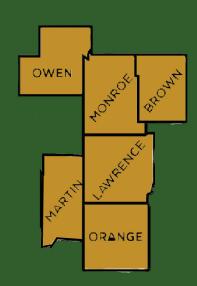


Hoosier Hills Food Bank

2024 ANNUAL REPORT





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KNOCKING OUT HUNGER

Hoosier Hills Food Bank has spent over 40 years fighting hunger, and 2024 was another year in the ring where we both dodged and landed punches. The biggest challenge has been the relentlessly high levels of food insecurity that have been prevalent since the pandemic. Covid may be behind us, but the increased lines at food pantries are not. High inflation has made it difficult for low-and moderate-income people, especially seniors, to keep food on the table. At the same time, much of the public and private support that came to address the pandemic has ebbed away.

Aside from battling the effects of inflation last year, we were hit by a major storm and power outage and a freak accident that brought a pickup truck from I69 crashing through our warehouse wall, among other things.

But, as always, we continued the fight to keep hunger at bay and managed to distribute 10% more food in 2024 – almost 5.8 million pounds, including over 23% fresh produce. With our community behind us, we're determined not just to "keep calm and foodbank on," but to knock out hunger altogether.



As always, community support played a pivotal role in our ability to realize these achievements. This report summarizes our efforts and acknowledges many of those who made it possible, but of course we can't acknowledge everyone who played a role. We're grateful. We also continue to believe and will continue to act, because together, we can end hunger.

2024 Hoosier Hills Food Bank Staff and Interns!



Mission:

Hoosier Hills Food Bank collects, stores, and distributes food to non-profit agencies feeding the low-income, ill, and children in south central Indiana and works to educate the community about hunger.

Hoosier Hills Food Bank (HHFB) is a member of Feeding America, Feeding Indiana's Hungry (FIsH), and United Way of South Central Indiana.

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NOT ONE CHILD.

NOT ONE SENIOR.

AND NOT ONE IN BETWEEN.

HUNGER IS NOT AN OPTION.

STAFF 2024/2025:

- Julio Alonso, Executive Director & CEO
- Dan Borders, Food Rescue Driver
- Jake Bruner, Associate Director, CAO
- Brady Creef, SPEA Service Corps Fellow-Development Intern
- Chase Ferrin, Cox Civic Scholar Intern
- Mya Freed, Programs Specialist
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- Mike Holbrook, Food Sourcing Coordinator
- Erin Hollinden, Manager of Agency Partnerships
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- Matt Johnson, Logistics & Operations Manager
- Cory Lamping, Programs and Garden Manager
- Michael Maddy, Advocate for Community Engagement Intern
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Staff We Bid Farewell in 2024

- Jett Burton, *Indiana Leadership Program Intern*
- Elizabeth Melms, Indiana Leadership Program Intern
- Scout Robbins, Kelly Institute Intern
- David Bandera, Advocate for Community Engagement
- Wolf Davis, Warehouse Assistant
- Adele Allen , SPEA Service Corps Fellow











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Programs, Services & Operations

Local Food Rescue & Distribution: Retail Collections & Distribution, Agency Ordering & Pick-up, Rural Delivery Route, GROW, Meal Share, "Food as Medicine" Partnerships, TEFAP, Puchasing Program



Hoosier Hills Food Bank's core mission is to rescue and obtain as much food as possible and distribute it to those who need it, and it was once again our focus in 2024. Through all our various programs combined, we distributed 5,789,875 pounds of food – a 10% increase over 2023 and including 23% fresh produce.

Although 81% of HHFB's food was delivered directly to agencies or neighbors in 2024, some agencies visit the food bank to pick up food. Inventory Specialist Ben Mescher works with the Primarius 2 online inventory system to track agency orders and disbursements. Various staff work with volunteers to stage food for agencies (whether for delivery or pick up) several times each week and to disburse food to agencies as they come.





Food Rescue Driver Dan Borders collected over 400,000 pounds of food from about 14 retail donors on the local route, directly distributing much of it to 8 partner agencies and logging about 11,600 miles. Food Rescue Driver Brad Williams logged 14,500 miles on the rural route and picked up about 145,650 pounds of food, collecting and distributing primarily in Lawrence and Orange counties, with much food brought back to the warehouse for distribution through the rural delivery route, helmed by Food Distribution Specialist Dave Ruszkowski, who delivered 1,132,252 pounds to 27 agencies in 5 counties, logging around 19,500 miles. By investing in the rural delivery route, HHFB saves partner agencies an estimated 79,500 miles of travel and 1,800 hours of agency staff/volunteer time.

Programs Specialist Mya Freed collected and distributed additional food through other programs including the Garden Route on Wheels (GROW), which provided 53,570 pounds of fresh produce to 17 agencies, logging about 3,500 miles. The Meal Share prepared food rescue program saw huge growth in 2024, collecting and distributing over 81,600 pounds of food from 14 donors to Community Kitchen, Shalom Community Center (Beacon) and Wheeler Mission. This represents a 58% increase over 2023. In addition, through our "food as medicine" partnerships, we delivered almost 21,000 pounds of fresh produce boxes to two different sites operated by Area 10 Agency on Aging through bi-monthly deliveries. And HHFB partners with



Bloomington Meals on Wheels to pick up 168 meals each weekday from IU Health Bloomington Hospital and deliver them to BMOW for their volunteers to deliver to homebound neighbors.

A significant source of food distributed to partner agencies and through mobile pantries is The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), a program of the US Department of Agriculture administered by the Indiana Department of Health. TEFAP provided over 22% of the total food we distributed last year, and a 27% increase in TEFAP over 2023 was the largest driving force in our ability to provide more food in 2024. TEFAP reaches all six of our counties, with 28 agencies receiving over 1,016,000 pounds of food last year. This is typically high-quality food purchased by the USDA that includes important non-perishable staples but has been expanded to also include dairy, fresh produce and meat. In addition to TEFAP, HHFB received 61,732 pounds of food through the Local Food Purchasing Assistance program of USDA, all of which was perishable and delivered to 8 agencies in 3 counties.





