

# The Feeding Frontline

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Volunteering at a Food Bank distribution was insightful for Spreetail employee Kelly Kruse, who placed frozen chicken into vehicles for 548 guests on a Friday afternoon in late July.

*"The number of cars that drive through is such an eye-opening experience ... the need is clearly there," she said.*

Kelly and the team at Spreetail are committed to giving back. In fact, the mission to alleviate hunger aligns with the e-commerce company's pillars of giving: helping women in need, helping children in need and helping people experiencing homelessness. This past June and July, volunteer groups from Spreetail helped distribute food on Friday afternoons at the former Perkins Restaurant near the Lincoln Airport — the Food Bank's largest distribution. During this time, these volunteers helped connect 3,645 households with food and hope, including 548 the day Kelly joined.

But Spreetail's efforts didn't stop there. As Kelly explains, "Giving has always been a priority of Spreetail's ... it was clear to me early on the Food Bank was an important partnership." So, this fall, the company launched a campaign to support both Food Bank of Lincoln and Food Bank for the Heartland.

Financial support for Food Bank of Lincoln is making about 450,000 meals possible for neighbors in Southeast Nebraska, primarily children. Additionally, the organization designated the Food Bank as its top volunteering priority, dedicating time to help get food to people facing hunger, a win-win-win for all.

*"It's such a fulfilling experience for volunteers," Kelly said.*

*"The hands-on and face-to-face interaction with those you are giving to is something volunteering with the Food Bank provides, and that's hard to find right now. Everyone can relate in some way to feeling passionate about serving at the Food Bank."*

To learn more about Corporate Partnership opportunities, contact Gabby Ayala at [gayala@lincolnfoodbank.org](mailto:gayala@lincolnfoodbank.org) or by calling (402) 466-8170, ext. 122, or visit [lincolnfoodbank.org/corporatepartners](http://lincolnfoodbank.org/corporatepartners).



## THE FOOD BANK MISSION

Alleviate hunger  
in Southeast Nebraska.

## OUR VISION

Nourishing our communities  
to end hunger.

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# A Letter From the President & CEO

## Happy Holidays to you from all of us at the Food Bank of Lincoln!

It is a joyful season of celebration and a pause for evaluation and planning ... hustle and bustle ... reflection and reset.

This particular issue of *The Feeding Frontline* serves as a quarterly update of Food Bank happenings, like exciting meet-and-greet opportunities in each of our 16-service area counties (pg. 2) and emotional reflections of service (pg. 4). It's also a progress report on our Raising Our Response Capital Campaign (pg. 4). Finally, it details our fiscal year-end activity, which spans July 1 to June 30 (pg. 3). Thank you for your involvement in another successful Food Bank year during which we connected neighbors to a record-setting 13.3 million meals and record percentage of healthy, fresh foods.

A dear Food Bank volunteer once told me he views his involvement with us as "spanning from heartbreaking to heartwarming" and added he's grateful to be part of the collective effort. Those sentiments feel exactly right to me.

It's not always easy work. It's also not work one person can do alone. A single policy cannot improve it. It's a collective effort. Thank you for joining us to ensure children and their families facing unexpected challenges found new ways to learn and had the meals to support that learning. Thank you for ensuring aging adults who may have been shut-in were not shut out from access to essential nutrition. Thank you for serving veterans who felt a measure of dignity restored with the delivery of a bag of groceries and a warm smile.

The records we set in this work are bittersweet. We acknowledge that. We also embrace the unspoken message sent and received with each package of meat, bag of apples and loaf of bread. You know the season of giving extends beyond tinsel and gingerbread.

You are there for these neighbors during the holiday season and every day of the year when they need healthy, hope-giving, heart-warming food.

With gratitude,



**Michaela Kumke**  
President & CEO  
Food Bank of Lincoln



## Meet Michaela

### Join Food Bank of Lincoln President & CEO for a chat in your community.

Do you have ideas for improving access to food resources in your county, questions about food that is distributed or are you curious how your donations are used? We'd like to hear from you! Each month, Food Bank President & CEO Michaela Kumke is setting up a makeshift office in a different Southeast Nebraska county to listen and learn from those who know their community best — you.

