

# Raising Our Response To Hunger





# Our History

1982

Opened doors at  
3642 Adams Street



1983

Distributed **405,988**  
**pounds of food** or  
**338,323 meals**

1986

Moved to 57th Street  
& Russell Drive



1992

Distributed **1,010,990**  
**pounds of food** or  
**842,491 meals**

1997

Moved to  
4840 Doris  
Bair Circle

2001

Distributed **2,087,124**  
**pounds of food** or  
**1,739,270 meals**

2004

Started the **BackPack**  
**Program** with **50**  
**students** at Clinton  
Elementary School

2010

Distributed **8,117,291**  
**pounds of food** or  
**6,764,409 meals**



2011

Staged the first  
**School Food Market**  
at Lincoln High School

2013

Distributed **10,147,559**  
**pounds of food** or  
**8,456,299 meals**

2018

Distributed our  
**100 millionth**  
**pound of food**

## Dear Friends,

The Food Bank of Lincoln opened its doors in August of 1982 in a garage-sized building at 36th and Adams Streets. Our first Board of Directors, made up of several community leaders, recognized great possibilities for this fresh concept: Food Banking. Dollars were raised to bring a new idea to our community. We have moved twice since, to 57th Street and Russell Drive in 1986 and in 1997 to our present location at 48th Street and Doris Bair Circle.

In our first full year we distributed 338,323 meals, which must have been considered an enormous success. By 1997, our first full year in our present building, we raised enough food and dollars to connect our neighbors to 959,731 meals.

In our most recent fiscal year, we raised enough resources to connect hundreds of thousands of neighbors to more than 11 million meals in our 16-county service area. Since 1982, community leaders, Food Bank staff members, our faithful volunteers and our agency and school partners have constantly raised the bar when it comes to alleviating hunger in Southeast Nebraska.

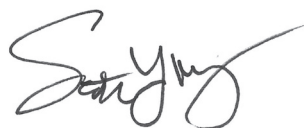
Even before the pandemic disproportionately impacted our kids and families and folks who are struggling, Southeast Nebraska's needs have outgrown our present facility. The pandemic magnified this reality.

### **We are called to raise our response to hunger.**

Together, we will elevate our standards for healthier food distribution. We will connect more people to more meals. We will uphold our efforts to shorten the lines through our agency and school partnerships. We will work to raise awareness and mobilize our community.

There are kids and families, seniors, veterans, people in shelter, those battling addiction, who all need us. Please join us because together we all rise.

We are grateful.



Scott Young, Executive Director



Dr. Marilyn Moore, Campaign Chair



## 2019

Launched **Lincoln Fresh**, a program to get fresh produce into low-income areas

## 2020

Connected neighbors to more than **11 million meals**, which included our single-largest month of meals connected in response to COVID-19





## Alleviating Hunger in Southeast Nebraska

Lack of nutritious, healthy food leads to poor health, diminished energy, decreased ability to learn and a lowered sense of well-being. Yet, literally thousands of families, children, older adults and veterans in Southeast Nebraska face food insecurity.

**There are an estimated 55,570 food insecure people living in the 16 counties we serve, 17,970 of them are kids under the age of 18.**

The Food Bank of Lincoln works to alleviate food insecurity in Southeast Nebraska by linking our neighbors who struggle to make ends meet to the generosity of people, like you, who can provide a lift.

Together, we connected neighbors to more than 11.5 million meals in FY20. Yet, there are still kids, families, seniors, veterans, people in shelter and those battling addiction, who need us.

**Please join us in raising our response to hunger.**





### Mobile Food Distributions

Free food transported to our neighbors, especially veterans and seniors, facing hunger in Lincoln and rural communities across the 9,300 square miles of Southeast Nebraska.

### Child Hunger Programs

Schools offer a natural opportunity to provide kids with access to food. Through Backpack Programs, School Food Markets and School Pantry Programs, we connect children and families to meals.

### Partner Agencies

Through a network of 50+ nonprofit and community partners, we connect neighbors to meals. Thanks to our partner agencies, we are able to distribute food free of charge to people in need.

### Federal Food Programs

We work diligently to manage a portion of these federal food programs: Commodity Supplemental Food Program, Summer Food Service Program and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the food stamp program.

### Educational Workshops

Training opportunities like “Bridges Out of Poverty” workshops and “Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin’ By World” classes are offered to increase financial and emotional stability for individuals and families.

## Most recent fiscal year statistics



**11.5 million**  
meals connected



**50+**  
partner agency  
locations



**90+**  
partner schools



**4,765**  
volunteers



**42,347**  
volunteer hours



**33**  
employees

# Raising Our Response to Hunger

Two decades ago, people only went to food pantries for short-term, emergency situations. Today, food assistance is essential for many people when there's more than money.

When the Food Bank of Lincoln moved into its current facility in 1997, the space seemed large enough for needs far into the future. Ten years later, we had outgrown the space.

The hunger to help that mobilized community leaders to launch the Food Bank of Lincoln is the same spirit of service that will lead us to our 40th anniversary and beyond.

This capital campaign is about much more than raising a building. It's about doing our part to help raise one another up.

## Estimated Costs of New Food Bank Facility

Land (4201 NW 12th Street)	\$1,080,000
Design & Construction (60,000 sq. ft. finished space)	\$7,200,000
Cooler & Freezer	\$497,700
Operations Equipment	\$230,000
Pallet Racking	\$54,900
Office Furnishings	\$67,290
Utility Improvements	\$5,500
Technology & Security Improvements	\$277,500
Campaign Costs	\$115,000
Contingency	\$530,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,057,890</b>

*An endowment, not to exceed \$1 million, is also planned.*





## Capital Campaign Goals



### Connect More People to Meals

The estimated meal gap in Southeast Nebraska is 9.4 million meals. The new Distribution Center and enhanced transportation logistics will connect more people to more food.

Docks will be added to expedite loading and unloading; and a technology upgrade will be implemented to better accommodate inventory efficiency and ultimately increase deliveries.



### Increase Access to Healthy Food

According to the USDA, food waste in the U.S. is estimated at 30-40 percent of the food supply. The new Distribution Center will enable us to work with producers and retailers to reduce food waste.

Enhanced and energy efficient freezer and cooler spaces, with full racking inside, will allow us to accept much larger donations of frozen meat, fresh produce, dairy and eggs—the most nutritious products we distribute.



### Shorten Food Lines

We believe in the value of shortening food lines through educational programs that encourage stability for individuals and families. The new facility will include more space for educational opportunities.

Our current facility has suffered from inefficient insulation, windows and HVAC. The new facility will focus on a more sustainable and efficient space to learn, volunteer and work.

**Please join us in raising our response to hunger.**

**Mission:**  
To alleviate hunger in  
Southeast Nebraska.

**Vision:**  
Nourishing our  
communities to  
end hunger.

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