Community Foundation.

**Brown County**

HHFB distributed 9% more food in Brown County last year than the year before, a total of 174,133 pounds. Mother's Cupboard received the bulk of this food, over 92,000 pounds but we also support five other agencies in the county including North Salem Food Pantry, Salvation Army of Brown County, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church Pantry, St. Vincent de Paul of Brown County and Walnut Hills Retreat.

While HHFB has no food donors and receives no institutional or local government support in Brown County, we do have several generous individual donors and we are working on cultivating relationships to better serve the community. In 2012, Big Woods Brewing Company hosted HHFB's first fundraising event in Brown County and we partnered with the Brown County Public Library for a hunger awareness display.

**Orange County**

HHFB distributed 17% more food in Orange County last year than the year before, a total of 210,752 pounds. We supply five agencies in the county: Backpacks of Blessings, Mercy Center, Older Americans Service Corp., Paoli Community Food Pantry and Springs Valley Food Pantry. With the support of Orange County volunteers, we also distribute monthly food boxes to 300 senior citizens in French Lick, Orleans and Paoli through the USDA Commodity Supplemental Food Program. In 2013, in response to the closure of the Orleans Food Pantry, HHFB will expand our Families First Mobile Food Pantry program to include Orleans.

HHFB has received generous support from the Orange County Community Foundation and the Orange County Commissioners Supporting Organization and regular food donors include Walmart and Jay C.

**Owen County**

HHFB distributed 17% more food in Owen County last year than the year before, a total of 455,409 pounds or 14% of our total distribution. We supply food to ten agencies in the county: Area 10 Owen County, Cunot Food Pantry, Garrard Chapel, Gosport Food Pantry, Indiana Dream Team, La Campagne Ministries, Light-house Tabernacle, Patrickburg Food Pantry, Mark of Discipleship Mission and Spencer Presbyterian Food Pantry.

Generous support from the Owen County Community Foundation enabled us to begin a monthly central food distribution to our Owen County partner agencies at Babb's in Spencer, and support from the Owen County Council is helping us distribute more fresh produce in the county. We also regularly collect food from the Spencer Walmart store.

**Martin County**

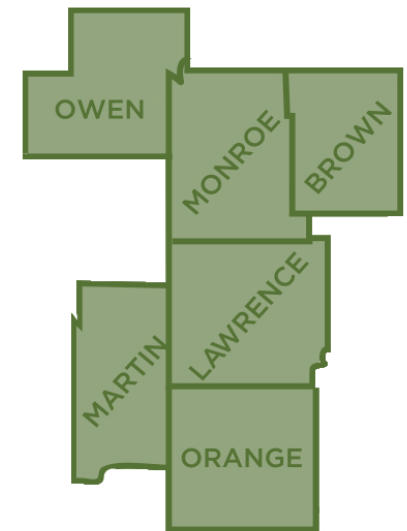
HHFB distributed 71,004 pounds of food to Martin County in 2012. We've had a long and positive relationship with St. Vincent de Paul of Martin County and have worked to support their efforts. Late last year, we added a second partner agency in the county, Loogootee United Methodist Church Food Pantry. With the help of community volunteers, we also distribute monthly boxes of food to 88 low-income senior citizens in Loogootee and Shoals. In 2013, we will expand our Families First Mobile Food Pantry program to include a monthly distribution in Shoals.

HHFB regularly collects food from Food Ruler and Jay C stores in Martin County and has received support through the Combined Federal Campaign at Crane.



