

FOODBANK
FOR THE HEARTLAND

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2024–June 30, 2025

From the PRESIDENT & BOARD CHAIR



Dear Friends of the Food Bank,

2025 brought a new chapter for Food Bank for the Heartland—and with it, even greater challenges for the neighbors we serve.

Data from Feeding America shows that food insecurity continued to rise across all 93 counties in our service area. In FY 2025, **1 in 7 Heartland residents—including 1 in 5 children—faced hunger**, marking another increase over the previous year. Our Network Partners saw this reality firsthand: longer lines, limited items, and more first-time visitors than even during the height of the pandemic.

Despite the obstacles we cannot control, your compassion and commitment remained the constant that kept families nourished and communities stable. Your support continued to fuel our mission through economic uncertainty, helping neighbors facing barriers to food access.

In FY 2025, thanks to your generosity, **we distributed more than 24 million meals** across Nebraska and western Iowa. This achievement represents far more than a statistic—it's proof of what we can accomplish when we unite in the fight against hunger.

Our FY 2025 Annual Report highlights what we achieved together—every volunteer hour, every donated dollar, and every partnership strengthened our ability to deliver hope at a time when it was needed most.

On behalf of everyone we served, **THANK YOU** for your unwavering gifts of time, talent, and treasure. We could not have advanced our mission without supporters like you. Together, we ensured our neighbors could thrive.

Brian Barks
President & CEO

Stephen Wallace
Chair of the Board

MISSION

To eliminate hunger in the Heartland by ensuring consistent access to healthy foods through community partnerships.



VALUES

In everything we do, we serve with respect, integrity and urgency.



SERVICE AREA

We serve 93 counties in Nebraska and western Iowa through 503 Network Partners.



 Food Bank for the Heartland

 Food Bank of Lincoln

Voices of OUR MISSION IN ACTION

Collectively, the Food Bank's circle of supporters is working across our 93-county service area to serve our neighbors with urgency, integrity, and respect. Through the versatility and strength of our communities, we are working every day to create a healthier Heartland.

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Though I'll never get to meet these people and see them face to face, knowing that they have meals to go home to is huge.

— Caden, Food Bank Volunteer

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I feel hope when I come here because I need help and they're giving it to me. I feel relief. It helps knowing me and my son are not going to starve.

— Shelby, Pantry Participant

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“It takes a little bit of the pressure off because I work 60 hours a week, and even then, it's not enough to pay all my bills and get groceries. It's ridiculous how much food costs right now.”

— Wynona, Pantry Participant



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We serve an average of 80-90 families per month. I think it's a great opportunity that we have here. Being able to help our families in need is great. They are really grateful to the Food Bank and I know they look forward to it.

— Jessica, Mobile Pantry Coordinator



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“I use all the fruits and vegetables. I love the green beans, corns, carrots, and turnips. I use it all. I usually make it at home and then I share it with the kids here. A lot of them ask for the apples and oranges.”

— Eloise, Pantry Participant



Community impact BY THE NUMBERS IN FY 2025



1,674,449 INDIVIDUALS

served across the Heartland. In our service area, **1 in 7** people is facing hunger, including **1 in 5** children, **1 in 3** Hispanic individuals and **1 in 3** Black individuals.



29,294,742 POUNDS OF FOOD

distributed to neighbors in need. That includes **6,936,343** pounds of fresh produce.



24,412,286 MEALS

distributed across the Heartland.



1,306,057 CHILDREN'S MEALS

provided through the Backpack, Kids Café After School, and Kids Café Summer Feeding Programs.



\$5,829,228

spent to purchase food for neighbors in need.



503 NETWORK PARTNERS

—including pantries, mobile pantries, schools, churches, emergency shelters and other non-profit organizations— to which the Food Bank distributes food.



403 MOBILE PANTRY EVENTS

distributed **2,302,785** meals.



401,026 MILES

driven by the Food Bank fleet, covering our **78,000**-square-mile service area.



53,328 VOLUNTEER HOURS

donated by individuals, corporations, and civic groups. That's the equivalent of more than **26** full-time employees.



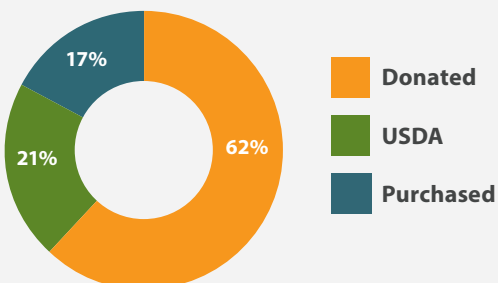
17,627 SNAP APPLICATIONS

submitted through our Nebraska and Iowa SNAP Outreach teams and their partners.



