



Hungry for Change

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News from the Hoosier Hills Food Bank

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Moving Right Along!

Sometimes the period after the holidays ends provides us with a small window of respite, but that has not been the case for Hoosier Hills Food Bank in 2019! In January, we distributed 376,585 pounds of food – a 7% increase over last January!

We also hosted the traditional Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service and about 70 volunteers helped with a variety of tasks around the warehouse including packing senior food boxes and repacking pasta and potatoes. We followed that up with the planning and implementation for the 25th Anniversary Soup Bowl Benefit, which is highlighted inside.

There have also been a few challenges so far this year – both man-made and natural. The extreme cold weather caused us to keep trucks and drivers off the road on the worst day of the polar vortex, but we did remain open for those agencies willing to brave the cold. Unfortunately, diesel trucks don't like to start in ridiculously cold conditions and it's not really safe for people to be out for extended period of time. It was difficult, but we also managed to crank out our pick-ups, deliveries and programs during the torrential flood conditions the following week.

And while we appear to have avoided significant consequences from it, the federal government shutdown caused a great deal of concern and required extra planning. It wasn't widespread, but some agencies did report seeing new clients who were furloughed from federal service. And the disruption in distribution of SNAP benefits caused confusion and concern that we may still see a temporary increase in clients. HHFB responded to numerous media and government inquiries and we engaged in planning with our partner agencies and local and national funding partners to prepare a response.

We're also working on preparing our 2018 Annual Report and planning the Annual Meeting where it will be released. This should be an exciting and fun event and we hope you'll join us!



Join us!

Hoosier Hills Food Bank Annual Meeting Lunch
Friday, March 22, 2019 11:30 - 1pm

RSVP to julio@hhfoodbank.org or 812-334-8374
by 3/15 only if attending

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HHFB TO DISTRIBUTE EXTRA FOOD TO HELP WITH “SNAP GAP”

Thanks largely to funding support from Feeding America and United Way of Monroe County, Hoosier Hills Food Bank is making a food purchase that will be shared among partner agencies and programs in six counties to help with any increases in clients affected by the recent government shutdown.

Because the government was closed, benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) for February were distributed early, in late January. The temporary and final agreements to reopen the government funded future SNAP benefits but still left the distribution schedule disrupted. February benefits were released early and March benefits are being released in two payments. Hunger relief agencies fear this disruption will cause a “SNAP Gap” in late February or March when clients may look to food pantries for assistance.

United Way of Monroe County was recently awarded funds from a national coalition offering assistance to communities impacted by the recent federal government shutdown. These funds, along with local dollars, will supplement member agency HHFB’s efforts to address the “SNAP Gap” in the region. They will be combined with funds received through Feeding America, HHFB’s national partner which were raised from national donors for the purpose of addressing hunger-related impacts of the recent shutdown.

The food bank will work with partners in the six counties it serves that have agreed they would be willing to assist more clients if needed. It will spend about \$17,000 to purchase approximately 27,600 pounds of staple foods – Beef Stew, Green Beans, Peanut Butter, Macaroni & Cheese, and Rice, supplementing the \$15,636 in grants from Feeding America and United Way with some of its own purchasing dollars to assist 11 programs.

“We’re very grateful to Feeding America, United Way of Monroe County and their donors for making this supplemental food purchase possible,” said Executive Director and CEO Julio Alonso. “It will provide the equivalent of about 23,000 meals and definitely helps at a difficult time. But I feel compelled to remind everyone that even this generous opportunity results in only a bit more than one meal per SNAP recipient in our service area, and that every day we’re open we distribute the equivalent of over 1 6,000 meals to our partners. The non-profit food network is already doing the best we can and our leaders have to realize the importance of these vital food and nutrition programs and the folly of disrupting them.”

Join Us!

Thank you to all food and food drive donors who helped make 2018 Successful. Please join us at our Annual Meeting to hear about our Grand Slam Year and our future plans.

When: Friday, March 22, 2019
11:30 - 1pm
Where: 2333 W Industrial Park Dr.
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812-334-8374



Planned Giving

Are you interested in making a lasting impact? Consider including Hoosier Hills Food Bank in your will or estate planning.

Email office@hhfoodbank.org for more information.

MLK Day of Service

Thank you so much to the volunteers that braved the elements to come help us honor Martin Luther King Jr. In total we had 68 volunteers perform 105 volunteer hours for us bagging up pasta and packing CSFP boxes!



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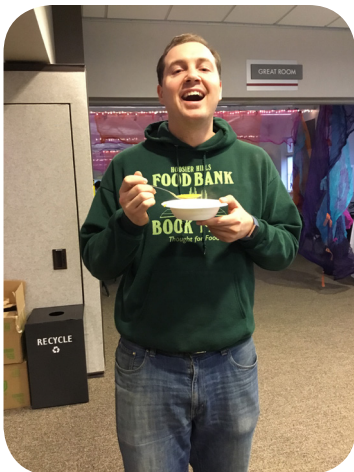
IU Civic Leaders Center
Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA)
& some individuals too!

Your efforts helped us feed a lot of people!



Soup Bowl 2019

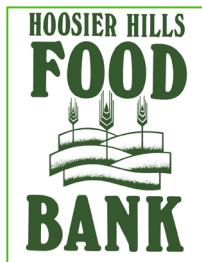
The 25th annual Soup Bowl Benefit, held at the Monroe Convention Center on Sunday February 17th, was an incredible success. An enormous thank you goes out to all the sponsors, restaurants, committee members, volunteers, potters, musicians, donors and attendees that made it possible! We are honored to host the Soup Bowl each year as this wonderful tradition brings together the generous Bloomington community. Together, before expenses, we raised over \$147,000 to support HHFB. Thanks for all your support, and we hope to see you next year!





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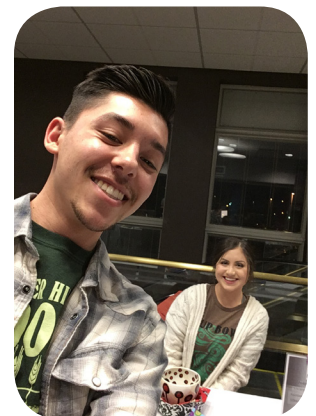


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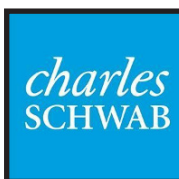
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