And in addition to the food we rescue and receive from USDA sources, a significant amount of donated food comes our way through the Feeding America network. Our national partner, the nation's largest charity, works to secure food from national donors which is made available to partner food banks through the "Choice" system and through regional cooperatives including Fresh Connect Central in Indianapolis. National network donations increased significantly last year, rising to over 1.5 million pounds and constituting over 26% of the food we distributed.



Families First Mobile Pantry



HHFB tackled rising need from neighbors and communities in all our operations in 2024, but it was especially noticeable in our mobile pantry programs. Our seven monthly distribution sites saw a 25% rise in the number of households and 34% rise in the number of individuals served compared to 2023. In 2024, these pantries served an average of 904 households and 2,339 individuals each month, distributing a total of 414,992 pounds of food. November and December saw an especially marked increase in neighbors utilizing the pantries, with HHFB staff and volunteers braving the snow and cold to distribute whole turkeys and other holiday items at several pantries with recordbreaking attendance.

Our mobile pantries in Bedford and Mitchell (Lawrence County), Shoals (Martin County) and Orleans (Orange County) have operated for more than 15 years and a grant to expand access from Feeding America enabled us to add neighborhood pantries in Bloomington (Monroe County – 2 locations), and French Lick and Paoli (Orange County). These newer pantries have been merged into the overall Families First Mobile Pantry program as the grant funding expired. All of our mobile pantries are intended to serve populations or areas that may not have regular access to other "brick and mortar" food pantries.

Community support is an essential part of our mobile pantry program, with over 50 volunteers putting in 845 hours helping at distributions and financial support from Anthem helping with food and supply costs.

Crimson Cupboard

Food insecurity among college students is a reality, and HHFB sponsors Crimson Cupboard, the Indiana University campus food pantry to help alleviate it, in partnership with the IU Student Involvement and Leadership Center. "The Cupboard" served 4,500 students in 2024, averaging 775 per month and HHFB was able to provide over 23,900 pounds of food at no cost.

Longtime coordinator Brandon Shurr moved on to a new position with IU mid-year and in early 2025, Kristen Lucas was selected as the new Associate Director of Basic Needs. Kristen brings over 10 years of experience as operations manager at another local food pantry.





Emergency & Disaster Relief

While financial considerations did not allow us to host Fresh Friday food distributions at the food bank last year, we were able to continue responding to disasters and unforeseen circumstances by providing one emergency food distribution on site. In late June, an unusually strong storm hit, causing a power outage that affected almost all of Monroe County, including HHFB along with damage to many staff homes. Our power was not restored until three days later.





We went into action quickly, moving perishable products to refrigerated trucks and to borrowed cooler space from KeHe Distributors and working to continue distributions of non-perishables as best as possible. Perishables collected on routes were directly distributed to agencies. We also pulled together an emergency food distribution, serving over 800 families at the food bank with meat, dairy, eggs, produce and dry goods on 24 hours' notice while our own power was still not restored.

Senior Hunger Programs and Outreach

Feeding America reports that nearly 5.5 million people over 60 face hunger, making senior outreach and service an important goal for HHFB. Many of the neighbors we have seen at food distributions are low-income seniors having difficulty balancing the costs of food, medicine and other necessities. The backbone of our effort is the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), a program of the US Department of Agriculture administered by the Indiana Department of Health which provides a monthly box of food to low-income seniors in all six counties we serve. Food boxes include a variety of staple non-perishable items including pasta, cereal, protein, fruits and vegetables as well as a block of cheese. Whenever possible, HHFB supplements these boxes with fresh produce.

In 2024, an average of over 630 seniors were served each month with participation increasing in Brown and Monroe Counties. Senior outreach, led by Senior Programs Coordinator Sydney Graham, was conducted at numerous apartment complexes, food pantries and local events and included advertising in Senior Guides and public service announcements. HHFB also partnered with the Monroe County Public Library and South Central Community Action Program to host a resource fair that included 16 community organizations.



Outreach to seniors about CSFP and other available programs is also part of our work and in 2023, at least 16 different outreach events were conducted including visits with the Area 10, 13, and 15 agencies on Aging, senior fairs, interviews and library and club tabling for more than 150 hours of outreach work. Newlsetters and nutrition-related publications were also distributed to seniors at CSFP and mobile pantry distributions and through partner agencies.

Garden Program

Led by Programs & Garden Manager Cory Lamping, our garden program had mixed results this season, with challenging weather conditions and intense pest pressure resulting in a few key crop failures, mainly in sweet potatoes and winter squash. A damaging windstorm in June took down a large section of fencing, and deer were able to access the garden, gorging themselves on green beans for a few weeks. However, other crops thrived this year, and we had stunning and bountiful harvests of summer squash, cabbage, carrots, and kale.



Youth gardening outreach was strong again, with groups from organizations like Monroe County 4H, Girl Scouts, and City of Bloomington's Kid City summer camp helping to plant, harvest, and tend while learning about the importance of sustainable gardening and food sovereignty. 188 unique garden volunteers helped us to harvest 2,358 pounds of nutritious fresh produce, putting in a total of 503 hours.

Local gardeners also helped us provide fresh produce by donating 3,320 pounds from their own harvests through the Plant-a-row program.







Safety & Logistics, Fleet & Maintenance

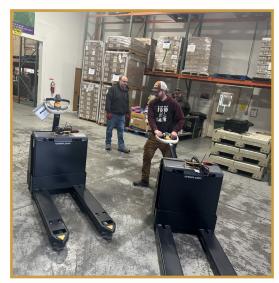
It doesn't quite take a village, but maintaining two buildings with over 20,000 square feet of warehouse and office space, three commercial walk-in coolers, a commercial walk-in freezer, 10 refrigerated box trucks and vans, 8 electric pallet jacks, and 2 forklifts requires the work of Director of Operations/Chief Operating Officer Casey Steury, Safety and Operations Manager Donn Middleton and Logistics and Operations Manager Matt Johnson. This ops team is responsible for everything from snow control to security, fire safety to vehicle maintenance, food safety and first aid training to pest control and everything in between.

