



Hungry for Change

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News from the Hoosier Hills Food Bank

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HUNGER ACTION MONTH | FEEDING AMERICA

We can end hunger one helping at a time.

It's Hunger Action Month and we join Feeding America in seeking 40,000,000 actions to stand up for the 40,000,000 Americans living with food insecurity. Our local goal is 40,000 actions to represent the nearly 40,000 food insecure people in our service area and it starts with you.

- Everyone counts.**
- Every volunteer counts.**
- Every food drive counts.**
- Every donation counts.**
- Every share counts.**
- Every action counts.**

We need volunteers to repack bulk cereal and pasta. We need food drives to stock our shelves with canned goods. We need funds to keep our trucks on the road and our lights on in the warehouse. We need advocates to remind elected officials that fighting hunger is a priority.

To donate food/host a food drive: Contact Brandon at nutrition@hhfoodbank.org

To volunteer: Contact Ryan at volunteer@hhfoodbank.org

To donate funds: Use the enclosed envelope or visit hhfoodbank.org to donate online

Inside you'll also find ways that local businesses like Upland Brewing, College Mall, Sierra Miller State Farm Insurance, and Lucky's are partnering to provide ways to support us in September.

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GIVE ONLINE AT www.hhfoodbank.org





September is Hunger Action Month

We wanted Hunger Action Month to start off well for everyone, so we hosted Farm Fresh Friday IV on August 30th to give everyone an opportunity to have a Labor Day weekend ripe with fresh food. With the help of dozens of volunteers from Alpha Gamma Delta, we served 657 people with over 36,000 pounds of fresh produce including apples, peaches, tomatoes, cabbage, potatoes, sweet corn, and carrots, as well as a dozen eggs compliments of HATCH. Produce came from the Lower Midwest Regional Produce Cooperative at Gleaners and from local farmer’s market vendors.



In addition to all our normal activities and getting ready for the Book Fair next month, we’ll also be meeting with some of our most important partners during Hunger Action Month when we host our agency conference on September 13th. We’ll be discussing food safety, civil rights, advocacy, nutrition and other issues and learning from each other.

As we said on the cover, we hope you and our community will also rally around Hunger Action Month to help increase awareness through

Local agent Sierra Miller is participating in State Farm Quotes for Good



By receiving a home or auto quote, our agency State Farm will donate \$10 to HHFB on the customer’s behalf, the agency will also donate an additional \$5 if you receive a life insurance quote! Call Sierra at 812-558-3314 or email btownagentsierra.com

Lucky’s Go the Extra Aisle event took place on September 7th and HHFB was represented.



Upland Brewing sponsored a Dine & Donate event for HHFB on September 9th.



College Mall is hosting a Food Drive on September 19th for the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce’s Business after hours event, any patrons of the mall are welcome to donate that day, the barrels will be located outside of Target.





WE DID IT!
Thank you!



Thanks to these generous donors, Hoosier Hills Food Bank has raised the funds necessary to meet our challenge grant goal and we've ordered a new refrigerated box truck, currently scheduled to arrive in early 2020! More details to come!

IU Credit Union



& Pennington Fund



Sophia Travis Grant



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Anonymous (6), Mark & Charlene Braun, John Elliott, Joan ten Hoor, Valerie & Robert O'Laughlin, Greg Haas, Idalene Kesner & Paul Robbins, Julio Alonso, Regina & Don Moore



The Kiwanis Club of Bloomington recently surprised HHFB with a sponsorship for the book fair! Thanks to their support and that of other individuals and organizations, we look forward to another wonderful event at the Fairgrounds. Looking for a way to help with the book fair? We are actively seeking volunteers for some of our programs and the upcoming book fair:

Meal Share Repack: HHFB is looking for volunteers available from 5:30-7:00pm on Wednesday and/or Friday evenings. During this time, volunteers can expect to help repackage prepared food entrees from commercial kitchens by sealing them in freezer-safe bags. We have a few hundred pounds that will need to be bagged every repack night. We especially have a need on Wednesday evenings for volunteers.

Bloomington Community Book Fair: Need help with set up (9/26 to 10/2), with the event itself (10/3-10/8) and tear down/clean-up (10/8 in the afternoon and 10/9).

Set up would involve organizing books on to sales tables, decorating, some heavy lifting may be required, breaking down boxes, moving lightweight shelves, and other jobs as needed.

Event operations could be running better books purchases to the cashier station, helping customers get their books to the car, cashiering, straightening up sales tables, and putting extra books in empty spaces on tables. Clean up is helping us get everything out of the Commercial West building after the fair ends on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday all day.

If interested in either of these opportunities, please call or email Ryan Jochim at 812-334-8374 or volunteer@hhfoodbank.org



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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.

Taking the Hunger out of Poverty

Kroger Community Rewards Program

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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