



HAMILTON COUNTY HARVEST  
**FOOD BANK**

# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2025

The cornerstone of  
Hamilton County's  
**hunger relief** for  
over 15 years.

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# HAMILTON COUNTY HARVEST FOOD BANK

## WHO WE ARE

In a world where food insecurity continues to afflict millions, Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank continues steadfastly in our mission to collect, purchase, and distribute healthy food in partnership with volunteers and the community to alleviate hunger in Hamilton County, while supporting our partners and educating the public about the real face of hunger in our community. As a food bank, we recognize the profound impact of hunger and its ripple effects on individuals, families, and the community at large.

Our existence is not merely to stock shelves but to serve as an advocate for those facing hunger.

## CONTACT US

[www.hchfoodbank.org](http://www.hchfoodbank.org)

**Warehouse Address:**

89 S Byron Street, Cicero, IN 46034

**Mailing Address:**

P.O. Box 881, Noblesville, IN 46061

## GET INVOLVED & FOLLOW US



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## 2026 KEY EVENTS

**May 2nd**-Farmers Market Season begins

**May 9<sup>th</sup>**- Stamp Out Hunger

**May 30th**-Pack the Cruiser

**August**- Meating the Need

**September** - Hunger Awareness Month

**September** - Harvest Dinner

**October**- Holiday Food Drive Season Begins

## COMMUNITY COMPASS



*Download App to Find Food Resources*

## VISIT OUR WEBSITE



## MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The past year was exciting, full of change and growth for Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank, dubbed 'Food Bank 2.0.' Despite transitions and milestones, our focus remained on our mission: providing pantry partners and neighbors in Hamilton County with access to food.

One of this year's major achievements was consolidating operations from two Noblesville sites into a new warehouse in Cicero. This move was a significant milestone for our organization, made possible by our volunteers' efforts of packing, moving, driving, sorting, building shelves, and organizing, showcasing the power of community teamwork.

We saw how quickly needs can change. As SNAP benefits were reduced, families faced even more food insecurity. Our community and our supporters rallied with food and monetary donations to help us support the food pantries with their increased needs. These efforts show hunger relief is truly a community effort.

We are excited about the opportunities ahead. A new walk-in freezer and cooler will expand capacity for distributing fresh protein and produce. This year, our goals include increasing access to healthy food, reducing distribution costs, strengthening partnerships, and providing more resources and programs to support our neighbors' well-being.

None of this work would be possible without the generosity and commitment of our donors, volunteers, pantry partners, and community supporters. You make it possible for us to meet today's needs and build a stronger food-secure future.

Thank you for being a part of our success!



*Suzanna Hobson, Executive Director*

## STAFF

### **Executive Director**

Suzanna Hobson

### **Special Projects**

Janet Gafkjen

## BOARD

### **President**

Mary Lou Finchum

### **Vice President**

Andrea Mikels

### **Treasurer**

Brad Lewis

### **Secretary**

Beth Myers

### **Members**

Christina Ferroli

Travis Bernath

Bette Smith

Lori Holewinski

Dan Clark

Jon Meinert

Jesse Billingsley

Syed Omer Ali

JJ Sharp



The need is beyond comprehension.

—Barb, volunteer

# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

## MEATING THE NEED



Meating the Need connects local farmers, processors, and donors to provide high-quality protein to neighbors facing food insecurity. Through livestock donations and sponsored processing, nutritious meat is packaged and distributed through local food pantries, ensuring families have access to the kind of wholesome meals that help them thrive—not just get by.

## FARMERS MARKET GLEANING

Farmers Market Gleaning partners with local farmers and vendors to collect unsold, fresh produce at the end of market days. These nutritious fruits and vegetables are quickly delivered to local food pantries, reducing food waste while helping ensure neighbors facing food insecurity have access to healthy, farm-fresh food.



## PACK THE CRUISER

Pack the Cruiser partners with local police departments and the community to collect non-perishable food donations. Patrol vehicles are filled with food during special drives, demonstrating the power of neighbors helping neighbors while supporting local food banks and pantries that serve families facing food insecurity.



## STAMP OUT HUNGER



The Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is the nation's largest one-day food drive. Each May, letter carriers collect non-perishable food left by mailboxes along their routes and deliver it to local food banks, helping neighbors facing hunger with a simple act of community generosity.