Keeping up Serv-Safe, HACCP, food defense, first aid, CDL and fork lift certifications are important for maintaining compliance with the many regulatory entities that monitor and inspect HHFB including Feeding America, AIB International, Indiana Dept. of Health, Monroe County Dept. of Health, USDA Food Defense, Monroe Fire Protection District and others. Multiple trainings and recertifications took place in 2024.

We couldn't deliver 81% of our food without our fleet, which includes six refrigerated box trucks: Annie, Connie, Jeffrey, Ruby, Ulysses and Wally and four refrigerated vans: Goldie, Growver, Jack and Regina. Our fleet logged 76,908 miles in 2024 requiring 10,924 gallons of fuel. Thanks to funding from the City of Bloomington Sophia Travis grant program and the Indiana Department of Agriculture food banks grant, we were able to add two electric pallet jacks to our fleet. Unfortunately, vehicle costs soared over budget by year-end with many necessary repairs being implemented to various trucks.

Logistics are also key to our operations, with our team coordinating not only our own pick up and delivery routes but deliveries from outside vendors and freight haulers on a daily basis. Continuous review of the efficiency of our routes and careful management have contributed to a seven-year trend in reducing food loss, which in 2024 was only 0.21%.







DEVELOPMENT & ADMINISTRATION

Fundraising, Food Sourcing, Donors & Support

A great many resources are required in order for HHFB to function and it is only through community support that our goals can be reached. Donations of food, funds and time are what makes it possible to distribute over 5.5 million pounds of food each year and soliciting and maintaining that support generally falls to our Development Team, led by Executive Director and CEO Julio Alonso and Associate Director and Chief Administrative Officer Jake Bruner, supported by SPEA Service Corps Fellow Brady Creef. In late 2024, an anonymous capacity building grant enabled us to create a new development position and bring back a former intern. Development & Donor Relations Coordinator Farah Zulkifly rejoined our team in September.



Two big events are key to our fundraising efforts, and both saw milestones in 2024 with the 30th Anniversary Soup Bowl Benefit and 40th Anniversary Community Book Fair both raising record funds. The 3rd annual Music for Food Concert in February also contributed support. Other fundraising efforts include direct mail campaigns and cause marketing partnerships with local businesses, partners like Kroger, and through Feeding America campaigns with Walmart, Fresh Thyme, CVS and others including Culver's. Last year we reconnected with Ned Shaw, original designer of the HHFB logo and recently retired, who helped create multiple marketing

campaigns for us. Private fundraising, donations and grants accounted for 72% of our cash income last year, including 1% from United Way of South Central Indiana. We submitted and presented dozens of grant applications and saw support from Feeding America, Smithville Charitable Foundation, Lawrence, Orange and Owen Community Foundations, Duke Energy Foundation, Feeding Indiana's Hungry, Papa John's Foundation, Woodforest Bank, Psi Iota Xi, Knights of Columbus and many others. Anthem renewed their three-year support of our mobile pantry programs, and a generous anonymous private donor provided support for food purchasing, operations and capacity building. The holidays brought a new three-way partnership with IU Credit Union and WFIU Radio that kicked off with a fund drive on Giving Tuesday and continued with a food drive competition until year end.





Government funding is also incredibly important to our organization. Federal grants, including administrative reimbursements for TEFAP and CSFP, the Emergency Food & Shelter Program (EFSP) and Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) accounted for about 12% of cash support, while state and local government grants including the Monroe County Sophia Travis grant, City of Bloomington Jack Hopkins grant, Perry, Bloomington and Van Buren Township grants, and Indiana Department of Agriculture food banks grant contributed about 7% of our cash income. The City of Bloomington's Sustainability Initiative provided us with the opportunity to purchase locally grown, organic produce on a weekly basis and several of our donors were able to receive Neighborhood Assistance Program tax credits through the Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority.

In 2024 we took strides in improving our fundraising and donor relations efforts with the support of a Feeding America strategic capacity building grant that enabled us to implement a new donor management software system called Bloomerang. This software provides us with much greater capacity to acknowledge donors in a timely manner, create reports, develop email newsletters and sell tickets to our events through our own website.

In another positive development, an anonymous donor provided funds to create an endowment for HHFB at the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County, something we will work to grow over time.













Our development team also works to bring in food donations and Food Sourcing Coordinator Mike Holbrook leads that effort and helped facilitate 61 different community food drives in 2024. Our biggest food drive was once again Stamp Out Hunger, sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 828 and netting us over 36,000 pounds in a single day! Our partnership with IU Athletics at Hoosier Hysteria was another great food drive, bringing in over 2,800 pounds at the first basketball practice of the season. Other significant annual food drives included Kroger Pack the Cruiser (partnership with local law enforcement), IU First Year Experience, IU Residential Programs & Services, and Summers Plumbing, Heating & Cooling. We also hosted a booth at the annual Canopy of Lights ceremony which brought in food, funds and lots of recognition.

About 14.5% or nearly 840,000 pounds of our food was purchased last year using fundraised dollars. Some purchased food includes great partnerships like our relationship with HATCH to provide a regular source of fresh eggs and others are "opportunity buys" when we come across good deals. Some are purposeful, like the purchase of turkeys for distribution to agencies and mobile pantry neighbors at the holidays.



Feeding America's Meal Connect program also allows us to enable some direct collection of food from participating retail stores by agencies that are qualified and monitored.



Agency Relations



Most of the food we distribute at HHFB is provided to our member agency partners for final distribution to neighbors through their programs. Partner agencies are required to meet certain standards including non-profit or church status, food safety training, non-discrimination, reporting statistics and are visited at least every two years by Manager of Agency Partnerships, Erin Hollinden. The majority of agencies are food pantries, but they also include kitchens, shelters, youth programs, senior programs and on-site residential programs.

