







#### "Meating" the Need in partnership with Hamilton County 4-H

This year will be the eighth year (2023) of Meating the Need. This program and the community contributions help HCHFB purchase and process 4-H members swine and cattle projects. The monetary proceeds go to the 4-H members to help them pursue their 4-H, education, and life goals. Through this partnership and purchases year round HCHFB supplies over 18,000 pounds of protein to local food partners/year.





## **Produce Project at**

The Produce Place, 597 Westfield Rd., Noblesville

A continuing and growing project at HCHFB: We bring locally donated, mostly through local Farmers Markets, and also purchased produce to our new home and work with local volunteers to distribute healthy fruits and vegetables to the local food pantries. This community partnership was made possible with a grant written by our student ACTS group.



#### **Meals for Kids**

HCHFB works with several active programs across the county, which range from sacked weekend school meal packs to extra pantry days for families with children, even daily meal programs. Our Meals for Kids Coordinator position started in 2020; Janet Gafkjen helps programs on a year-round basis.

#### Non-Perishable Food Drives and Distributions

For 12+ years HCHFB has collected and distributed more than 1.2 million pounds of food to Hamilton County Food Pantries and Meal Programs! Each Tuesday and Thursday volunteers help pantry & program personnel with their

needed non-perishables. Year round food collection and holiday school drives allows us to give 500-600 pounds each month to every program requesting food. This 1.2 million pounds is equivalent to 1 million much needed meals. Additional community food drives coordinated through HCHFB include Stamp Out Hunger and Pack the Cruiser.



### **Shopping For the Food Bank**

HCHFB has partnered with Meijer, Kroger, and other food suppliers over the years. This allows us to increase our purchasing power with directed donations and matching contributions. Please consider designating an HCHFB donation for Food Purchases.

# What is the Difference Between a Food Bank, a Food Pantry, and a Meal Program?

They have a lot in common since all are dedicated to helping those in need. A food bank works to collect food and support, then distributes the food and support to food pantries and meal programs. Food pantries stock food year round whereas a meal program, provides food for a specific group or need. Pantries and programs give the food directly to people in need.

At HCHFB we are committed to Hamilton County. The pantries and meal programs in our LOCAL communities help families, children and seniors receive a healthy and consistent food supply.

# How Can I Help?

**Donate:** Please consider a donation of your funds in support of Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank as we work together with you and 40+food pantries and meal programs to feed Hamilton County!

Volunteer: See "Sign Up Genius" on our website. It has opportunities for individuals and families to help!

Host a Food Drive: See "Food Drive Help Kit" on our website.

Pray: Remember Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank, all of our pantries and programs, and their client families throughout Hamilton County!

Please send donations and inquiries to:

HCHFB PO Box 881 Noblesville, IN 46061

Non-Perishable Food Donation/Distribution:

1605 N. 10th St. Noblesville, IN 46060 Addition of the state of the st

Hours: Tues. 10-11:30 am Thurs. 9:30 -11:30am

www.HCHFoodBank.org