To learn when and where Michaela will be in your county, stay tuned to our social media: Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.





# 2021 Annual Report

Important note: The numbers reflected below include financial activity related to our general operating and Raising Our Response Capital Campaign efforts through the fiscal year end 2021.

## Year-End Statistics

Total meals connected in 2021: **13,287,746**

Meals provided for kids through Child Hunger

Programs: **282,319**

*\*Many Child Hunger Programs were paused in fiscal year 2021 due to the pandemic.*

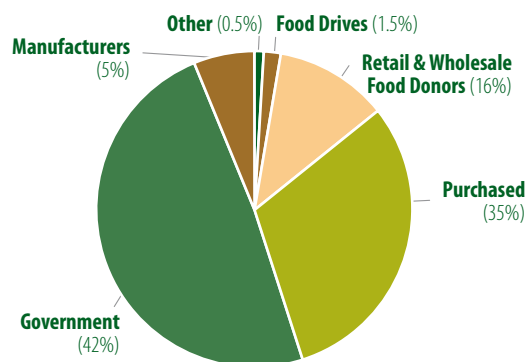
Pounds of fresh produce distributed: **5,406,725**

Meals connected via SNAP: **1,513,229**

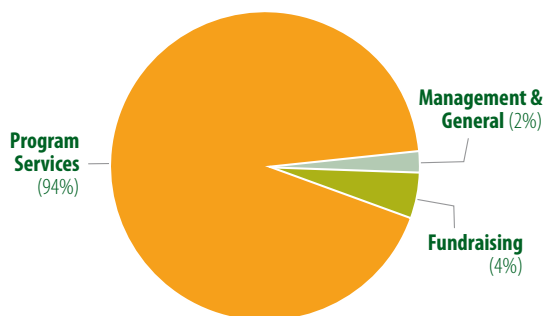
Estimated economic impact of SNAP outreach: **\$ 6,664,865**

Total volunteer hours: **14,674**

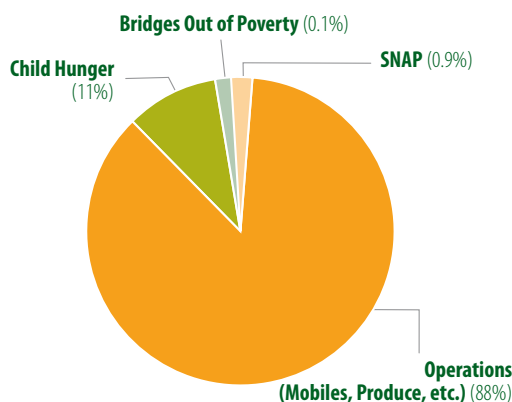
## Food Source



## Total Expenses



## Expenses by Program



## Statement of Financial Position — June 30, 2021

### Assets

#### CURRENT ASSETS

Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 8,068,444
Certificates of deposit	1,580,498
Accounts receivable	8,915
Pledges receivable, current portion	783,976
Grants receivable	845,419
Prepaid expenses	57,623
Inventory (donated & purchased)	1,725,704
Total current assets	<u>13,070,579</u>

**PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT, net** 4,281,020

#### OTHER ASSETS

Pledges receivable, less current portion	<u>612,650</u>
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**TOTAL ASSETS** \$ 17,964,249

### Liabilities and Net Assets

#### CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$ 838,162
Agency overpayment	1,073
Payroll taxes payable	7,746
Accrued wages	67,113
Accrued vacation	60,821
Total current liabilities	<u>974,915</u>

#### NET ASSETS

Without donor restrictions	
Undesignated	10,972,929
Board designated	185,117
With donor restrictions	<u>5,831,288</u>
Total net assets	<u>16,989,334</u>