In 2024, HHFB served 85 partner agencies with the newest addition being Safe Haven Food Pantry in Orange County. Twenty-eight agencies participated in the TEFAP program, which requires a higher level of monitoring. In addition to gaining insight during monitoring visits, we survey our agencies multiple times each year to collect data about supply and demand and how their numbers served were trending. Surveys in February and September both indicated a gap between supply and demand as well as increasing numbers. 56% of agencies reported that their numbers were higher than the year before and 55% indicated their numbers were still increasing. 39% of agencies reported that they were not receiving enough food to meet the need. 100% either agreed or strongly agreed that "HHFB does their best to support my agency." Several agencies also took part in a hunger study conducted by Feeding Indiana's Hungry and facilitated by HHFB.



Because of overlap and differences in data collection methods, it is difficult to establish a completely unduplicated number of people served by HHFB and our partner agencies. However, agencies do report statistics, and we can measure total households and individuals served. In 2024, food pantries served an average of 17,197 households and 51,720 individuals each month – up 7% and 3% respectively over 2023. On-site feeding programs served an average of 16,526 individuals each month, a 20% increase over the prior year.







Some agencies pay a small handling, or shared maintenance (SMC) fee on some of the food HHFB distributes. This is allowed by the IRS in order for food banks to recoup some of the expense of collecting, storing and distributing food. Only 14% of the food distributed in 2024 included the SMC of 19 cents per pound and all agencies combined paid a total of \$156,869, receiving in exchange over 5 million pounds of food valued at \$8,712,239 – or a savings of \$8,555,369.

SNAP Outreach & Application Assistance

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program is crucial to reducing food insecurity and, in fact, provides about 9 meals to every 1 provided by the charitable food assistance network that includes food banks and food pantries. SNAP is a vital link to nutritious food for millions of low-income families and children and also supports local retailers. As of December 2024, about 8,740 households and almost 17,000 individuals in HHFB's service area received SNAP benefits at some level.



With the support of grants from Feeding America and CVS, HHFB has established and maintained a SNAP outreach and application assistance program led by SNAP Outreach Coordinator Kedric Gabriel. In 2024, we assisted 237 households (426 individuals) with SNAP applications, including a 117.5% increase in the number of children assisted. We also participated in 39 outreach events to help promote the availability of SNAP.

Volunteer Program & Special Events

Volunteers play an integral role in keeping HHFB moving forward, including preparing much of our food for distribution. A large part of our success is due to the hard work and dedication of each volunteer who came to visit in 2024. Last year, 1,259 individuals provided 11,920 hours of service, supported by Manager of Volunteer Services & Community Engagement Ryan Jochim, Civic Scholar interns Makayla Partin and Chase Ferrin and Advocate for Community Engagement Michael Maddy. Major projects included bagging bulk pasta, packing mobile pantry and senior food boxes, sorting books for our book fair, prep for the Stamp Out Hunger food drive, and sorting food received through community food drives. Volunteers also helped at our mobile pantries and events, in our garden, and served on our board of directors.





Volunteers came as individuals and as part of groups with about 65 regular weekly volunteers and hundreds more for one-time or periodic shifts. Key groups represented the IU campus, faith and business communities including Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Phi Omega, Catalent, Berkshire Hathaway, Bloomington Rotary Club, Cook Medical, Deloitte, Duke Energy, Excel Center, IU First Year Experience O Team, Great West Casualty Company, Hoosier Energy, IIDC, Independent Council, IU English Dept., IU Health, Milestone Contractors, NPLA, Pi Sigma Epsilon, QSource, St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Student Accounting Society, Vector Solutions, IU Walter Center, and IU Women's Club Volleyball.

Continuing a tradition, we also hosted a day of service on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day with 43 volunteers providing 63 hours of support.





18th Annual Hunger Action Awards & Annual Meeting

Each year in April, HHFB releases this annual report at our annual meeting and celebrates the volunteers and partners who make our work possible. The 2024 Annual Meeting message of "Believe. Then Act. Together we can end hunger" revolved around a theme of "Hunger Action Heroes." Over 170 community members joined us to hear a welcome from IU Baseball Team members, receive our 2023 annual report and acknowledge staff anniversaries and the contributions of community partners and volunteers.





Departing interns Adele Allen, Jett Burton, Wolf Davis and Farah Zulkifly were acknowledged for their many contributions along with several staff members honored for milestone anniversaries: Matt Johnson (5 years); Dave Ruszkowski (5 years); Ryan Jochim (10 years); Jake Bruner (15 years); and Casey Steury (20 years – Charlie Thompson Award).



Hunger Action Awards were presented to: Boston Scientific (Outstanding Community Partner); Baugh Fine Print & Mailing (Outstanding Community Partner); Hoosier Room (Outstanding Community Partner); Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry (Outstanding Partner Agency); Mike & Barb Horvath (Outstanding Volunteers); and the Book Fair Media Team of Stephen Cole, Joanne Frye and Susan Eastman (Outstanding Volunteers).



30th Annual Soup Bowl Benefit



HHFB's signature fundraising event celebrated it's 30th anniversary in 2024 with nearly 600 guests attending the Soup Bowl Benefit at Monroe Convention Center. As always, Soup Bowl featured delicious soups from about 30 local restaurants, bread and cookies from local bakeries, beverages from a local coffee shop, brewery and winery, and beautiful hand made bowls crafted by local potters. Entertainment included emcee Brother William Morris, Six Foot Blonde, Grey Larsen, Joanna Hyde, Tadig O Meachair and Moira Smiley. Mayor Kerry Thomson presented a 30th Anniversary proclamation on behalf of the City of Bloomington. Soup Bowl guests and sponsors raised over \$200,000 for HHFB's programs. Special appreciation goes to Platinum Sponsors: Cook Group, IU Bloomington, and Kroger.

