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HAMILTON COUNTY HARVEST FOOD BANK

DESTINATION: FOOD SECURITY

Join us on our journey to alleviate hunger in Hamilton County!

March 19, 2024

Annual Report

Nov. 1, 2022 - Oct. 31, 2023

Working Together <u>WITH YOU</u> To Feed Hamilton County

2024 Key Events Calendar

Monday, May 6 10-11 am- Start Weekly Produce
Distributions – Continue through December
Meat added to distributions periodically

Saturday, May 11 – Stamp Out Hunger Post Office Food Drive - Distributions at Noblesville and Fishers Post Office Locations

Saturday, June 1 10 am – 2 pm - Pack the Cruiser Food Drive – Summer Lunch Food Drive with Kroger/Hamilton County Police and Sheriff Depts.

Saturday, Aug 10 - Meating the Need --Distribution Day - Start Monetary Donation May 1

September - Hunger Awareness Month

October 6- Harvest Dinner Fundraiser at Late Harvest Kitchen Restaurant, Indianapolis; Sponsorships available June 1

October - Holiday 2024 Food Drive Season Begins

From our Pantry Partners:

"I try not to come unless I really need it. Thank you for helping out my family."



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\$359,239 in Programming Service Expenses throughout Hamilton County, a 13% increase from last year

150,423 Meals Distributed through 860 total food distributions, a 25% increase from last year

Message from our Board President and Executive Director

2024 was very good for Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank and through the community's overwhelming support we provided food for 150,423 meals through 860 separate distributions. This was a 25% increase from the previous year. After listening to the needs of the partner pantries we work with we aggressively sought to increase produce and meat distributions, and increases of 48 and 41% respectively were made in a single year's time. As shown in this Report, we serve ALL of Hamilton County, and will plan to expand and grow our role as Advocate of the Food Support Network

The coming year will be heavily concentrated in carrying out the strategic goals and objectives the Board and staff have laid out for the organization. These objectives resulted via a thoughtful process of listening and working with our partners, donors, volunteers, and our LOCAL community, 2024 will include continued work with the HCCF Community Food Resource Plan. Through these working groups and meetings, we continue to find more ways to strengthen our Hamilton County Food Support Network and work towards our common goal of Healthy Food Access for ALL. God is Good in COMMUNITY.

We look forward to this 15th year together with all of you. Seeking a new home for the Food Bank will be just one of the many challenges in the year ahead. Co-locating all of our operations in one hub that will better serve the food network of Hamilton County has been a strategic goal for many years. Thank YOU now and always for WORKING TOGETHER with us!



Kathy Young and Anita Hagen

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS AND LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Produce and Meat Volunteer Leaders: Dan Clark, Pat Fox, Kathy Gatz, Bette Smith, Gretchen Thurber, Jackie Young



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Hamilton County Food Support Network

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White River Christian Church, Noble.

About HCH Facilities Through the Years – Working Together with the **Food Support Network**

In 2010, Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank (HCH) was formed with the mission of providing access to food for those facing challenges with food insecurity through local food support organizations in Hamilton County.

Since its beginning, HCH was generously provided with space for dry storage by the White River Christian Church (WRCC) Food Pantry. In 2016, HCH expanded its offerings to include produce and protein. Ivy Tech provided this second space until 2022 when we moved to a smaller location at 597 Westfield Rd. provided through a lease agreement with Riverview Health.









2010 - WRCC

2016 - Ivy Tech

2022 - 597 Westfield Rd

Given current economic conditions, requests are up by more than 40 percent. Due to their own mission service expansion we will need to leave our White River location by August 2024.

We are excited about this next step - Co Locating all of our facilities in ONE LOCATION. This will allow for mission expansion and more opportunities for the Hamilton County Food Support Network to WORK TOGETHER.



2024 - ONE LOCATION Still Working Together WITH YOU **To Feed Hamilton County**

When we started in 2010, the Hamilton County population was 276,499. In 2024 our county population is 380,103. Together along with all of the Food Support Network, help us to imagine and put into place and practice the infrastructure needed to address food insecurity needs for 22,370 individuals in 2024. More importantly help us to address root causes and truly ensure that "All in Hamilton County have access to healthy food every day".



22,370 food insecure individuals in Hamilton County (Reference Feeding America Map the Meal Gap)

Avg Cost of a meal in Hamilton County, Indiana \$3.59; Avg Cost of a meal in Indiana \$2.84

Use the Community Compass AP to find food pantries close by.

*If you want to receive updates of the Hamilton County Indiana Food Pantry Public Listings, contact hamiltoncountyharvest@gmail.com

Help Us Find a New Home!

Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank (HCH) has been unwavering in its mission to provide food assistance to those in need across Hamilton County. However, our ability to continue serving our community during these trying times is facing a significant challenge due to our current facility situation. Unfortunately, we will be losing our current warehouse in August 2024, and we do not have an option to consolidate our operations at our other location.

This situation has created an urgent need to find a new home where we can consolidate our operations under one roof. We are reaching out to our community partners for assistance in identifying a suitable location that can help us continue our critical work.

Desired Location Characteristics

Noblesville is centrally located for the pantries served by HCH. Locations around the SR-32 corridor would work for us. Ideally, the location would have easy access from main roads in the area. Other locations in Hamilton County could be considered if the situation made sense.

Desired Facility Characteristics

- 7,000 to 10,000 SF with appropriately sized utility services and HVAC
- High ceilings for racking/storage
- Large drive-in garage door and/or loading dock
- Walk-in refrigerators and freezers. Alternatively, sufficient space inside or outside of the building to allow for installation of units
- Parking Area to allow for vehicles for pantry pickups

How To Donate

Donations are gratefully accepted by mail or online. Monetary donations are used to purchase healthy staples, produce, meat and advance our programming needs throughout the year.

Checks can be mailed to:

Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank

And sent to:

PO. Box 881 Noblesville, IN 46061



Use the QR Code to DONATE ONLINE

Programs and Services

Partner Networking and Advocacy

- Co-Leader of HCCF Community Food Resource Coalition which works to ensure "healthy food access for all"
- 7 HCHFB Board and Staff Listening Visits made to Network Partner Pantries and Programs
- pantry distribution today and we were surprisingly delighted to find that the chicken from HCHFB was of not only very high quality but also Halal. Thank you so much !!"

Pantry Feedback: "We had our food

Understanding the cultural food needs of our growing community

- Hamilton County is the 8th highest county for # food insecure individuals in Indiana.
- 72% are likely ineligible for SNAP benefits due to income limits
- Publisher of the Hamilton County IN Food Pantry Public Listing since March 2020 – over 100 edits to stay current since start
- Community Compass Champion and Editor for Hamilton County
- Host Fall and Spring Roundtables to foster communication/ partnerships across the HC Food Support Network
- Hunger Awareness Campaign Sept 2023

Food Drives

Schools

Business/Church Stamp Out Hunger

Pack the Cruiser



Pack the Cruiser – Thank You Kroger and local Police

- In past year HCHFB worked with 88 groups for food drives including 17 schools at the holidays
- 7th year organizing Stamp Out Hunger serves 15 pantries annually with additional food donations in May
- 6th year organizing Pack the Cruiser with Kroger and Police– helps 7 programs annually with Summer Lunch food
 - Still working to reach Pre-COVID food donation levels. Increased food purchases are needed to make up the difference.

Meals for Kids.

- Hamilton County's child food insecurity rate is 5.7%, or an estimated 5,110 children.
- 28% are likely ineligible for federal nutrition programs

13th year stocking and distributing food for Summer Lunch and Weekend BackSack programs

- 7 entities, 10 individual programs received food across Hamilton County in the last year
- \$27,828 or 82% of items must be purchased to provide Meals for Kids assistance



Food Drives by Kids bring in Meals for Kids
-Carmel Elementary

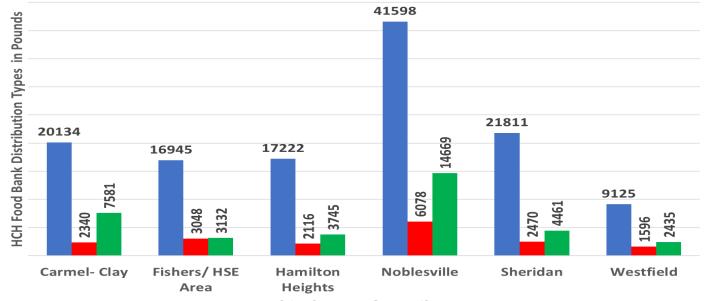
Food Distribution Programs

Non Perishable

Meat

Produce

HCH Food Bank works with ALL of Hamilton County



Geographical Area of Hamilton County

Non Perishables

Meat

Produce

Produce, \$49,694

Meat, \$34,177

Non Perishables, \$225,867

\$309,738
in food distributions was given to
32
Individual pantries and programs

Avg. Distribution/ Pantry or Program = \$9,679

8th Year for Produce Distributions



Record 36,024 pounds, 48% more than previous year, distributed to pantries all across Hamilton County