**Hoosier Hills Food Bank  
2012 Report to the Community**

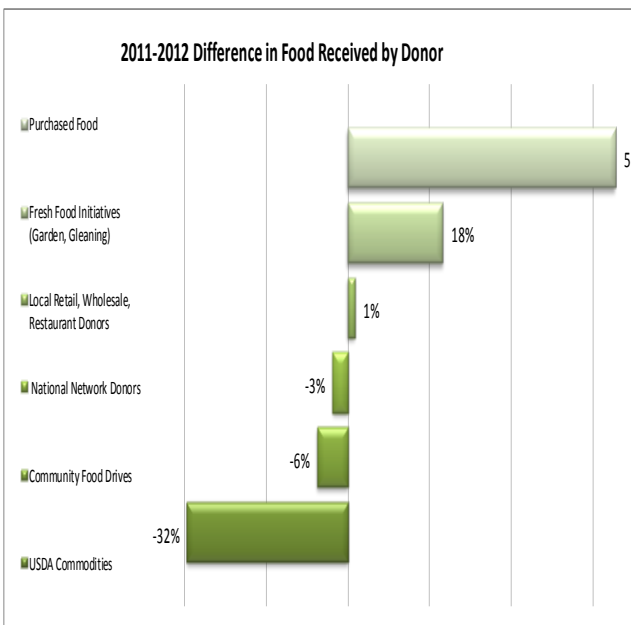
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**Who are we?** Hoosier Hills Food Bank is a 501c3 non-profit organization that supplies over three million pounds of food annually to agencies that feed the hungry in South Central Indiana. As a member of Feeding America and Feeding Indiana's Hungry we are part of a network of food banks that cover every corner of Indiana and every county in the United States. Food banks act as a conduit between food donors and programs that feed people, in order to ensure that the maximum amount of donated food possible is rescued and efficiently put to use helping those in need.

HHFB's service area includes Brown, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange and Owen counties. We also provide some limited services in Crawford and Greene counties. We work from our 15,000 square foot warehouse in Bloomington with our food safety-trained staff of thirteen and over 3,300 volunteers to obtain food from nearly 300 retail, prepared food and community donors and distribute it to 94 partner agencies. Last year, our fleet of ten vehicles logged 46,416 miles collecting and distributing food, 26% more than in 2011.

In 2012, HHFB distributed **3,187,465 pounds of food**, and since our founding 30 years ago in 1982, we've distributed over 38 million total pounds.



**What do we do?** HHFB collects food from retail stores, wholesalers, restaurants, farms and community food drives. Much of this food would otherwise be wasted. As part of a national network, we also obtain food from national donors by paying the transportation costs to get it. We also use fundraised dollars to purchase food, distribute USDA government commodities and grow fresh produce through our own garden program. The mix of food we can distribute depends largely on donations but we can supplement it with purchases and gardening.

In 2012, we had to work harder to get more food from more sources because the level of federal commodities dropped by 32%.

Food Received (pounds) By Donor	2012	2011	Difference
National Network Donors	325,607	335,699	-3%
Local Retail, Wholesale, Restaurant Donors	1,590,675	1,568,965	+1.4%
Community Food Drives	151,834	161,550	-6%
USDA Commodities	809,037	1,181,440	-32%
Fresh Food Initiatives (Garden, Gleaning)	57,080	48,173	+18%
Purchased Food	448,020	294,320	+52%

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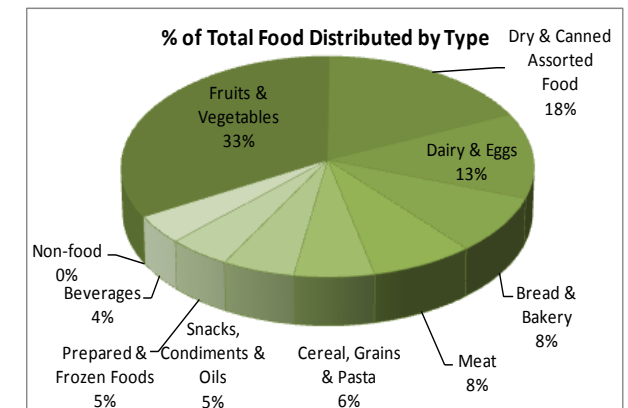
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Distributing over 3 million pounds of food to more than 90 non-profit agencies that serve more than 25,000 Hoosiers in eight South Central Indiana counties.