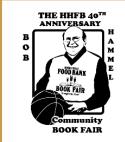
40thAnnual Community Book Fair

The 2024 book fair was renamed for its milestone anniversary year as the "HHFB 40th Anniversary Bob Hammel Community Book Fair" to honor one of the food bank and book fair's greatest supporters. Local sports legend Bob Hammel donated his vast collection of books and a large cache of historic sports memorabilia to the food bank to offer to the community at the book fair. A special preview reception honoring Bob was held on the night before the fair opened with remarks by former Herald Times Editor Bob Zaltsberg, nationally known local author Michael Koryta, IU Athletics representative Jeremy Gray, Cook Group President Pete Yonkman and Karen Knight, widow of former IU Coach Bob Knight. IU basketball standout Luke Goode also attended.









Opening day started with a ribbon cutting by the Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce and the Bob Hammel collection helped make the 40th the most successful Book Fair ever. 4,166 guests attended and helped raise over \$88,000 during the six days of the event. The Book Fair couldn't happen without volunteers – 35 regulars logged over 2,200 hours sorting books throughout the year and over 200 individuals spent 1,451 hours helping set up and run the event.







Advocacy, Education & Outreach

In addition to rescuing and distributing food, a third component of HHFB's mission is to educate the public about hunger issues, which also involves advocating with government officials on behalf of those experiencing food insecurity. We rely primarily on our national partner Feeding America and our state food bank association, Feeding Indiana's Hungry (FISH) to keep us informed of timely issues and to make the case to those in government in support of food security.



We do not engage in partisan politics, but we do seek opportunities to engage with legislators, officials and members of the public around the issue of hunger including attending events like the Chamber of Commerce Legislative Preview and FISH State House Food Banks Day, conducting visits and tours of the food bank, speaking at events, classes and service clubs, being guests on podcasts, and providing interviews to local and national media on request. About two dozen or more such efforts took place last year. Several staff also performed outreach at community events throughout the year and we participated in the United Way Agency Directors Association, hosting one quarterly meeting at the food bank. In support of our partners at the Indiana Dept. of Health, we also served as a host location for the Electronic Farmers Market Nutrition Program outreach meeting.

September is Hunger Action Month and in 2024, HHFB stepped up our education and advocacy efforts with newspaper ads, a HAM mailing, local proclamation and orange t-shirts. The Monroe County Commissioners also authorized the Courthouse to "go orange" with colored lighting on Hunger Action Day.









Administration & Compliance

Like any large non-profit organization, the management of Hoosier Hills Food Bank requires a great deal of unseen or little known effort to maintain accountability, oversight and compliance. From human resources to grant management to financial practices to information technology to government reporting, our staff work to ensure that the administrative end of our work is handled satisfactorily.

In 2024 we received and passed visits from the county and state health departments, and USDA Food Defense division. We also underwent an annual financial audit with no findings and participated in a learning consult with Feeding America partners to prepare for a Network Standards Review and third party food safety audit in 2025. We worked with Indiana University Net Impact to gather data for an upcoming service area needs assessment and engaged with colleagues the Feeding America national conference. Administrative staff managed benefit programs for employees and offered a flu shot clinic.

Our board of directors met throughout the year and received regular reports and updates, reviewing policies and financial statements, helping to provide oversight and support, and contributing additional volunteer hours at events. Board members Maurice Garnier, Tanner Hawkins, George Huntington, Jessica McClellan and Scott Shackelford were elected to new terms in 2024.



One of the most unusual things dealt with by our team in 2024 was during April when the driver of a pickup truck on Interstate 69, well above our location, experienced a medical issue and crashed down a long embankment and through the wall of our Dan Taylor Annex. Fortunately, the event happened on a Sunday, and no one was present. Both passengers were amazingly able to walk away from the event. However, staff had to respond to find emergency providers arrange for temporary scene, measures to seal the building and work with insurance and contractors to effect major repairs which were not fully completed until 2025.

For the second year in a row, HHFB was voted "Best Non-Profit/Charity Organization" in the 2024 Community Choice Best of B-Town Awards for which we are very appreciative and hope reflects both our standing in the community and the value placed on our mission.



Summary of Service by County

Brown County:

Food Insecure Population: 1,970 people (12.7%)

378,220 pounds, 8 agencies, 1 monthly direct distribution

Lawrence County:

Food Insecure Population: 6,490 people (14.4%)

662,553 pounds, 5 agencies, 3 monthly direct distributions

Martin County:

Food Insecure Population: 1,490 people (15.1%)

268,480 pounds, 6 agencies, 2 monthly direct distributions

Monroe County:

Food Insecure Population: 37,480 people (14.9%)

2,948,750 pounds, 49 agencies, 3 monthly direct distributions

Orange County:

Food Insecure Population: 3,200 people (16.2%)

335,287 pounds, 5 agencies, 4 monthly direct distributions

Owen County:

Food Insecure Population: 3,290 people (15.4%)

1,154,838 pounds, 10 agencies, 1 monthly direct distribution

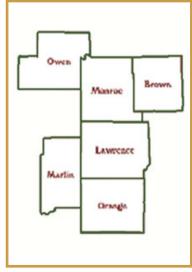
2025 Update

By necessity, our annual report is generally not released until several months into the new year and we often include some updates to bring things more current for our Annual Meeting guests. So far, 2025 has been eventful. Two back to back major snow storms caused us to close for two days and cancel some food distributions; a change in administrations has brought some uncertainty regarding continued federal support of food security programs; final repairs to the Dannex from the accident were completed and in order to prepare for some staff absences and impending departures, a new staff member was hired: Food Rescue Driver Ian Ottinger.