30 Separate Produce Donors

150 Volunteers

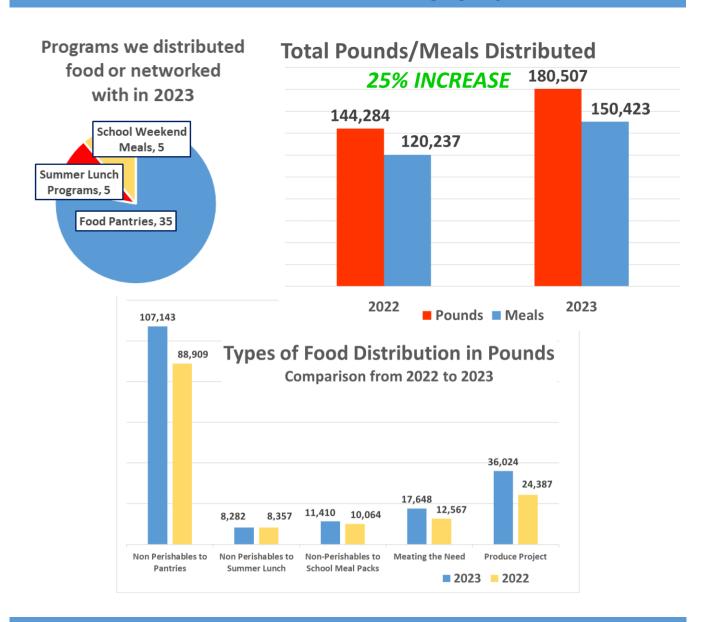
To Volunteer with these Programs and Food Drives:
Use the Sign Up Genius on HCHFoodbank.org



8th Year 4H - 4,749 pounds distributed - 19 4H members Record 17,648 pounds of meat, 41% more than previous year, distributed in 2023.

Program Services IMPACT

In 2023, HCHFB again distributed more food (to 32 different entities) per year than in any of its previous years. Our impact is more than just food distribution; we worked with 45 different food support programs through the year. Volunteers, through the many ways that they serve, help us to achieve this level of broad ranging impact.



305 Volunteers – 4859 hours – Increase of 17% over 2022

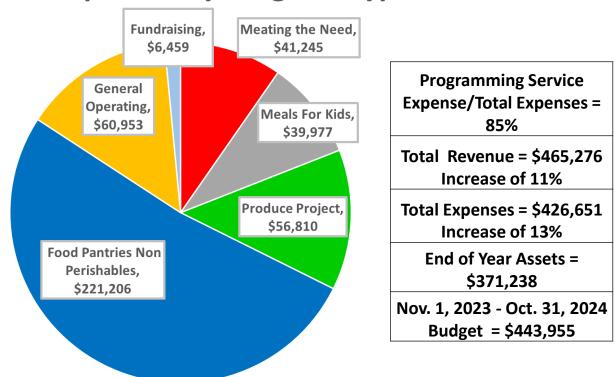
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Food Drives
Fundraising

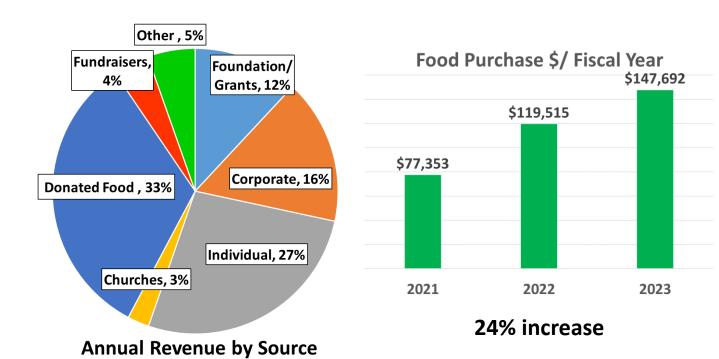
Meating the Need Produce Pickup/Distribution Shopping Warehouse - Food Bank

Resources and Financial Review

Thanks to strong local support, all expenses during the fiscal year were covered. 85% of the organizations total expense went towards programming needs of collecting, purchasing, and distributing food staples, produce and meat and network support all across Hamilton County.

Annual Expenses by Program Type





List of Donors - Nov 1, 2022 - Oct. 31, 2023

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Carmel Culinary Boosters Carmel Elementary

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Kristo, George

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Shafer, Emily

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Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank -a 501(C)(3) nonprofit - supports over 40 food pantries and meal programs in neighborhoods all across Hamilton County, Indiana with nonperishable food, fresh, locally grown produce, locally grown meat, and network support. Since 2009, we have given over 1.5 million meals into the HC food support network. Our goal is to Work Together with YOU to Feed Hamilton County.

Please visit **HCHFoodBank.org** and **Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank** on Facebook.