

The Feeding Frontline

FY 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



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A photograph of a family of four standing in front of a dark-colored SUV. On the left, a man wearing a dark jacket, a blue and white striped shirt, a blue tie, and a grey hat with a plaid band. In the center, a young boy in a blue hoodie with "ATHL. DEPT" and "9" on it. On the right, a woman wearing a dark jacket and glasses. In the foreground, another young boy in a dark jacket with a fur-lined hood. The background shows trees and a clear sky.

Thankful for a 'Mini Christmas Dinner' All Season Long

Just \$16 stand in the way of Chris and her family being eligible for the Supplemental Food Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as food stamps.

"We are literally just a few dollars over the income limit," she says.

Feeding her family of four during the pandemic has been challenging. Side jobs that typically bring in extra income are harder to come by in this economy. She and her husband have made sacrifices for the two children they care for. *"The kids were the only ones that would be able to drink milk because we couldn't afford to buy for everybody," she explains.*

They have a garden, but it isn't enough.

So when the Food Bank started distributing food in her rural community, it "was a blessing" that has not only helped feed her family, but has provided them with nutritious foods she couldn't otherwise afford.

"The kids aren't hungry," she says. "They go get an apple or orange or a handful of blueberries instead of eating bread and butter with sugar on it. This is healthier eating for us. It has made a huge difference."

After attending her first distribution, Chris was surprised by the quality and freshness of the foods she received, describing the assortment of goods as "a mini Christmas dinner." The variety of dairy, produce and meat has enabled her family to eat balanced meals — something that is especially important for her husband, who is diabetic. While she is and would have been grateful for any food she was given, the fresh produce has been her favorite.

"The kids get so excited over the fresh fruit and it's neat. It isn't just a little bit; it's enough for the whole family."

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THE FOOD BANK MISSION

Alleviate hunger
in Southeast Nebraska.

OUR VISION

Nourishing our communities
to end hunger.



A Letter From the Executive Director

This newsletter to friends of the Food Bank of Lincoln includes the results of our Fiscal Year 2020 Audit and serves as our annual report.

The Food Bank's audited numbers demonstrate the black and white of FY20, but the story of the past year is filled with a lot of gray brought about by the pandemic. Our community embraced the work of alleviating hunger in Southeast Nebraska like never before, and we are grateful.

One of the highlights of Fiscal Year 20 was our opportunity to host Claire Babineaux-Fontenot, CEO at Feeding America, at our facility and a dinner for friends of the Food Bank on March 5. We wish you could have all been there. This event occurred in conjunction with an event at UNL, right before everything ground to a pandemic-induced halt. Claire is a source of constant inspiration for Food Banks across America and for me personally. This spring, she sent an email to Feeding America's 200 Food Banks that reflected the impact of these most interesting times:

I've heard you express feeling anxious and concerned about your food banks' ability to feed everyone in need. I've listened as many of you have struggled to balance your sense of duty to serve your neighbors with the safety of your teams and yourselves. You have also expressed joy for being able to serve every single person in your distribution line for the first time since the pandemic started; tears over a handwritten thank you note pressed against the back window of a car; gratitude for the couple who donated money and food from their cancelled wedding; and peace-of-mind in knowing that you helped a grandmother feed her grandchildren. You have expressed the full range of emotion that comes along with being human. What I'm often called to reflect on is the fact that we are all simply that, human. And, it is that fact that impresses me the most. If you felt no fear, no stress, no anxiety, no compassion, no joy, no triumph, you would not be, in a word, unrivaled.

Claire has it right. This past year has seen more than its share of fear, stress, anxiety, compassion, joy and triumph. I would add some failures as well. We are perfectly imperfect. During the most difficult year in recent memory, your Food Bank connected more people to more meals than ever before.

Thank you for standing with us as we continue to alleviate hunger in Southeast Nebraska.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott Young". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Scott Young
Executive Director
Food Bank of Lincoln

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Thankful for a 'Mini Christmas Dinner' All Season Long

When the pandemic arrived in mid-March, the Food Bank shifted to a drive-thru model for food distributions. This method has helped Chris feel safe getting the food she needs to feed her family. **"There's no fear of going. You don't feel like you're going to be taking a chance because they take care of it; it's no-contact."**

Chris is appreciative and humbled by it all — the way the food has helped her family and her small community — expressing "a giant thank you" to those who help make food distributions possible.