STATEMENT OF VALUES

Hoosier Hills Food Bank is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the elimination of hunger in south central Indiana. Our values, consistent with that purpose include:

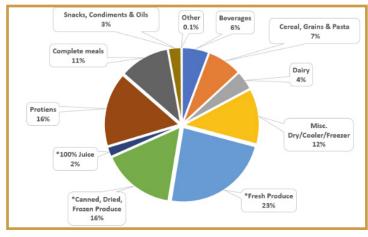
- A commitment to the fair treatment and dignity of all persons, but especially those individuals using the services of HHFB and its partner agencies and the volunteers who support those services.
- A commitment to the right of all people to have access to safe, affordable, nutritious food.
- A commitment of accountability and transparency to the food and financial donors who support our work and to respecting their privacy and intentions.
- A commitment to providing our employees with a living wage, reasonable employment benefits and fair and equitable treatment.
- A commitment to providing our partner agencies with the best possible variety of quality food that our resources will allow and to being responsive to their needs.
- An appreciation of the diverse nature of our community and a commitment to inclusive practices in the hiring of staff, recruitment of volunteers and provision of services.

FOOD RECEIVED 2024

By Donor Source Feeding America National Netw	2024	2023	Change	% Change	%Total
Choice	1,190,430	425,850	764,580	180%	20.31%
Fresh Connect	395,041	526,529	•	-25%	6.74%
	•	•	(131,488)	· =	· -
Gleaners Cluster	21,124	136,733	(115,609)	-85%	0.36%
Inter Affliate Transfers	19,483	16,920	2,563	15%	0.33%
FA Produce Matchmaker	77,040	80,000	(2,960)	-4%	1.31%
Total FA National Network	1,703,118	1,186,032	517,086	44%	29.05%
Local Donors					
Local FA Donors	1,115,530	1,147,370	(31,840)	-3%	19.03%
Food Drives	83,293	84,006	(713)	-1%	1.42%
Meal Share	81,666	51,691	29,975	58%	1.39%
Local Donors	548,735	624,302	(75,567)	-12%	9.36%
Total Local	1,829,224	1,907,369	(78,145)	-4%	31.20%
Purchased Food	742,537	893,046	(150,509)	-17%	12.67%
USDA Commodities					
CSFP	263,270	281,260	(17,990)	-6%	4.49%
LFPA	61,732	48,692	13,040	27%	1.05%
TEFAP					
CCC	488,948	272,504	216,444	79%	8.34%
BBB	-	12,900	(12,900)	-100%	0.00%
TEFAP	773,476	755,783	17,693	2%	13.19%
Total	1,262,424	1,041,187	221,237	21%	21.53%
TOTAL RECIEVED	5,862,305	5,357,586	504,719	9%	100.00%

FOOD DISTRIBUTED 2024

By Donor Source	2024	2023	Change	% Change	%Total		
<u>Feeding America National Network Donors</u>							
Choice	1,036,538	348,317	715,221	205%	18.37%		
Fresh Connect	389,841	566,481	(176,640)	-31%	6.73%		
Gleaners Cluster	21,124	139,564	(118,440)	-85%	0.36%		
Inter Affliate Transfers	19,471	6,600	12,871	195%	0.34%		
FA Produce Matchmaker	33,896	80,000	(42,104)	-58%	0.59%		
Total FA National Network	1,527,870	1,140,962	386,908	34%	26.39%		
Local Donors							
Local FA Donors	1,111,161	1,138,346	(27,185)	-2%	19.19%		
Food Drives	80,010	80,533	(523)	-1%	1.38%		
Meal Share	81,666	51,691	29,975	58%	1.41%		
Local Regular Donors	537,418	619,278	(81,860)	-13%	9.28%		
Total Local	1,810,255	1,140,962	(79,593)	-4%	31.27%		
Purchased Food	839,401	875,657	(36,256)	-4%	14.50%		
USDA Commodities							
CSFP	263,270	281,260	17,990)	-6%	4.55%		
LFPA	61,732	48,692	13,040	27%	1.07%		
USDA TEFAP							
CCC	513,871	247,581	266,290	108%	8.8%		
BBB	-	12,900	(12,900)	-100%	0.00%		
TEFAP	773,476	755,783	17.693	2%	13.36%		
TEFAP Total	1,287,347	1,016,264	271,083	27%	22.23%		
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TOTAL DISTRIBUTED	5,789,875	5,252,683	537,192	10%	100%		





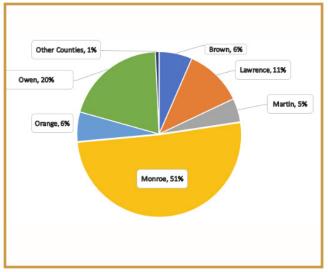


FOOD DISTRIBUTED BY COUNTY 2024

	2024	2023	Change	% Change	% Total
Brown	378,220	344,812	33,408	10%	6.53%
Lawrence	662,553	612,852	49,701	8%	11.4%
Martin	268,480	228,198	40,282	18%	4.64%
Monroe	2,948,750	2,606,237	342,513	13%	50.93%
Other Food Bank	41,747	41,423	324	1%	0.72%
Orange	335,287	306,368	28,919	9%	5.79%
Owen	1,154,838	1,112,793	42,045	4%	19.95%
TOTAL DISTRIBUTED	5,789,875	5,252,683	537,192	10%	100%



2024 Distribution by County



DISTRIBUTION BY FOOD TYPE

Category	2024 lbs.	2024%	2023 lbs.	2023%
Beverages	331,174	5.7	107,758	2.0 %
Cereal, Grains & Pasta	429,372	7.4%	517,910	9.9%
Dairy	233,592	4.0%	343,451	6.5%
Misc. Dry/Cooler/Freezer	694,148	12.0%	958,223	18.2%
Fruits & Vegetables	2,385,517	41.2%	2,054,401	39.1%
*Fresh Produce	1,356,872	23.4%	1,353,599	25.8%
*Canned, Dried, Frozen Produce	911,341	15.7%	633,382	12.1%
*Juice	117,304	2.0%	67,420	1.3%
Proteins	928,916	16.0%	887,786	16.9%
Complete Meals	623,880	10.8%	219,081	4.2%
Snacks, Condiments & Oils	155,941	2.7%	155,562	3.0%
Other	7,335	0.1%	13,511	0.3%
TOTAL DISTRIBUTED	5,789,875	100.00%	5,252,683	100%