## SCHOOL FOOD PROGRAMS

Our long-running meal bag program continued in 2025, providing backpacks with snacks and meals for children on weekends and school breaks ensuring no children need to go hungry when school's out.

## SUNFLOWER BOXES

 New in 2025, we launched our Sunflower Boxes program. These are monthly meal boxes for homebound senior neighbors, packed and distributed by our incredible volunteers.



No child should go hungry.

–Kit, volunteer

# HIGH SCHOOL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank's High School Ambassador Program has students representing five of the high schools in Hamilton County. The Ambassadors represent HCHFB by coordinating school volunteer opportunities, organize a school food drive or fundraising activity, as well as create and promote HCHF on social media platforms. We are grateful for this group of students!



## Carmel High School Noblesville High School

Aida Karim  
Anna Strines  
Anika Sarkar  
Leila de Leon

Aubrey Myers  
Madeline Prohm  
Carter Metzger  
Olivia Marie Watson

## Fishers High School Hamilton Southeastern

Josslyn Lee  
Esha Gulati  
Jacquelyn Jun  
Santana Chenchaiyah

Greta Lambert  
Kiayah Alexander  
Violet O'Neill

*Ambassador Mentors: Bette Smith and Dan Clark*

# OUR VOLUNTEER LEADERS

Our dedicated volunteers donate their time and talent to our mission of providing food to those in need in our community. We are grateful for their commitment to Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank.

### Distribution

Anne Fowler  
Susan Fugate  
Kit Prohm

### Special Projects

Rod Howard  
Wayne Schug  
Scott Stansberry

### Logistics

Mike Cahill  
Mike McCloughan

### Procurement

Barb Yattaw  
Carol Howard



 **5,468** volunteer hours



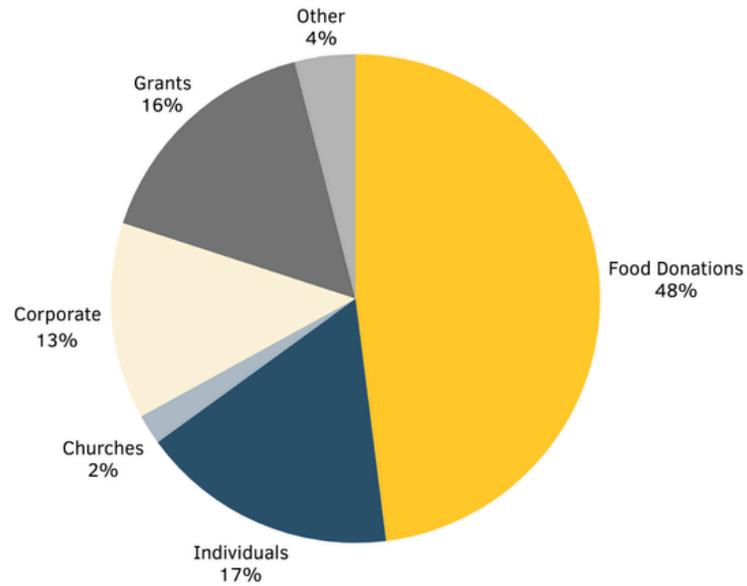
## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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Always in Stitches	HATCH
Arcadia Police Department	Hyundai of Noblesville
Atlanta Police Department	Invest Hamilton County
Carmel Police Department	Kelly Services
Carmel Clay Public Library	Kroger
Cicero Police Department	Meijer
Fishers Farmers Market	Noblesville Farmers Market
Fishers Police Department	Noblesville Police Department
Gatewood Farm	Noblesville Public Library
Hamilton County 4-H	Riverview Health
Hamilton County Community Foundation	Second Helpings
Hamilton County Health Department	Sheridan Police Department
Hamilton County Reporter	Sheridan Public Library
Hamilton County Sheriff Department	SMC Corporation
Hamilton County Trustee Offices	Teter Organic Farm
Hamilton County Youth Assistance Programs	Westfield Police Department
Hamilton East Public Libraries	Westfield Washington Public Library

“Without the support of Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank, our pantry would struggle to meet the needs of our visitors at the level we do today. We would need to purchase significantly more food, which would place a strain on our budget and limit how well we could serve the families who depend on our pantry. It is a blessing that HCHFB is local and provides an easy and effective partnership for our pantry.”- **Bread of Life Pantry**

