



Hungry for Change

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News from the Hoosier Hills Food Bank

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Summer Help Wanted

Well, okay, we're not looking for lifeguards, lawn mowers or house painters...but we do want help this summer!

July 2018 was the biggest month in the 36-year history of Hoosier Hills Food Bank – over 566,000 pounds! We're not sure if July 2019 is going to match that, but half-way through the year we're already running well ahead.

Through June, we've distributed 2,352,207 pounds of food – up 5.5% over last year. So far, four of the six months this year have beaten their counterparts from 2018. We're on the way to another great year for fresh produce as well – 544,444 pounds distributed through June, up 12% over last year.

Like our baseball colleagues, HHFB has an All-Star game to celebrate the middle of our season and we did so at the Hunger Action Awards reception last month. It was a great chance to thank our supporters and honor several most valuable players who've helped us ensure that hunger is not an option.

We've had some highs in the first half of the year – successful Soup Bowl and Stamp Out Hunger events, strong food distribution and a fun annual meeting. And, we've had some lows – continuous truck woes that have used up our repair budget with half the year to go.

We're looking forward to getting even more fresh produce out to people who need it, to a great agency conference this fall and to another successful and fun book fair. And we continue working on developing our 2020 Vision strategic plan.

Right now, we're getting calls asking if we can do another Farm Fresh Friday produce giveaway and to be honest, we're not sure. We need to raise about \$5000 to cover the processing and transportation costs for enough produce to make that possible. But summer is always hard on our cash flow and we're watching our budget carefully...and this year, we don't have the grants that have helped fund this fantastic project for the past three years.

If you can help us with a gift today, it could give us the confidence to lock down a produce order for August delivery and combined with other sources, help us to serve between 400 and 500 people with multiple varieties of fresh summer produce for the fourth year in a row. Please help if you can.

Thank you for your support and have a great summer!



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13th Annual Hunger Action Awards

On June 11, we had a successful 13th Annual Hunger Action Awards. Our guests enjoyed t-shirts, food, and cake as we honored staff, volunteers, and partners. We are very thankful for the support of everyone who attended and who received an award! Thank you as well to our sponsors, IU Dining and Markey's.



Brandon Bartley and One World Enterprises (Outstanding Community Partner)



Julio Alonso and Vicki Pierce (Charlie Thompson Award)



Julio Alonso and Kroger Manager of Public Affairs Eric Halvorson



Erin Hollinden and Bread of Life (Outstanding Partner Agency)



Pastor Robert C. Courson, Jr. (Outstanding Volunteer) and Casey Steury



Julio Alonso, Cook Group (Outstanding Community Partner), and Jake Bruner



At the Hunger Action Awards, we also celebrated our beloved Manager of Volunteer Services and Community Engagement, Ryan Jochim's, 5th year working for the Hoosier Hills Food Bank. Thank you for all that you do, Ryan!



Join us for the 36th Annual Book Fair



HHFB is excited to present the 36th Annual Bloomington Community Book Fair, which will offer more than 100,000 books, CDs, DVDs, LP records, games, puzzles, stamps, coins and more! Also check out food trucks, activities and programs all week at the book fair! The book fair will be from October 3-8, 2019. We look forward to seeing you there! If you are interested in sponsoring the bookfair, please contact Jake at Office@hhfoodbank.org



Legacy Donors

Are you interested in becoming a legacy donor? Consider including HHFB in your will or estate planning. Planning your giving can be a great way to help the food bank, our partners, and our patrons for years to come. Make a lasting difference by becoming a legacy donor today. Contact Jake at Office@hhfoodbank.org

Truck Challenge

Truck Challenges: Good and Bad

Bad News: It's only July and we've already exceeded our budget for truck repairs in 2019. In fact, one of our most versatile trucks, Connie, is sidelined for 6-8 weeks waiting on a part; and 31-year old Jumbo is not getting any younger and also waiting for repairs at press time.

Good News: We're getting closer to our goal of adding a new truck to our fleet and letting Jumbo head into retirement! A new truck is crucial to our ability to keep moving almost 4.9 million pounds of food and will help us get more fresh produce to more people.