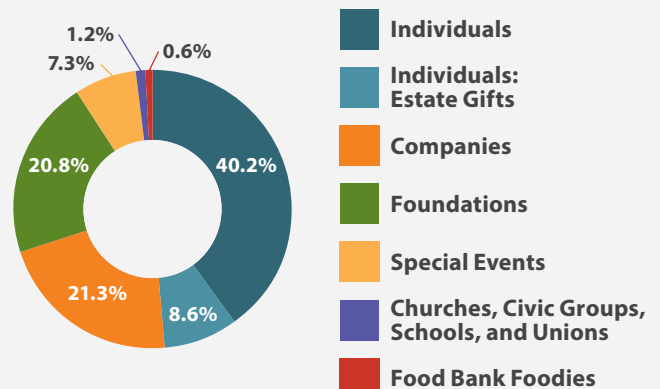
FOOD SOURCES

Calculated in pounds



\$12,890,183 in financial donations

(General operating, program support, and estate gifts)



Food Bank for the Heartland

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025 (Unaudited Financials)

The numbers on this page include activities related to the Capital Campaign and new construction project, as well as significant and unexpected reductions in federal funding.

Assets

| CURRENT ASSETS | 2025 | 2024 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$10,961,052 | \$14,612,494 |
| Accounts Receivable | \$1,794,181 | \$3,624,944 |
| Pledges | \$5,155,256 | \$5,651,576 |
| Prepaid Expenses | \$337,636 | \$758,584 |
| Food Inventory | \$1,473,739 | \$2,093,558 |
| Investments | \$4,181,784 | \$4,810,556 |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | \$23,903,648 | \$31,551,712 |
| NON-CURRENT ASSETS | 2025 | 2024 |
| Fixed Assets, Net of Depreciation | \$27,556,112 | \$18,261,240 |
| TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS | \$27,556,112 | \$18,261,240 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$51,459,761 | \$49,812,952 |

Liabilities and Net Assets

| CURRENT LIABILITIES | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---------------------|--------------|
| Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses | \$2,593,668 | \$1,140,799 |
| Other Current Liabilities | \$512,030 | \$683,445 |
| TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES | \$3,105,697 | \$1,824,244 |
| LONG-TERM LIABILITIES | 2025 | 2024 |
| Note payable | \$0 | \$7,130,000 |
| Operating Leases | \$46,043 | \$73,693 |
| Other Long-Term Assets | \$10,000 | \$0 |
| TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES | \$56,043 | \$7,203,693 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | \$3,161,741 | \$9,027,937 |
| NET ASSETS | 2025 | 2024 |
| Without Donor Restriction | \$45,769,325 | \$39,037,803 |
| With Donor Restriction | \$2,528,695 | \$1,747,212 |
| TOTAL NET ASSETS | \$48,298,020 | \$40,785,015 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | \$51,459,761 | \$49,812,952 |

FY 2025

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

(Accrual Basis)

SUPPORT

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|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Donated Food | \$24,526,557 |
| Financial & In-Kind Donations | \$19,323,719 |
| USDA Commodities | \$7,526,412 |
| Government Support | \$4,358,979 |
| Other Revenue | \$3,542,250 |

TOTAL SUPPORT **\$59,277,917**

EXPENSES

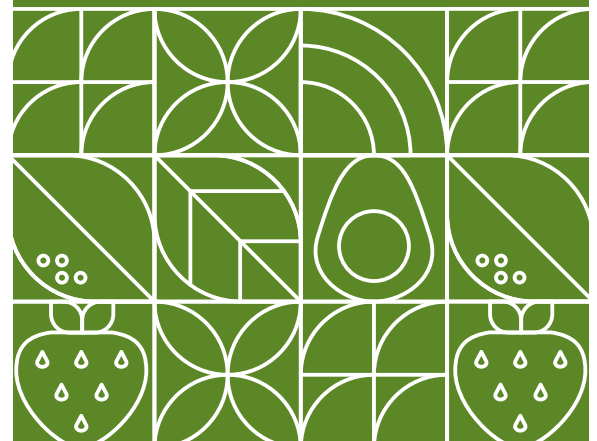
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| Program | (\$49,370,439) |
| Administration | (\$916,978) |
| Fundraising | (\$1,477,495) |

TOTAL EXPENSES **(\$51,764,912)**

Change in Net Assets \$7,513,005

Beginning Net Assets \$40,785,015

ENDING NET ASSETS **\$48,298,020**



Food Bank for the Heartland PROGRAMS



We work with more than **500 Network Partners**, including pantries, mobile pantries, schools, churches, emergency shelters, and other non-profit organizations to ensure consistent access to nutritious food. Network Partners play an integral role in assisting neighbors experiencing food insecurity. In FY 2025, the Food Bank distributed more than **24 million meals** through our partners and programs.