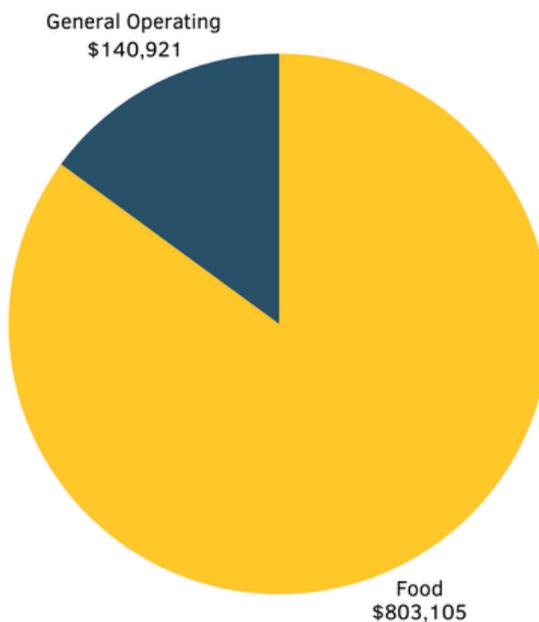
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## REVENUE BY SOURCE

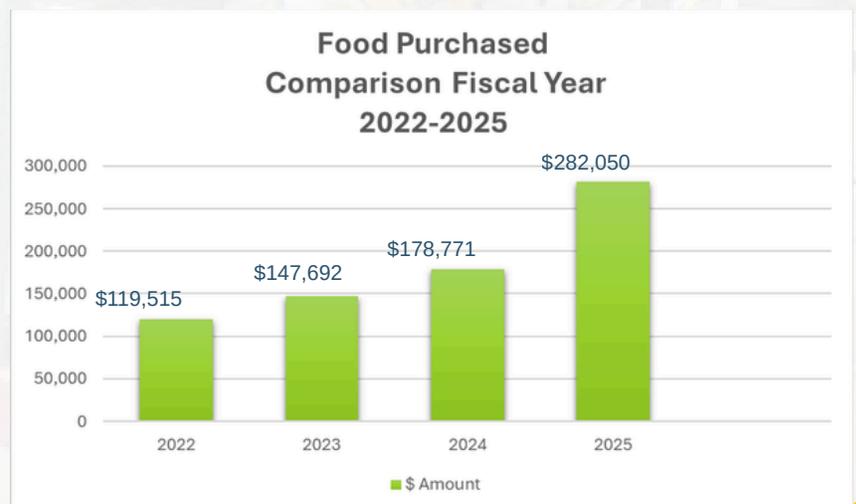
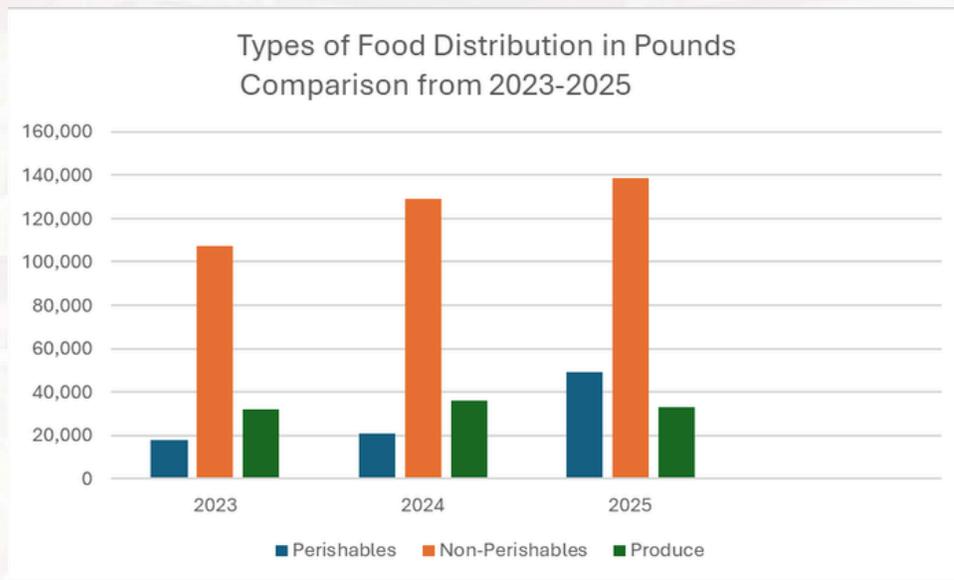
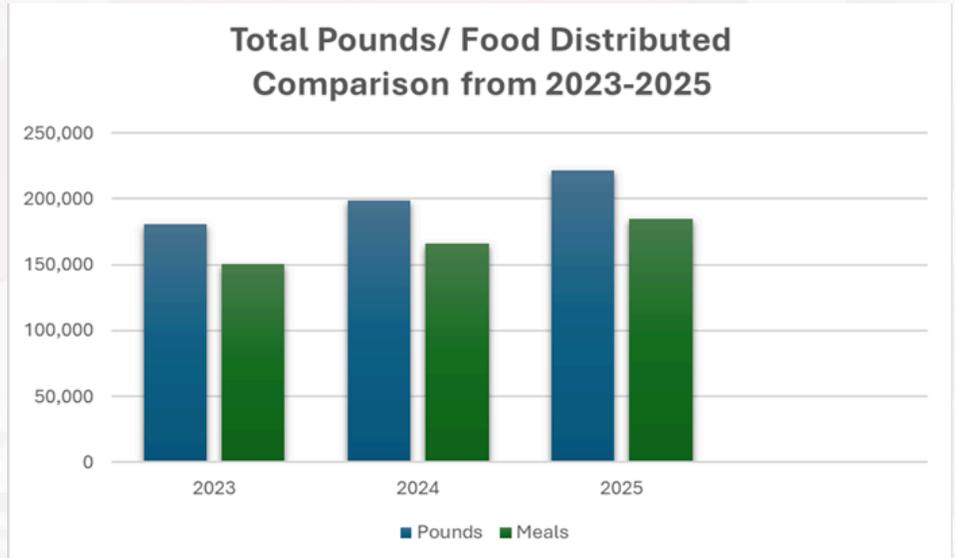