TOP 15 LOCAL FOOD DONORS

2024 Donor	2024 lbs	2023 Donor	2023 lbs
Walmart	456,211	Sam's Club	393,873
Sams Club	392,628	Walmart	318,321
КеНЕ	171,774	КеНЕ	250,274
Kroger	164,366	MDV SpartanNash	183,307
MDV SpartanNash	127,320	Target	161,421
Troyer Foods	90,725	Kroger	155,033
Target	66,603	HATCH	111,084
Fresh Thyme	55,237	Fresh Thyme	65,135
IU Hoosier Room	41,500	Troyer Foods	45,892
MCCSC	40,166	JayC	44,271
Aldi	37,372	Bloomingfoods	37,738
JayC	31,896	Aldi	37,032
Bloomingfoods	30,745	Harriman Farms	32,515
Million Meals	30,624	Hoosier Room	30,226
Sherwood Oaks	24,157	MCCSC	20,582

















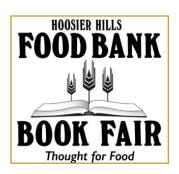
TOP NATIONAL NETWORK DONORS

2024 Donor	<u>2023 Donor</u>	<u>2023 lbs</u>
389,841	Fresh Connect Central	526,529
232,050	General Mills, Inc.	99,177
196,076	Food Bank of Northwest Indiana	70,888
76,608	Treehouse Foods, Inc.	37,363
73,920	Del Monte Foods Inc	28,510
65,082	Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank	18,660
58,852	Gleaner's Food Bank	16,920
54,263	Conagra Brands	15,639
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TOP 15 COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE DONORS

2024 Donor	2024 lbs	2023 Donor	2023 lbs
NALC/Stamp Out Hunger	36,179	NALC/Stamp Out Hunger	35,482
Anonymous Food Drive	11,437	Anonymous Food Drive	11,868
IU Residential Programs and Services	5,132	IU Residential Programs and Services	4,581
PrintPack	4,366	Summers Plumbing Heating & Cooling	3,982
Summers Plumbing Heating & Cooling	3,329	Hoosier Hysteria	3,834
Hoosier Hysteria	2,805	Alexandra's Army	3,582
BNI South Central Indiana	2,345	Pack the Cruiser - Kroger	2,068
YMCA Southeast	1,805	YMCA Southeast	1,678
Kroger Pack the Cruiser	1,534	IU First Year Experience	1,526
Fresh Thyme	1,154	Hoosier Hills Food Bank Book Fair	1,326
Highland Park Elementary School	899	Bailey & Wood Financial Group and	1,095
Weddle Bros Construction	827	Carpenter Realtors of Bloomington	
IU First Year Experience	800	YMCA Northwest	873
Hidden Hills at Oakdale	557	Bloomington North High School	656
Hoosier Hills Food Bank Book Fair	549	Cook Medical	632
		Girl Scouts of Central Indiana	548



















HHFB Pounds Distributed by Agency

AGENCY	COUNTY	Pounds Distributed
Amethyst Men's House	Monroe	374
Amethyst Women's House	Monroe	295
Area 10 Agency on Aging	Monroe	71,036
Area 10 Owen County	Owen	10,356
Backpack Buddies	Monroe	27,118
Banneker Community Center	Monroe	227
Becky's Place	Lawrence	13,673
Bedford Community Care Center	Lawrence	89,381
Bloomington Township Trustee	Monroe	8.069
Bobby's Pantry	Monroe	34,239
Boys and Girls Club at Ellettsville	Monroe	698
Boys and Girls Club of Bloomington	Monroe	277
Bread of Life	Lawrence	269,621
Breaking Bread Food Pantry	Lawrence	6,065
Brown County Weekend Backpacks	Brown	5,399
Catholic Charities Bloomington	Monroe	120
Centerstone: Blair House	Monroe	2,695
Centerstone: Hoosier House	Monroe	91
	Monroe	9,316
Ck Express Food Pantry Community Kitchen of Monroe County	Monroe	162,742
Compass ELC	Monroe	4,202
Cornerstone Community Church Food Pantry	Monroe	•
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Cresmont Boys and Girls Club	Monroe	1,503
Crawford Homes Program Food Pantry	Monroe	43,559
Crestmont Community Food Pantry	Monroe	72,819
Crimson Cupboard	Monroe	23,919
HHFB Senior Produce Brown County	Brown	150
HHFB Senior Produce Lawrence County	Lawrence	2,197
HHFB Senior Produce Martin County	Martin	442
HHFB Senior Produce Monroe County	Monroe	240
HHFB Senior Produce Orange County	Orange	4,901
CSFP Brown County	Brown	11,550
CSFP Lawrence County	Lawrence	76,580
CSFP Martin County	Martin	14,140
CSFP Monroe County	Monroe	36,960
CSFP Orange County	Orange	69,650
CSFP Owen County	Owen	54,390
Cunot Food Pantry	Owen	51,347
Families First Monroe Neighborhood Pantry	Monroe	84,055
Family First Orange Neighborhood Pantry	Orange	14,162
Families First Mobile Pantry- Bedford	Lawrence	88,192
Families First Mobile Pantry Mitchell	Lawrence	102,008
Families First Mobile Pantry Orleans	Orange	79,056
Families First Mobile Pantry Shoals	Martin	47,519
Family Fellowship Food Pantry	Martin	77,499
Feed the Needy	Monroe	5,064
First United Methodist Church Food Pantry	Monroe	35,774
Garrard Chapel Food Pantry	Owen	659,734
Genesis Church Food Pantry	Monroe	5,432
Gosport Food Pantry	Owen	44,581
Grace Center Food Pantry	Monroe	17,572
Grace Haven	Orange	10,303
Groceries to Go	Monroe	15,647

5,789,875

HHFB Pounds Distributed by Agency (Cont.)