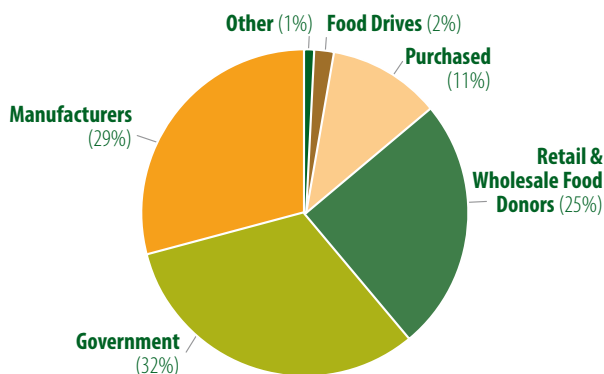
"Keep getting to the small towns. The families I talk to that are going wouldn't have bought the food on their own; they can't afford it. It's the extra nutrients they normally bypass for something cheaper," she said. **"We are seeing more elderly rural people coming to these [distributions]. There are people around here going through different cancer treatments and this has been life changing for them, too. Everybody is grateful."**

2020 Annual Report

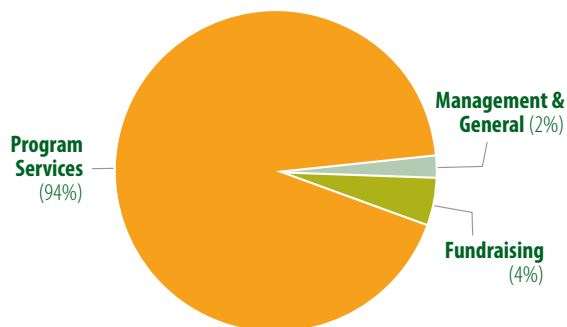
Year-End Statistics

Total meals connected in 2020: **11,572,946**
 Total Child Hunger meals connected in 2020: **770,404**
 Total meals connected via SNAP: **2,954,914**
 Estimated economic impact of SNAP Outreach in our service area: **\$12,630,817**
 Total volunteer hours: **32,568**

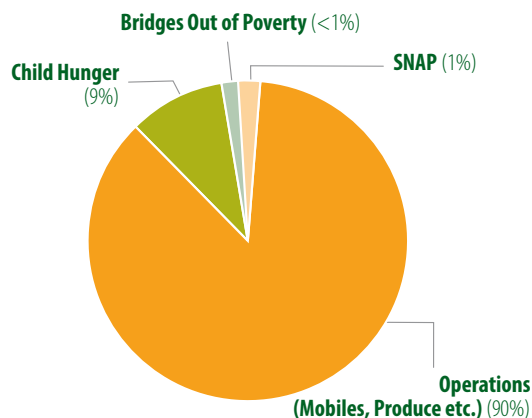
Food Source



Total Expenses



Expenses by Program



Statement of Financial Position — June 30, 2020

Assets

CURRENT ASSETS

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| Cash & cash equivalents | \$ 5,754,545 |
| Certificates of deposit | 572,357 |
| Accounts receivable | 10,997 |
| Pledges receivable, current portion | 316,863 |
| Grants receivable | 251,409 |
| Prepaid expenses | 14,815 |
| Inventory (donated & purchased) | <u>1,472,502</u> |
| Total current assets | 8,393,488 |

PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT, NET 934,071

OTHER ASSETS

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| Pledges receivable, less current portion | <u>100,000</u> |
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TOTAL ASSETS \$ 9,427,559

Liabilities and Net Assets

CURRENT LIABILITIES

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|---------------------------|---------------|
| Accounts payable | \$ 306,684 |
| Agency overpayment | 2,030 |
| Payroll taxes payable | 4,595 |
| Accrued wages | 74,898 |
| Accrued vacation | <u>55,943</u> |
| Total current liabilities | 444,150 |

