

Raising Our Response to Hunger

The Feeding Frontline



THE FOOD BANK MISSION

Alleviate hunger
in Southeast Nebraska.

OUR VISION

Nourishing our communities
to end hunger.



A Letter From the Executive Director

In late January, the Food Bank unveiled the organization's plans for a new facility on NW 12th Street. Our leadership at the Food Bank has been working on this project since 2017. If weather cooperates, and with any luck at all, the Food Bank of Lincoln will move into its new headquarters in late 2021 or early 2022.

The significant amount of work and planning that has gone into the new facility will enable the Food Bank to get more healthy food to more people, gain efficiency and present a far more welcoming environment for our volunteers, our neighbors who need us and the community. It's an exciting time to be involved with the Food Bank.

We hope you will join us in increasing our capacity, our efficiency and the ongoing pursuit of our mission; to alleviate hunger in Southeast Nebraska.

You may have seen or heard the unveiling of another plan earlier this year. After a couple of years' worth of reflection, I have decided to step down from my leadership role at the Food Bank of Lincoln on April 30. I will be leaving my position but will continue to be part of this worthy work. I will remain on the Board of the Food Bank of Lincoln Foundation and will continue to be a member of the Feeding America Board of Directors.

It is hard to adequately express my abundant gratitude for so many Food Bank friends. Thousands have touched my Food Bank life and I'm beyond grateful. You have said "Yes" to the hard work of alleviating hunger in Southeast Nebraska. Together, we have made enormous strides, but there is plenty left for us to do. And we will do it.

Thanks for your willingness and ongoing commitment to making the heavy loads of so many lives a little lighter.

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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Hunger is Here. We're Raising Our Response.

Hunger can be hard to see, yet almost 18,000 children in Southeast Nebraska, including nearly half of all school-age children in Lincoln Public Schools, reveal the truth. Hunger is here. And the pandemic magnified this reality.

We are "Raising Our Response to Hunger." This capital campaign will focus on finding hunger solutions. A new facility will help us connect more people to meals, increase access to healthy food and expand programs focused on education and empowerment to shorten food lines.

So much has changed since the Food Bank of Lincoln moved to its current facility. We've grown from connecting nearly one million meals in 1997 to connecting our neighbors to 11.5 million meals in our 16-county service area last fiscal year.

To learn more or to donate, visit lincolnfoodbank.org/raiseourresponse.

Why We Give



“ Neither of us has ever gone hungry a day in our lives, so it’s very difficult to know that many people in our area don’t have enough to eat. Given the limitations of the current outdated and inefficient facility, the staff at the Food Bank of Lincoln has done an amazing job of providing food for hungry people in the area it serves. The new facility will allow that dedicated staff more space to store and pack food, and the location will make it easier to disperse food with efficiency to supply an increasing need. We support the new facility whole-heartedly!”

Sharon and Jim Crouse
Crete, Neb.



“ The Food Bank of Lincoln has been providing hope in our community for almost 40 years. At times this year, hope has seemed hard to find. Yet, amid all of the challenges of the coronavirus pandemic, the Food Bank has redoubled its efforts to feed even more hungry neighbors. The Food Bank has been an essential lifeline for Southeast Nebraskans for so long and will continue to meet these needs long after the pandemic has faded. As a result, Acklie Charitable Foundation is honored to help the Food Bank ensure it is equipped to see out its mission of alleviating — and one day hopefully eliminating — hunger in our community.”

Halley Acklie Kruse
*Vice President and Director
Acklie Charitable Foundation
Lincoln, Neb.*

“ As donors to the Food Bank, we have long recognized the increasing requirements to provide meals to the hungry who live in Southeast Nebraska. The pandemic, as well as other economic circumstances, have multiplied as well as magnified the challenges facing the Food Bank regarding its mission “... to alleviate hunger in Southeast Nebraska.” We strongly believe that contributions to the campaign for a new facility will greatly assist the Food Bank in attaining its mission.”

Sue and Ed Tricker
Lincoln, Neb.



Looking Ahead in 2021

We look forward to hosting our spring events in a pandemic-safe way. Please save the date and check lincolnfoodbank.org for details.

APRIL

12th-30th: Virtual State Campaign Against Hunger
18th-24th: Volunteer Appreciation Week
26th-30th: 14th Annual Extra Mile (Virtual) Walk

Fundraising is not limited to LPS friends. Any Lincoln business can participate to help us alleviate child hunger. For more information, please contact Development Director John Mabry at (402) 466-8170, ext. 110.

MAY

TBD: 29th Annual Stamp Out Hunger Postal Drive
25th: Give to Lincoln Day

JUNE

1st: 19th Annual Empty Bowls, Pinnacle Bank Arena Festival Lot, drive-thru, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Campaign Leadership



**Dr. Marilyn Moore,
Chair**
Retired, Bryan College
of Health Sciences

Ben Pankonin
CEO/Co-founder,
Social Assurance

David Wilcox
Retired, Union Bank & Trust

L. Bruce Wright
Partner, Cline Williams Law Firm

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Scott Young
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Honorary Chair**
CEO/President,
Union Bank & Trust



**Rhonda Seacrest,
Honorary Chair**
Philanthropist &
Community Advocate



Feeding a Family of Five

When looking for ways to put food on the table last summer, Mary Jo's family of five discovered the Food Bank. They've been attending food distributions ever since. **"Thank you so much. If it hadn't been for you [donors], we wouldn't be here — we literally would have not made it,"** Mary Jo said. **"I'm so grateful it's there. If we didn't have that [Food Bank] we wouldn't survive."**

Read the rest of Mary Jo's story and other Stories of Change at lincolnfoodbank.org.

See the Need. Solve the Problem.

Several years ago, we had outgrown our current facility, but this capital campaign is about much more than raising a building. It's about doing our part to help raise one another up.

Your gift to this campaign is unique. Your support will help us expand refrigerated capacity and incorporate smart monitoring systems, improve food distribution efficiencies and shorten food lines through education.

Donations to this campaign have already put us well over halfway to the \$10 million fundraising goal. We are asking you to join us to raise the final \$2.5 million. We see the need and together, will raise our response to hunger.

To learn more or to donate, visit lincolnfoodbank.org/raiseourresponse.

Raising Our Response Capital Campaign Goals



Connect More People to Meals



Increase Access to Healthy Food



Shorten Food Lines



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

LOCATION
4840 Doris Bair Circle, Suite A
(next to Doris Bair softball complex)

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