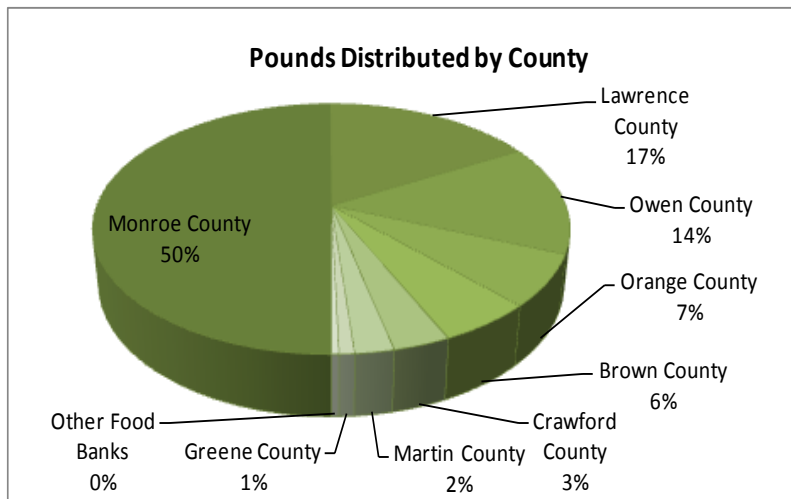
Food Distributed By Type in 2012	Pounds	% of Total
Beverages	132,270	4%
Bread & Bakery	266,905	8%
Cereal, Grains & Pasta	189,349	6%
Dairy & Eggs	399,090	12.5%
Dry & Canned Assorted Food	570,326	18%
Fruits & Vegetables	1,067,255	33%
<i>Fresh Produce</i>	647,576	20%
<i>Canned, Dried, Frozen Produce</i>	419,679	13%
Meat	242,878	8%
Prepared & Frozen Foods	147,793	5%
Snacks, Condiments & Oils	170,873	5%
Non-food	726	<.5%



**When does this happen?** Hunger is an ongoing, year-round problem and so is HHFB's response. Most of the year, we collect food six days a week. Our warehouse and food delivery programs operate five days a week. Drivers are on the road daily obtaining donated food from over 130 retail and wholesale donors and more than 50 prepared food donors throughout our service area. We participate in over 115 community food drives both large and small and coordinate the collection of those non-perishables throughout the year. We garden and work with farmers in the spring, summer and fall.

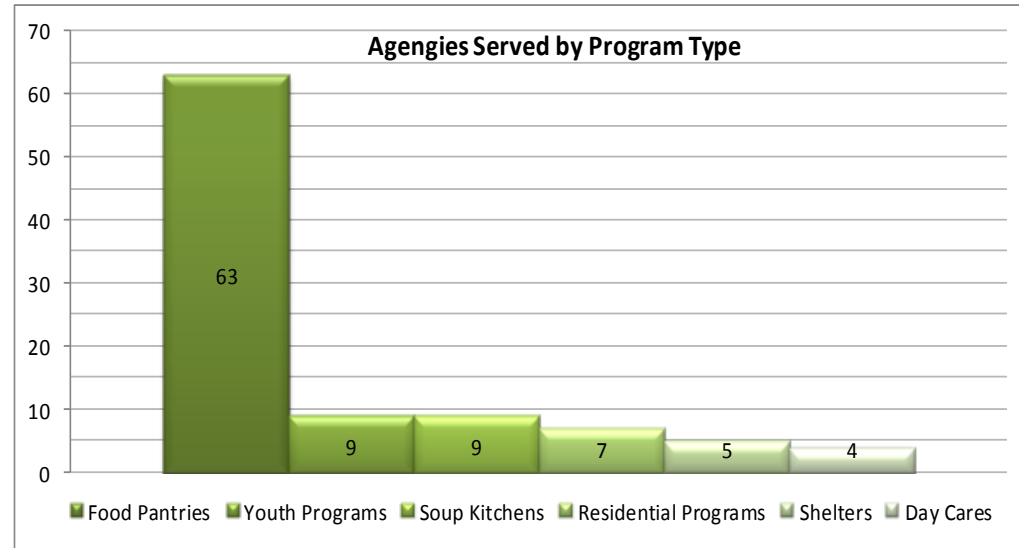
**Where does the food go?** Hoosier Hills Food Bank partners with 94 agencies in eight counties. Our focus is on supporting "emergency" food providers – mainly food pantries and soup kitchens whose primary purpose is feeding children, the ill or people in need. But we also serve other non-profits – low income day care programs, senior centers, youth programs, homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters and residential programs. Our Feeding America service area includes six counties, but we also provide some support in two others – through agreement with our sister food bank, Terre Haute Catholic Charities, we supply two agencies in eastern Greene county; and through arrangements with the state of Indiana, we distribute commodities in Crawford County.

