

# The Feeding Frontline



Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report  
[lincolnfoodbank.org](http://lincolnfoodbank.org)



## *A partnership of teamwork and trust*

When you are a food bank looking for a standout corporate partner, you need a company that shows up time and time again, with financial and volunteer support. A company that proves regularly how much it cares about your mission and the community.

You need a UBT.

**“One in 10 families in our community have food insecurity,” said Jason Muhleisen, UBT Executive Vice President and Food Bank Board member. “The Food Bank of Lincoln works to provide not only meals to these families but also hope and security. I am proud of Union Bank’s continued support of the Food Bank and the positive impact it has in our communities.”**



In her role as AVP Community Outreach, Jill Smith has seen the partnership shine for many years. UBT, with locations throughout our 16-county service area, is an annual sponsor of the Food Bank’s two biggest events – Empty Bowls and the LPS Extra Mile Walk. But dollars only show part of the picture.

“In 2023, UBT partnered with the Food Bank of Lincoln to provide a weekly volunteer opportunity for our employees where they sort and package food for distribution in the communities we serve,” Smith said. “This is the first time we’ve made a weekly commitment to a nonprofit, and the experience has been amazing.

**“Our employees often express how impactful the experience was and how it opened their eyes to the needs of the community. Our financial support of the Food Bank is important, but providing the opportunity to personally make a difference has been deeply meaningful for our employees.”**

And deeply meaningful for the Food Bank and our neighbors in need as well. Thanks, UBT.



## Mission

To alleviate hunger in  
Southeast Nebraska.

## Vision

Nourishing our  
communities to end hunger.

## Values

Collaboration,  
Compassion, Diversity,  
Education, Responsibility

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# A Letter from The President & CEO



The holiday season is often a time of year when we see increased demand for food and program usage. We prepare ourselves accordingly for this expected spike. However, unrelenting inflation, disorder among our national policymakers, world conflict and judgmental sentiment in our service area are compounding factors we can't always foresee.

In recent days, my team and I have fielded calls from folks expressing a decision to withhold a donation because we don't put enough restrictions on people in our lines. While I respect the right to that decision, I disagree wholeheartedly with the sentiment. Our mission, vision and values guide us, and me, to view things differently. Further, the judgment about who's "worthy" or "deserving" of food strikes close to home.

At a recent family gathering, a relative pulled me aside and quietly told me his spouse sometimes stops by a Food Bank distribution. He asked me if that was okay. My first thought arrived with a smack of reality. I'm not naïve. Hunger doesn't care who you are, not even if you're related to the Food Bank CEO.

My response was simply, ***"If the food helps your family, it's intended for you. Please know you are welcome. I hope it helps."***

I meant it when I said it to my relative, and we mean it when Food Bank staff and volunteers greet seniors, students, employed and unemployed folks... anyone in line for food.

At the Food Bank, we believe our role is not to determine someone else's needs. This is why we do our best to reduce as many barriers to food as possible. Sometimes people driving nice cars need a hand... Sometimes people who eat fast food need a quick meal... Sometimes... the list goes on. And so will we. Because deciding another person's worthiness isn't the business we're in.

With gratitude,

Michaela Kumke  
President & CEO

## Hunger Doesn't Take a Holiday

Your support this holiday season provides hope and nourishment for neighbors facing hunger. Look for these special promotions, now through December 31st.

**Check Out Hunger:** Make a \$1, \$5 or \$10 donation at participating stores. Look for donation coupons at the register.

**Holiday Food Drive:** Donate food and personal care items at participating grocery stores

Learn more or donate online at [lincolnfoodbank.org](http://lincolnfoodbank.org).



# 2023 Annual Report

## Statement of Financial Position – June 30, 2023

### ASSETS

#### CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,868,942
Certificates of deposit	1,614,538
Accounts receivable	52,346
Pledges receivable, current portion	544,223
Grants receivable	790,051
Prepaid expenses	82,517
Inventory (donated and purchased)	<u>1,160,203</u>
Total current assets	8,112,820

**PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net** 10,518,800

#### OTHER ASSETS

Pledges receivable, less current portion	<u>117,926</u>
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**TOTAL ASSETS** \$ 18,749,546

### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

#### CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$ 134,426
Payroll taxes payable	2,966
Accrued wages	97,089
Accrued vacation	<u>86,112</u>
Total current liabilities	320,593

#### NET ASSETS

Without donor restrictions	
Undesignated	17,044,778
Board designated	210,011
With donor restrictions	<u>1,174,164</u>
Total net assets	<u>18,428,953</u>

#### TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

\$ 18,749,546

## Statement of Activities – Year Ended June 30, 2023

### Changes in Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions

#### REVENUE AND SUPPORT

Value of contributed inventory	\$ 9,263,126
Contributions	4,095,206
In-kind goods and services	160,251
Governmental program support	2,952,342
Investment income	180,724
Agency cooperative purchasing and fees	101,532
Gain on disposal of assets	2,927
Miscellaneous	<u>8,400</u>
Total revenue and support	16,764,508
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>2,448,244</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS</b>	<u>19,212,752</u>

#### EXPENSES

Operations	14,824,323
Child Hunger	2,082,489
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	190,221
Bridges Out of Poverty	69,405
Management and General	582,885
Fundraising	<u>939,619</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>18,688,942</u>
Increase in net assets without donor restrictions	523,810

### Changes in Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

Restricted grants and contributions	1,780,049
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>(2,448,244)</u>
Increase (decrease) in net assets with donor restrictions	<u>(668,195)</u>
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS</b>	<u>(144,385)</u>
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>18,573,338</u>
<b>NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 18,428,953</u>



**10,203,861**  
Total Meals Connected



**4,039,824**  
Pounds of Fresh Produce  
Distributed



**970,754**  
Meals Connected through  
Child Hunger Programs



**980,515**  
Meals Connected via SNAP  
**\$ 4,484,997**  
Estimated Economic Impact  
of SNAP Outreach



**40,035**  
Volunteer Hours  
\$1,171,016 estimated labor value



# Core Values Spotlight: Diversity

We aspire to embrace all races, genders, including gender identity and expressions, religions, sexual orientations, economic levels, ages, physical abilities, job statuses and marital statuses in everything we do.

Food insecurity disproportionately impacts people of color in Southeast Nebraska. According to data from Feeding America, 1 in 3 Black Persons, 1 in 5 Hispanic Persons and 1 in 11 White, non-Hispanic Persons are facing hunger in our 16-county service area.

We're committed to providing equitable access to nutritious food—for all—and routinely evaluating how we can reach more neighbors. Led by a trained facilitator, our staff participated in a series of educational conversations this year that explored the intersection between Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI), poverty and food insecurity.



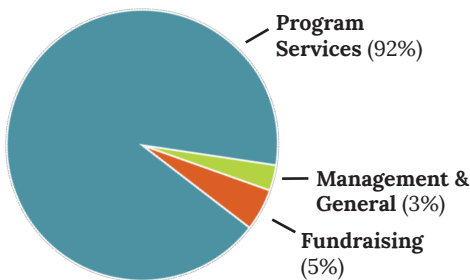
**Through honest dialogue, reflection and a willingness to learn, our team gained a better understanding of systemic and societal barriers that limit access to food and other resources and reaffirmed our collective dedication to creating equitable access to nutritious foods.**

To help guide our work moving forward, we launched an internal committee focused on assessing our practices through a DEI lens and forming and implementing strategic initiatives that better serve our community.

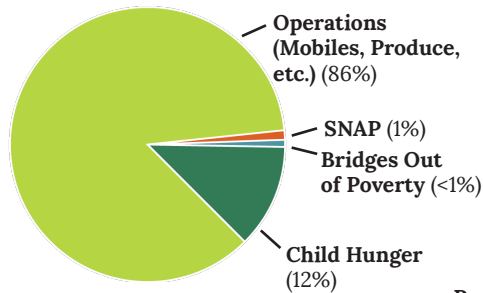
Inaugural committee members, pictured left to right: Joy Olmstead, Volunteer Specialist; Ciara Dickson, Distribution Center Coordinator; Larry Marley, Route Driver; Dane Schmitt, Front Office Specialist; Georgann Roth, Community Resource Manager; Jenny Ekeler, Chief Financial Officer; Erin Mundus, Finance & HR Specialist.

## FY 2023

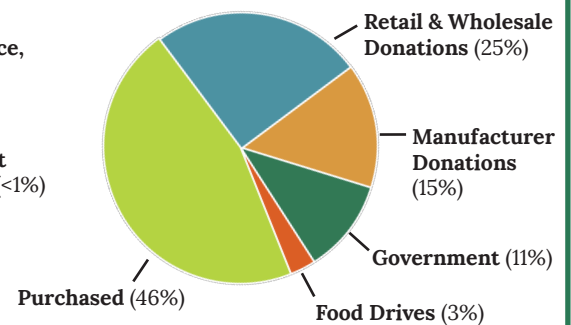
### Total Expenses



### Expenses by Program



### Food Sources



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### Hours

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Monday-Friday

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