



FEEDING *Matters*

FY 2017 Annual REPORT

A Message From THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

One of the benefits of producing an annual report such as this is the chance to reflect on the ups and downs of the previous year. The “ups” are apparent in our numbers. The “downs” are the folks we have not yet reached, or the stories we hear of hard lives and little hope. We continue to grow our services, while maintaining an innovative spirit, in hopes of finding new methods to reach new people that need our services. Our board and staff know we can do more, be more, serve more.

Our core values at the Food Bank are: Responsibility, Compassion, Collaboration, Diversity and Education. The annual report is primarily about responsibility, but all our values show up when we look back on any given year.

We are responsible for using donor dollars wisely. We are responsible for handling our food donors’ offerings safely. We are responsible for meeting and exceeding our communities’ expectations. Last and certainly not least, we are responsible for serving our neighbors, who are depending on the Food Bank and its agencies and school partners, with compassion and respect.

We are fortunate to be able to communicate with you about millions of pounds of food and millions of meals, millions of dollars being efficiently directed to feeding our neighbors, tens of millions of dollars’ worth of economic activity, hundreds of thousands of meals in our Youth and Family Programs or tens of thousands of volunteer hours.

When we look beyond all these impactful numbers, the core work of the Food Bank and its partners can best be found in a one-to-one transaction; one person handing another a meal, a food-filled backpack, a bag of fresh apples or oranges, or a frozen turkey for the holidays. One neighbor, caring about another.

Thank you for supporting your Food Bank in fulfilling our mission; to alleviate hunger in Southeast Nebraska.

Best regards,

Scott Young
Executive Director
Food Bank of Lincoln



THE FOOD BANK MISSION

Alleviate hunger in Southeast Nebraska.

OUR VISION

Nourishing our communities to end hunger.

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YOU ARE THE DIFFERENCE IN THEIR LIVES

Preparing for the Next Chapter: Riley's Story

Like many high school seniors, Riley, a Lincoln North Star graduate wrote an essay as part of a college scholarship application process. In one of hers, the young woman described what it was like for her to receive a food-filled backpack when she was an elementary student. "I can still remember getting a piece of paper to go after school and get my bag. I didn't truly understand the importance of these bags; I was just excited for the pudding cups. I remember walking down [to the distribution at school] with many of my peers, and even sharing food with them (hoping that my mom wouldn't find out and get mad)."

According to her high school counselor Curtis Thomas, Riley is a "bright, energetic, compassionate, generous, and genuinely well-rounded" young woman. These are more than adjectives. They are compliments Riley has earned by demonstrating resiliency through hardship.

Riley's upbringing wasn't easy. Her mother battled alcohol addiction, and as a result, there were many times when Riley—the oldest in her family—looked after her brothers. "Most nights I would make dinner, tuck my younger brothers into bed, and cry myself to sleep," Riley wrote.

Despite the hardships she and her family faced, Riley maintained above average grades. She was active in extracurricular clubs at school and even made time to volunteer at multiple community agencies outside of school time.

"Riley has had a difficult time in life due to circumstances beyond her control. However, she has kept a positive attitude and a strong will to succeed," wrote Counselor Thomas.

At times, Riley had to make difficult decisions that ultimately would make her family stronger, but in the moment required Riley to be incredibly brave. Because of Riley's determination—and thanks to support from caring school and community professionals—Riley's mom got the help she needed. "My mom is four months sober, has a job, and is seeking help for mental and physical

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problems," Riley wrote. "There are many reasons for this change, and the Food Bank's BackPack Program is one of them."

As Riley's mother continues to create stability for her family, Riley is determined to make the world a better place. She is attending college at Nebraska Wesleyan University pursuing a career in human services. She dreams of working in law enforcement and hopes her personal experiences will offer a different perspective. Furthermore, she wants to help address some of the underlying issues that can lead to poverty and crime.

Riley's story is one of resilience. It's one of reinvention. And above all, it's one of hope. We are grateful to our donors and supporters who believe in new paths, and who help us build bridges out of poverty to possibility.



Christi and Doc Chaves with grandchildren Jack, Hunter and Elle Coffey.

Donor Testimonial: Kindly contributed by Christi & Doc Chaves

We support the Food Bank because we want everyone to be able to ask "what's for dinner?"

Compare these questions: "What's for dinner tonight?" and "Is there dinner tonight?" For those of us who regularly ask the first question, we must appreciate what a blessing this represents. Especially when thousands of our neighbors in Lancaster and surrounding counties are challenged with "Is there anything for dinner tonight, or tomorrow?" Helping relieve this daily food crisis is the Food Bank of Lincoln. We have come to appreciate the stewardship and resourcefulness the Food Bank applies to maximize every donation. We support the Food Bank because we want everyone to be able to ask "what's for dinner?"