While the vast majority of our food is distributed to agencies, we also operate two direct service programs: CSFP is a USDA sponsored program that provides a monthly box of food for low-income senior citizens in three counties. HHFB operates this program in Crawford, Martin and Orange counties in collaboration with the Indiana State Department of Health. We also operate Families First, a mobile food pantry program at two sites in Lawrence County – Bedford and Mitchell. In 2013, this program will expand to Shoals in Martin County and Orleans in Orange County in an effort to better serve rural residents.



### Pounds Distributed by County

Brown County	174,133	5%
Crawford County	104,347	3%
Greene County	27,666	<1%
Lawrence County	539,368	17%
Martin County	71,004	2%
Monroe County	1,591,171	50%
Other Food Banks	13,615	<1%
Orange County	210,752	7%
Owen County	455,409	14%



HHFB and our partners serve approximately 25,800 clients annually. Of the households served, 30% have children under age 18 (8% under age 5), 6% have adults age 65 and older, 26% of client households receive SNAP benefits (or food stamps) and 5% of households are homeless. Some programs are "no questions asked" but most food pantry clients must meet income eligibility requirements for federal programs, normally annual incomes no more than 165% of the federal poverty level, which is \$17,968 for an individual and \$36,877 for a family of four. Some agencies serve specific segments of the community such as children, hospice patients or domestic violence victims.

### Why do we do this? Hoosier Hills Food Bank's guiding principle is that "No one deserves or needs to go hungry."

Food is essential for human life and development and we strongly believe that access to safe, nutritious food is a right for all people. We're also convinced that the resources exist to ensure that everyone has food. According to the USDA, 40% of the food supply in America is wasted. We work to rescue that food, combine it with more food from other sources, and coordinate a community effort involving, the private, public and non-profit sectors to get it to people in need.

#### One hungry child is too many and even one instance of hunger can have lasting impacts on child development.

- Of the 241,370 residents in HHFB's service area, 16.2% people live in poverty and 15.4% are food insecure.
- In the six counties HHFB serves, 1 in 5 children are at risk of hunger.
- 46% of clients in HHFB's service area have been forced to choose between food and utilities.
- The median monthly income of client households served by HHFB is \$750.

If Hoosier Hills Food Bank didn't exist, more than 90 charities would be trying to coordinate with over 300 donors to obtain food. Donations would be lost, food safety would be compromised, economies of scale and geography would not be taken advantage of and state, regional and national resources could not be utilized effectively on the local hunger problem.

We maintain the infrastructure and relationships to provide a critical link between donors and charities, and to make hunger relief a coordinated and more effective effort.

**How do we do it?** With a multi-layered approach and LOTS of community support. There are three essential elements – food donations, financial support and volunteer time. And we must involve all sectors of the community. Government support through federal nutrition programs that supply staple foods, and through grants that help with operating expenses is very important and provides a strong base for our efforts. But, addressing hunger requires a much broader approach because government can only do so much. Private, community donors provide the biggest part of our support, by far. The business community, the faith community, state and national partners, civic and social organizations, campus groups and schools all play an important role.

#### Top Food Donors of 2012

- Walmart
- Tree of Life
- Kroger
- Marsh
- MDV Nash Finch
- IMU Tudor Room
- Target
- Troyer Foods
- Bloomington Farmers' Market
- IU Health Bloomington Hospital
- Bloomingfoods
- IU Hoosier Room
- Hoosier Hysteria
- MCCSC Schools
- Indiana Pork Producers
- National Association of Letter Carriers

#### 2012 Program Highlights

- 627,286 pounds of fresh produce distributed—an increase of over 245,000 pounds or 64%. Fresh produce as a percentage of total food distributed increased from 12% to 20%.
- 3,383 individuals volunteered at HHFB, a 17% increase over last year...and they put in 25% more hours.
- 8 new retail stores became regular donors.
- A new cooler doubled our refrigerated storage capacity.
- First garden year at Will Detmer Park.
- Celebrated our 30th Anniversary with a retrospective video, reception and by meeting a \$30,000 matching challenge.

#### 2013 Plans and Goals (Resolutions?)

- Continued efforts to increase fresh produce distribution and proactive monitoring of the mix and nutritional value of food distributed will be priorities.
- Families First Mobile Food Pantry will expand to monthly distributions in Orleans and Shoals.
- Continue to survey our member agencies, in order to assess the types and amounts of food products they need.
- Support our partner agencies with the most food possible.