The Mobile Pantry Program delivers fresh and shelf-stable food directly to communities with a high need but limited food resources. These one-day, recurring drive-through distribution events are free to attend. Community packs include various shelf-stable items. Other items distributed can include assorted fresh produce and bakery items. In FY 2025, the Food Bank hosted **403 Mobile Pantry Events** in **40 counties**, distributing **2.3 million meals** and helping **77,599 households**.



The Backpack Program, a partnership with area schools, offers packs of weekend breakfasts and lunches to elementary school children. Each week during the '24-'25 school year, **8,002 packs—equaling 32,008 meals**—of easy-to-prepare or ready-to-eat nutritious food were distributed to children in **244 schools** across **110 school districts**. In total, **1,216,304 meals** were distributed to children during the school year through this program. Backpack meals are assembled by Food Bank volunteers using food purchased by the Food Bank.



Kids Café is one of the nation's largest free-meal service programs for children—serving meals to kids in partnership with organizations that offer a safe environment after school and during the summer months. The Food Bank distributed a total of **89,753 meals** during the FY 2025 program year. We provided an average of **1,942 meals** each week to **12 sites** around the Omaha metro area as part of the Kids Café After School Program, and **2,352 meals** each week to **7 sites** during the Kids Café Summer Feeding Program.



Our **SNAP Outreach** (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) team helps families and individuals navigate the application process, understand program benefits, and access additional community resources. As an equal-opportunity provider, our team helped submit **5,371 applications in Nebraska** and **12,256 applications in Iowa** in FY 2025. The Food Research & Action Center (FRAC) estimates that **\$1 in SNAP benefits** generates **\$1.80 in economic activity** at local retailers.



New Facility & Capital Campaign

Building a Healthier Heartland Together

On June 2, 2024, Food Bank for the Heartland publicly kicked off the Capital Campaign for our future facility on 84th & L Street in Omaha. The unprecedented need for food, paired with ongoing economic uncertainties and the limited structure of our current facility, led Food Bank leaders, and our Board to broader discussions on how to serve our neighbors more equitably, efficiently, and responsibly. This move to a new, larger facility is imperative for the future of the Food Bank and the 93 counties we serve. It will allow us to expand upon our mission—setting the stage for innovative solutions to alleviate hunger.



FEATURES OF NEW FACILITY

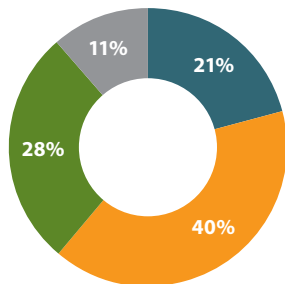
The Food Bank's overall footprint will grow by **41%**.

Protein Repack room—a **514%** increase from our previous space.

Cooler and freezer space—a **63%** increase to distribute more nutritious food.

Our Volunteer Center will grow by **56%** and parking stalls will increase by **90%** for an enhanced volunteer experience.

\$23,965,853 in Capital Campaign donations
(Total as of June 30, 2025, toward a goal of \$27 million)



FY 2023:
\$5,636,815

FY 2024:
\$10,870,588

FY 2025:
\$7,458,450

Remaining to \$27M goal: \$3,034,147

Food Bank for the Heartland

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JULY 1, 2025—JUNE 30, 2026

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| Stephen Wallace, Chair | Toast |
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How food banking works at Food Bank for the Heartland

DONORS



Individuals, businesses, foundations, governments, and other organizations donate food, funds, and volunteer time. The Food Bank also purchases food to meet the high need.

FOOD BANK



The Food Bank collects, stores, and prepares food for distribution to more than 500 Network Partners in 93 counties across Nebraska and western Iowa.

NETWORK PARTNERS



The Food Bank distributes food to pantries, shelters, meal providers, mobile pantries, and child nutrition programs.

HEARTLAND NEIGHBORS



Children, families, seniors, and veterans receive critical nutrition that helps them thrive.



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