



## **Students Raise Over \$16,000 for the Northeast Iowa Food Bank Through Annual Student Food Drive**

**WATERLOO, Iowa (November 14, 2025)** – Students across seven local high schools participated in the Northeast Iowa Food Bank’s 2025 Student Food Drive. Beginning October 6, Cedar Falls, Hudson, Waterloo West, Waterloo East, Janesville, North Tama, and Valley Lutheran rallied to raise funds, volunteer, and collect food for community members facing food insecurity.

### **Together they contributed:**

- 398 volunteer hours
- 6,545 pounds of food
- \$16,260.59 raised

### **Highlights of the 2025 Student Food Drive**

- **Waterloo East High** had the most volunteer hours with 166 hours.
- **Cedar Falls High School** raised the most money with \$8,257.81.
- **Valley Lutheran School** hosted the most events with 15 events.
- **Hudson High School** collected the most pounds of food with 3,372 pounds and the most social media posts with 17 posts, making them the overall winner.

This year, schools in the Student Food Drive competed in six categories: most pounds of food collected, most money raised, most volunteer hours, most events hosted, most social media posts, and overall winner. Each category winner received a cash prize for their school, and the overall winner also earned a banner to display at their school.

NEIFB Executive Director, Barbara Prather, expressed her gratitude at the event's conclusion, recognizing the work the students had done. "The habits you built here, serving, inviting others to join you, and using your voice, will carry far beyond today. Whether you keep volunteering, advocate, host a future drive, or pursue a career serving others, you now know you can make a measurable difference."

The Northeast Iowa Food Bank is grateful for the hard work students put in to help fight hunger. The Student Food Drive is a powerful opportunity for students to use their voices, show compassion, and take action for their community. NEIFB is also thankful for the generous support of this year's Student Food Drive sponsors: GreenState Credit Union, Kwik Star, and Aspro.

To learn how you can take action in the fight against hunger, visit **[neifb.org/get-involved](https://neifb.org/get-involved)**.





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**About NEIFB:** The Northeast Iowa Food Bank (NEIFB) is a proud member of Feeding America® and the Iowa Food Bank Association. NEIFB distributes nutritious food and grocery products to over 140 nonprofit organizations and programs that help families and individuals facing food insecurity. Last year, the Food Bank distributed over 8.4 million meals within its 16-county service area. For over 40 years, the Food Bank has alleviated hunger and provided nutrition education through its eight programs: Agency Distribution, Backpack, Cedar Valley Food Pantry, Kids Café, Mobile Food Pantry, School Market, Senior Nutrition, and Summer Feeding. To learn more, visit [neifb.org](http://neifb.org) and follow us on social media.