Christi and Doc Chaves
Bennet, Nebraska

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Statement of Financial Position

Assets

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash & cash equivalents	\$966,255
Certificates of deposit	\$552,478
Accounts receivable	\$27,107
Pledges receivable, current portion	\$259,553
Promises to give	\$37,500
Grants receivable	\$110,593
Prepaid expenses	\$403,852
Inventory (donated & purchased)	\$857,012
Inventory held for others	\$83,358
Total current assets	\$3,297,708

PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT, NET \$923,634

OTHER ASSETS

Pledges receivable, less current portion	\$10,000
Investments	-
Total other assets	\$10,000

TOTAL ASSETS \$4,231,342

Liabilities and Net Assets

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$37,101
Agency overpayment	\$9,029
Payroll taxes payable	\$2,223
Accrued wages	\$44,052
Accrued vacation	\$36,290
Inventory held for others	\$83,358
Unearned revenue	\$14,250
Total current liabilities	\$226,303

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	
Undesignated	\$2,574,995
Board designated	\$521,346
Temporarily restricted	\$908,698
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$4,005,039

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS \$4,231,342

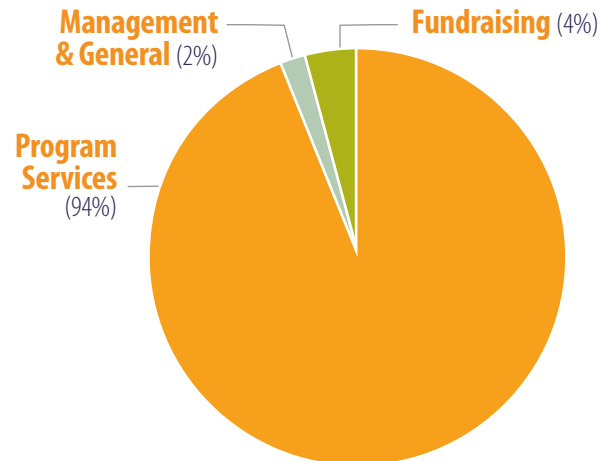
Statement of Activities

Revenue and Support

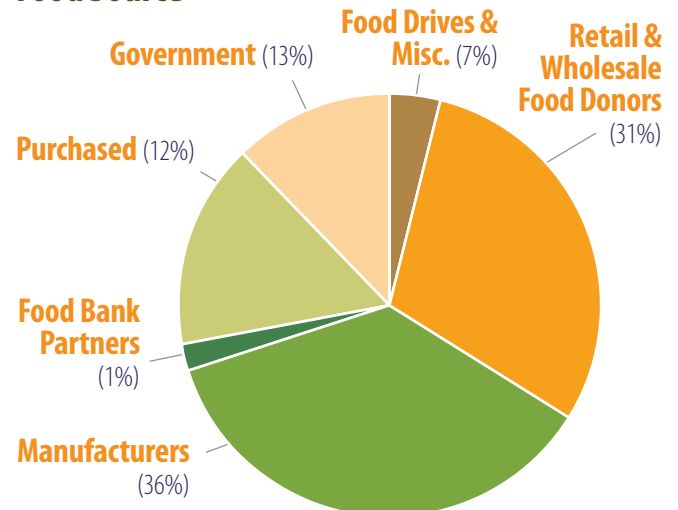
Value of contributed inventory	\$12,016,311
Unrestricted contributions	\$2,041,459
Restricted grants and contributions	\$1,656,597
In-king goods and services	\$92,247
Governmental program support	\$220,730
Investment income	\$27,393
Agency cooperative purchasing and fees	\$248,707
Realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments	\$108,015
Miscellaneous	\$21,202
Total Revenue and Support	\$16,432,661

Expenses

Program Services	\$14,931,170
Management & General	\$353,070
Fundraising	\$647,083
Total Expenses	\$15,931,323



Food Source



10,324,475
Total meals provided in 2017



810,711
Meals provided for hungry children



\$14,081,201
Estimated local economic impact of SNAP Outreach



44,666
Total Volunteer Hours

This is equivalent to **\$1,078,237.20** in savings, according to data from Independent Sector.*

*Source: <https://www.nationalservice.gov/vcla/national>



Union Bank Celebrates 100 Years with \$125,000 Donation

As part of Union Bank's 100th anniversary, the privately owned, Nebraska bank made a \$125,000 donation to support the Backpack Program. "Union Bank's gift to the kids of our community means that 17,000 food-filled backpacks will support kids and their families as they learn, grow and thrive in our community," said Scott Young, Executive Director of the Food Bank of Lincoln. "Union Bank is helping the dreams of our community's families come true."

UBT First Vice President Kevin Keller said, "The Food Bank does a remarkable job in their mission of alleviating hunger in Lincoln and Southeast Nebraska. One of their most impactful programs is the Backpack program.

We believe supporting the Backpack program is one way we can invest in the lives of our children to give them hope for a bright future."

While all students receive meals at school during the week, the Backpack Program provides an amazing service for families who might otherwise find themselves with empty cupboards on the weekends. For UBT employee and father Clark Gress, the experience felt personal. "I have two kids and one on the way, so helping kids is something that is truly important to me."

Speaking about her Backpack Program volunteer experience, UBT employee Angie Loomer said, "If I can volunteer and do my part and help another individual in the community be the best they can be, then I want to be a part of that."

Union Bank is celebrating its 100th anniversary throughout 2017 with special events, special product opportunities and community support. The Food Bank Backpack project is one of several signature community gifts in 2017.

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Next Open House set for February 10

Please consider joining us for *Bagels at the Bank* from 9 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Food Bank. Development director John Mabry will be your host for a brief tour and breakfast conversation. Learn more about how we are using your gifts to feed Southeast Nebraskans in need. If you can attend, please send John an email to jmabry@lincolnfoodbank.org. We would love to see you.


Join the Food for Tomorrow Legacy Society


Three recent estate gifts to the Food Bank will provide more than 300,000 meals for those in need. Have you included the Food Bank of Lincoln in your estate plans? If you have, or have questions about the process, please contact John Mabry at (402) 466-8170, ext. 110, or at jmabry@lincolnfoodbank.org.




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