Total Revenue: \$1,014,195

## ANNUAL EXPENSES



# OUR IMPACT



# IN-KIND PARTNERS

We have been blessed to have a wonderful community of business partners that supported us this past year with services that helped us build out our warehouse. The following companies and individuals helped us save over \$114,000.



Rod Howard  
Mike Cahill  
Brad Lewis

Wayne Schug  
Scott Stansberry  
Mike McCloughan



 *Putting God's words into action- helping those who need a hand up and being part of the diverse group of people who come together to help*

**- Carol, volunteer**



# OUR PANTRY PARTNER NETWORK

## HOW IT WORKS



### FOOD PANTRIES

Al Huda Food Pantry  
 Angels' Attic  
 Atlanta Christian Church  
 Bethel Lutheran Church  
 Bread Of Life- Venture Christian Church  
 Carmel Friends Church  
 Carmel United Methodist Church  
 Come To Me Food Pantry- Fishers UMC  
 Delaware Township Trustee Office  
 Fall Creek Township Trustee Office  
 Feeding Team  
 Grace Care Center  
 Green Valley Church of Christ  
 Hosanna Casa de Alabanza Food Pantry  
 MAMA's Cupboard  
 Merciful Help Center  
 Noblesville Township Trustee Office  
 Open Arms Food Pantry- Aroma Methodist  
 Open Doors  
 Redeeming Love Church  
 Sacred Heart Food Pantry  
 Shepherd's Gate- St. Maria Goretti  
 Sheridan Church of God  
 St. Basil Food Pantry  
 Sally Burton Food Pantry- St. Louis de Montford  
 St. Vincent DePaul  
 Sunflower Pantry  
 Third Phase Christian Center  
 Wayne Township Trustee Office  
 White River Christian Church

### FOOD PARTNERS

Ascension St. Vincent Fishers  
 Carmel Youth Assistance (*Merciful Help*)  
 Excel Center  
 Fishers FYI  
 Fishers Youth Assistance  
 Options Charter School, Noblesville  
 Options Charter School, Westfield  
 Sheridan Youth Assistance  
 Sheridan Lunch Club  
 St. Christopher's Episcopal  
 Westfield Youth Assistance (*Open Doors*)



HCHFB is one of CUMC Food Pantry's vital partners. We appreciate the non-perishable items you provide on a monthly basis and especially appreciate the produce and meat offerings. Meeting the Need and USPS distributions are essential to enabling CUMC Food Pantry to provide free and healthy foods to our neighbors in need.

– **Cindy, Pantry Director**



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