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS** \$ 17,964,249

## Statement of Activities — Year ended June 30, 2021

### Changes in Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions

#### REVENUE AND SUPPORT

Value of contributed inventory	\$ 15,815,991
Contributions	4,295,899
In-kind goods and services	134,878
Governmental program support	4,167,793
Investment income	11,550
Agency cooperative purchasing and fees	56,801
Miscellaneous	5,170
Total revenue and support	<u>24,488,082</u>
Net assets released from restrictions	5,011,580
<b>TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS</b>	<u>29,499,662</u>

#### EXPENSES

Operations	20,615,835
Child Hunger	2,704,001
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	223,025
Bridges Out of Poverty	23,444
Management & General	433,674
Fundraising	930,358
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>24,930,337</u>
Increase in net assets without donor restrictions	<u>4,569,325</u>

### Changes In Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

#### REVENUE AND SUPPORT WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Restricted grants and contributions	8,448,180
Net assets released from restrictions	(5,011,580)
Increase in net assets with donor restrictions	<u>3,436,600</u>

#### INCREASE IN NET ASSETS

Net assets at beginning of year	<u>8,983,409</u>
<b>NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<u>16,989,334</u>



## Staff Spotlight and Farewell: Nancy Gritz

Nancy Gritz remembers thinking, "This will be a good place to work for 3-4 years."

That was almost 31 years ago.

In February 1991, Nancy joined the Food Bank of Lincoln as the office and distribution assistant. As one of only six employees, this role had her doing a little bit of everything — reception, record-keeping, checking agencies in and out, weighing food by hand, calling donors, scheduling volunteers and marketing. You name it.

In 1997, when the Food Bank moved from its 7,000 square-foot facility on Russell Drive to our existing location, she added warehouse administrative work, promotions and agency oversight to that list.

"I was always asking if there's something else I could be trained to do, to learn the different areas of the work," she said.

In 2001, Nancy became assistant executive director, taking on much of the financial, human resources and technology work for the Food Bank, a focus she continues today in her role as Vice President of Finance & Human Resources. "I like being busy," Nancy often says. And she is.

But at the end of 2021, after almost 31 years with the organization, Nancy will retire.

"I'll be here almost half of my life ... I've never regretted it. The people I worked with were a piece of that. And really truly, the mission. I love and appreciate what we do. I'm very thankful for all of the people I've gotten to know and things I've gotten to do."



## Raising Our Response to Hunger

Walls are up, concrete has been poured, offices are framed and wiring is underway at 1221 Kingbird Road in Lincoln, Nebraska, the home of the future Food Bank of Lincoln headquarters. At the current Food Bank location, activity is divided between two buildings — one that houses general operations and the other, Child Hunger Programs. With expected completion of the new facility on track for spring 2022, Kati Umberger, Youth & Senior Programs Manager and Raising Our Response Project Team Leader, shares what it will mean to have the entire organization under one roof:

*"There is no denying the excitement we share as we look forward to occupying the same building. The change in layout will have a positive impact on communication and operational efficiencies, primarily as a major timesaver, improving everything from running product inventories to receiving and loading product from trucks. We anticipate a boost to morale and team dynamics as a result of this upgrade."*

To read a Q&A with Kati about the new facility, learn more about the campaign or donate, visit [lincolnfoodbank.org](http://lincolnfoodbank.org).

## Hunger Doesn't Take a Holiday



Your support helps provide comfort and joy to neighbors in Southeast Nebraska. To make a financial gift this holiday season, look for our grocery store promotions, visit [lincolnfoodbank.org](http://lincolnfoodbank.org) or contact John Mabry at (402) 466-8170, ext. 110. Thank you.

## Now Through December 31:

- **Check Out Hunger:** Add a \$1, \$5 or \$10 donation to your grocery bill at the checkout of participating stores. Look for donation coupons near the register.
- **Holiday Food Drive:** Donate non-expired, non-perishable food and personal care items at participating stores.

For a list of participating locations, visit [lincolnfoodbank.org](http://lincolnfoodbank.org).



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