NET ASSETS

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|----------------------------|------------------|
| Without donor restrictions | |
| Undesignated | 6,446,412 |
| Board designated | 142,309 |
| With donor restrictions | <u>2,394,688</u> |
| Total net assets | <u>8,983,409</u> |

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND

NET ASSETS \$ 9,427,559

Statement of Activities — Year ended June 30, 2020

Changes in Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions

REVENUE AND SUPPORT

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| Value of contributed inventory | \$ 14,493,403 |
| Contributions | 4,049,608 |
| In-kind goods and services | 103,512 |
| Governmental program support | 1,040,932 |
| Investment income | 29,374 |
| Agency cooperative purchasing and fees | 121,096 |
| Miscellaneous | <u>8,670</u> |
| Total revenue and support | 19,846,595 |
| Net assets released from restrictions | <u>(2,402,204)</u> |
| TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS | 22,248,799 |

EXPENSES

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| Program Operations | 16,543,744 |
| Child Hunger | 1,616,595 |
| SNAP | 223,609 |
| Bridges Out of Poverty | 61,992 |
| Management & General | 380,024 |
| Fundraising | <u>741,213</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | <u>19,567,177</u> |
| Increase in net assets without donor restrictions | 2,681,622 |

Changes In Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

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| Food purchasing and contributions | 120,195 |
| Restricted grants and contributions | <u>3,348,124</u> |
| TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS | 3,468,319 |
| Net assets released from restrictions | <u>(2,402,204)</u> |
| Increase in net assets with donor restrictions | <u>1,066,115</u> |
| Increase in net assets | 3,747,737 |
| Net assets at beginning of year | <u>5,235,672</u> |
| NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR | <u>\$ 8,983,409</u> |

Rising to the Challenge

Unprecedented Times Led to Unprecedented Generosity

We could not have helped so many families through the first part of the pandemic crisis without you — our donors. The financial support we received in the last year, totaling more than \$6 million, was nothing short of incredible. And to the \$448,000 that came our way for Give to Lincoln Day ... all we can say is wow! With your gifts, you are helping thousands by providing hope each and every day. Thank you!

To make a financial gift this holiday season, please visit lincolnfoodbank.org/ donate or contact John Mabry at (402) 466-8170, ext. 110.

A Network of Helping Hands

Diona began volunteering at the Food Bank in August when her seven-person AmeriCorps team was stationed here. We were fortunate to have Diona and her team working alongside us for two months. In her final week at the Food Bank, Diona reflected on the experience and shared her favorite moment:

“While working, it is always great to see people’s smiles — it fills my heart with happiness and joy to be able to help those experiencing hunger.”

As a result of the pandemic, more individuals and families turned to the Food Bank for the first time in FY20. Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, like Diona, we were able to connect more people to more meals than ever before. We extend our gratitude to the entire AmeriCorps team, the Army National Guard — who served with us from April to June — our ongoing volunteers from Lincoln Public Schools, St. Mark’s United Methodist Church, Southwood Lutheran Church and each of the 2,915 individuals who gave their time and talents this year to help us serve our neighbors experiencing hunger. Every helping hand has made a difference and we are grateful.



Building Partnerships to Decrease Barriers

For communities disproportionately affected by poverty, the hurdle to food access is even higher. Eric Reiter joined our staff in October to target these challenges and expand our outreach within the Latino community in three of the counties we serve: Johnson, Otoe and Saline. As the Network Expansion Coordinator, Eric is partnering with leaders and clients in these counties to mobilize community-led initiatives that increase access to food resources and SNAP services. Each community has a unique set of challenges — there is no one-size-fits-all method of food distribution — so Eric is committed to making connections in each county and finding an approach that builds

self-agency, is culturally competent and reflective of what the community truly needs.

Eric is a Nebraska native and joined us from OutNebraska where they served as a community organizer for the LGBTQ advocacy organization. Eric brings experience with grassroots organizing and volunteer recruitment to the Food Bank, along with a determination to *“make sure people are fed and their needs are met in a way that builds power within them.”*

We look forward to collaborating with our communities to better serve diverse populations and provide a more equitable charitable food system.




HOURS
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday through Friday

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