AGENCY	County	Pounds Distributed
Hannah House	Monroe	223
Harmony School	Monroe	3,301
Healing Hands Food Pantry	Monroe	25,486
Indiana Dream Team	Owen	26,143
Indiana University Health Bloomington Hospital	Monroe	2,916
La Campagne Ministries Food Pantry	Owen	2,571
La Campagne Youth Program	Owen	676
Lighthouse Fellowship Church	Owen	47,584
Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry	Brown	156,282
Loogootee Methodist Church	Martin	44,455
Loogootee Methodist Church Youth Program	Martin	6,070
Mark of Discipleship Mission	Owen	251,205
Middle Way House	Monroe	3,924
Monroe County Mobile Food Pantry	Monroe	40,224
Mother Hubbard's Cupboard	Monroe	847,501
Mother's Cupboard Community Food Pantry	Brown	19,773
Mother's Cupboard Community Food Faild y Mother's Cupboard Community Kitchen	Brown	59,696
New Beginnings Youth Program	Martin	2,954
New Hope Food Pantry	Monroe	4,392
New Hope for Families	Monroe	·
-	Brown	2,581
North Salem Pantry		25,552 6 351
Owen Valley Backpack Buddies	Owen	6,251
Pantry 279	Monroe	1,062,818
Paoli Community Food Pantry	Orange	109,252
Pathways Family Resource Center	Monroe	22,971
People's Open Pantry	Monroe	608
Perry Township Trustee	Monroe	13,359
Positive Link	Monroe	6,954
Redeemer Food and Resource Pantry	Monroe	6,010
Richland Township Food Pantry	Monroe	17,331
Richland Township Trustee	Monroe	11,559
Safe Haven Food Pantry	Orange	1,765
Saint Paul United Methodist Church	Monroe	51,564
Salvation Army of Bloomington	Monroe	28,531
Salvation Army of Brown County Food Pantry	Brown	7,056
Salvation Army of Brown County Youth Program	Brown	2,367
Shalom Community Center (Beacon)	Monroe	55,452
Souls Matter Food Pantry	Monroe	2,042
Springs Valley Educational Program	Orange	4,274
Springs Valley Food Pantry	Orange	41,924
St Vincent de Paul of Brown County	Brown	90,395
St Vincent de Paul of Martin County	Martin	30,384
Stone City Alliance for Recovery and Hope Food Pantry	Lawrence	3,495
Stone City Alliance for Recovery and Hope	Lawrence	17,406
Tabitha's Storehouse	Monroe	14,496
Terre Haute Catholic Charities Food Bank	Other Food Bank	41,747
The RISE! Food Pantry	Monroe	3,391
The Villages of Indiana	Monroe	3.677
The Warehouse	Monroe	276
Wheeler Mission/Camp Hunt	Monroe	7,810
Wheeler Mission Center for Men	Monroe	37,172
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TOTAL

HHFB Unaudited 2024 Financial Summary

Income & Expense Statement

Income		Expenses	
Donations, Fundraising & Grants	\$1,732,072	Payroll, Taxes & Benefits	\$1,018,457
Federal Gov. Grants/Reimbursements	\$156,906	Occupancy & Insurance	\$106,198
Local & State Government Grants	\$142,270	Food Acquisition & Transportation	\$687,411
Shared Maintenance	\$158,118	Supplies	\$119,754
United Way	\$25,533	Vehicle & Equipment Expenses	\$109,700
Investment/Other Income	\$59,707	Fundraising Expenses	\$134,268
Donated Food Income	\$6,146,275	Grants to Agencies	\$27,000
Restricted Capital Donations	\$108,000	Donated Food Expenses	\$6,212,249
Donated Book Income	\$11,451	Donated Book Expense	-
Total Income	\$8,540,332	Miscellaneous/Other Expenses	\$64,473
		Depreciation	\$162,595
Net Results of Operations	(101,773)	Total Expenses	\$8,642,105

Statement of Financial Position

Total

Less Accumulated Depreciation

Net Property & Equipment

Current Assets		Liabilities & Net Assets	
Operating Cash	\$530,004	Current Liabilities	
Required Reserve & Investments	\$162,104	Acrued Payable	\$57,283
Capital Projects Account	\$118,084	Accrued Wages	\$20,794
Beneficial Interest in Trust	\$235,586	Accrued Paid Time Off	\$53,809
Accounts Receivable	\$18,621	Payroll Taxes Payable	\$11,723
Grant Receivable (Restr/Unrestr)	\$144,851	Employee Benefits	
Allowance for Uncollectible Account	(\$2,000)	Mortgage Current	\$27,446
Donated Food Inventory	\$593,211	Total Current Liabilities	\$171,111
Donated Book Inventory	\$72,193		
Prepaid Expenses/Deposits	\$54,165	Long-Term Liabilities	
Total Current Assets	\$1,926,819	Mortgage	\$474,643
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Property & Equipment		m - 171 1 No.	ACAR 884
Land	\$157,500	Total Liabilities	\$645,754
Buildings	\$810,811	Net Assets-Unrestricted	\$3,017,875
Building Improvements	\$617,928	Notes: This is draft, abbreviated and und	audited vear-e
Equipment	\$268,630	financial information. It does not reflect	
Vehicles	\$855,578	might be made during preparation of final in	,

\$2,710,447

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Community Support







































































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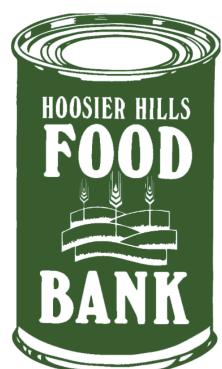
51,720 Households Served by Food Pantries Each Month







237 SNAP Applications Assisted



7th Straight Year of Declining Food Loss



76,908 Miles Logged in Vehicles



11,920 Volunteer Hours





Savings For Our 85 Partner Agencies:

- 79,500 vehicle miles 1,800 volunteer/staff hours

- \$8,555,369 in food costs