We announced a \$65,000 challenge grant at the annual meeting and since then, we've received generous donations from about a dozen individuals, who we won't name here because we haven't yet asked their permission, as well as several community organizations and businesses including: Oliver Winery, Lawrence County Community Foundation and LCCF Pennington Fund, Owen County Community Foundation, John & Joyce Poling Fund of the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County, Vectren, and the City of Bloomington Jack Hopkins Fund. Just recently, the IU Credit Union provided our largest single gift of \$10,000!

Altogether, we've raised \$130,585 if you include our challenge, and we're closing in on the remaining \$9,415 we need to meet that challenge and place our truck order. We're trying to raise these funds strategically because we still need the regular unrestricted donations that pay our bills, secure fresh produce and keep our other vehicles on the road. Stay tuned for more updates!



Accepting a donation from Oliver Winery



Accepting a donation from IU Credit Union



Accepting a donation from the John and Joyce Poling Fund of the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County

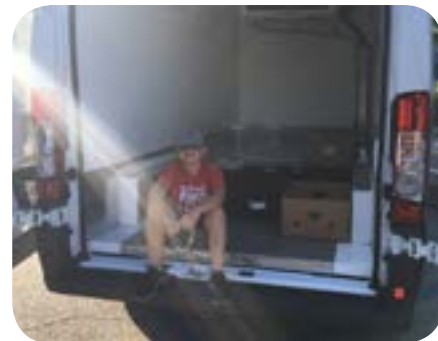


Accepting a donation from the Lawrence County Community Foundation

4th of July Parade



The Hoosier Hills Food Bank participated in the Bloomington 4th of July parade again this year. Thanks to everyone who showed their support and donated at the event! Also, thank you to Bloomington to holding a great parade!



Sustainability Award

Hoosier Hills Food Bank received an award from the City of Bloomington Commission on Sustainability. The awards recognize "individuals, companies, and nonprofits that have accomplished significant economic, environmental, or social contributions to the city's sustainable development." HHFB is proud to share the 2019 award with Sycamore Land Trust, along with the honorees of the Individual (Anne Hedin) and Business (Bloomington Cleaners) awards.



HHFB Passes Compliance Audit

As part of the Feeding America network, HHFB undergoes a biennial compliance audit process that monitors and evaluates over 20 areas of our operations including governance, finances, food safety, warehouse condition, community engagement, agency relations and much more; and involved two days of visiting and discussions with our staff and board. We are pleased to report that the results of our audit in June found that HHFB was fully compliant in all areas evaluated.



Thank You, Volunteers



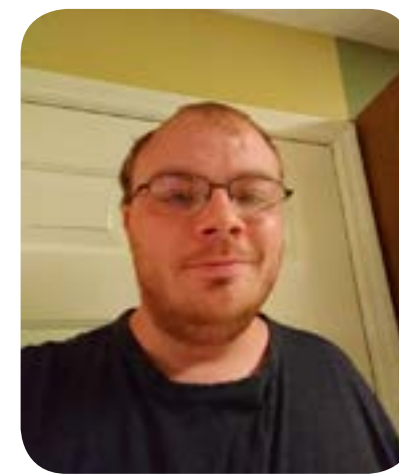
We are always grateful for our amazing volunteers! Thank you specifically to the IU First Year Experience Program volunteers that packed hundreds of bags of pasta and sorted 8,000 lbs. of food.



Welcome, New Staff!



Drake Lightfoot-Austin, Intern



Matt Johnson, Driver



Deanna Hedges, Intern



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Our Mission:

Hoosier Hills Food Bank collects, stores, and distributes nutritious food products to nonprofit organizations, which provide free feeding programs that serve both ill and needy families and individuals.

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Shop at Kroger? Sign up today and part of your spending will come back to Hoosier Hills Food Bank! Just register your Kroger Plus card at the website below and Kroger will donate 2 percent of your bill to HHFB each time you shop. It takes just a second, and our ID number is AC012!

<https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>



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