



NORTHEAST IOWA
FOOD BANK

FY25

ANNUAL REPORT



OUR MISSION

We provide nutritious food and grocery products to nonprofit organizations and individuals in northeast Iowa, while offering hunger education programs to the area and those in need.



FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Looking back on the last fiscal year, the world continues to change, and so we adapt. We prepare more intentionally for the future, with hope that brighter days are ahead for those facing food insecurity. The Northeast Iowa Food Bank must continue to evolve to ensure people have access to food when they need it.

FY 2025 was a year of planning while also distributing more than 8.6 million meals. This work is possible because of more than 10,000 volunteers, generous donations of food and funds, a committed Board of Directors, and a dedicated staff.

This year, our team took on major projects, including planning a future facility that will add a new food pantry space, expand dock, cooler, and freezer capacity, and improve volunteer, kitchen, office, and community areas. These updates will help us accept and distribute donations more efficiently.

We also adjusted when expected federal product was abruptly canceled and later said yes to implementing Healthy Kids Iowa, despite challenges. The best part was seeing high-quality food reach children who needed it most.

We continued evaluating and improving our distribution programs, including expanding School Markets in Waterloo Community Schools so families can access food more easily. Breaking ground on our facility addition and renovation was a milestone that will help us bring in and distribute more nutritious food through our programs.

Our community continues to show up through events, Holiday Distribution, and Pack the Dome. Everything we do depends on that support. This report reflects your generosity and how your dollars strengthen our work and improve lives.

For this, we are grateful.

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NEIFB Executive Director



Financial Summary FY2025

	2025	2024
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,748,354	\$ 2,314,195
Trade receivables	61,345	21,326
Promises to give, net	2,447,889	1,173,418
Food inventory		
Purchased	417,757	650,482
In-kind	1,320,875	1,578,346
Prepaid expenses	109,777	158,978
Total current assets	7,105,997	5,896,745
Investments	1,820,698	1,624,430
Beneficial interest in assets held by Community Foundation	15,486	14,831
Promises to give, net	941,280	354,378
Property and equipment, net	6,412,423	5,894,614
Right-of-use assets - finance leases	\$ 582,369	\$ 15,621
Total assets	16,878,253	13,800,619
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current liabilities		
Current portion of finance lease liabilities	\$ 108,329	\$ 4,820
Accounts payable	462,526	178,317
Accrued expenses	149,020	129,212
Total current liabilities	719,875	312,349
Finance lease liabilities	474,007	7,869
Total liabilities	1,193,882	320,218
Net assets		
Without donor restrictions		
Undesignated	1,265,582	2,210,106
Board designated - operating reserve	1,750,000	1,750,000
Board designated - capital expenditures	500,000	500,000
In-kind food inventory	1,320,875	1,578,346
Net investment in property and equipment	6,412,456	5,897,546
Total without donor restrictions	11,248,913	11,935,998
With donor restrictions	4,435,458	1,544,403
Total net assets	15,684,371	13,480,401
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 16,878,253	\$ 13,800,619

	In-Kind Product	Total
Revenue, gains and public support		
Cash contributions		
Governmental	\$ -	\$ 1,348,925
Non-governmental		2,563,120
In-kind contributions		
Governmental	3,770,373	3,770,373
Non-governmental	12,059,890	12,134,287
Foundations and other grants	-	4,299,174
Fundraising events, less cost of direct benefits to donors	-	431,207
United Way	-	58,923
Investment return, net	-	255,901
Agency support fee	-	518,702
Miscellaneous income	-	33,766
Net assets released from restrictions	-	-
Total revenue, gains and public support	15,830,263	25,414,378
Expenses		
Program services	16,087,734	21,524,573
Management and general	-	918,490
Fundraising	-	760,211
Total expenses	16,087,734	23,03,274
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	-	7,134
Change in net assets	(257,471)	2,203,970
Net assets, beginning of year	1,578,346	13,480,401
Net assets, end of year	\$ 1,320,875	\$ 15,684,371



8.6 MILLION MEALS 16 COUNTIES SERVED DAILY

ALLAMAKEE

4 Backpack Locations
Allamakee County Food Shelf
Lansing Iowa Food Trust (LIFT)
Postville Community Support
Torah Mesivta
Thornton Manor Nursing & Care

BLACK HAWK

42 Backpack Locations
MercyOne Cancer Center Food Pantry
CV Thrift & Outreach Outlet Food Pantry
CVDC Pantry of Hope
Hope City Church
Apostolic Pentecostal Church Food Pantry
Catholic Worker House
Cedar Valley Food Pantry
Celebration First Assembly of God
Comprehensive Systems Cedar Falls
Comprehensive Systems Carlton
Comprehensive Systems Country Lane
Comprehensive Systems Highland
Comprehensive Systems South Hill
Comprehensive Systems Theimer
Comprehensive Systems Richland
Comprehensive Systems Kaplan
Countryside Vineyard
Cedar Valley Preschool & Childcare
Gift of Life Church Meals
First Baptist Church Waterloo
First Presbyterian Church
WFUMC - Nook
Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church
North Cedar Nazarene Food Pantry
Open Bible Church Sunrise Daycare
Pathways Behavioral Services
Pathways Junkman/Knoebel Center
Salvation Army - Community Meal
Salvation Army Women's Shelter
Salvation Army Men's Shelter
St. Lukes Food Pantry
Matthew 25 Food Pantry
St. Paul United Methodist Church
Saint Vincent de Paul Society
Queen of Peace Community Meal
St. Timothy UMC
Trinity Preschool and Childcare
Union Missionary
Westminster Presbyterian Pantry
Antioch Baptist Church
Resurrection Missionary Church
One City United
Christian Fellowship Baptist Church
Kinderwood Child Care
Center of Attention- Success Link
Trinity American Lutheran Church
Trinity American Lutheran Community Meal
KC - Elk Run
KC - Lime
KC -Teen Center
KC -Lincoln
KC -YMCA Fun Days
KC -Orange Elementary
KC -Poyner Elementary
KC -The Salvation Army
KC -YPT
KC -Becker Elementary
KC -YWCA Black Hawk County
KC -Payne
KC -LINK Grinnell

SM - Adult Learning Center HCC
SM - Becker Elementary
SM - Bungler Middle School
SM - Carver Middle School
SM - Central Middle School
SM - Cunningham Elementary School
SM - East High School
SM - Expo High School
SM - Hawkeye Red Tail Food Pantry
SM - Highland Elementary School
SM - Hoover Middle School
SM - Irving Elementary School
SM - Kingsley Elementary
SM - Kittrell Elementary School
SM - Lincoln Elementary School
SM - Lou Henry Elementary School
SM - Lowell Elementary School
SM - Orange Elementary School
SM - Panther Pantry
SM - Poyner Elementary School
SM - Tri-County Lowell Preschool
SM - West High School
SP - Liberty Manor
SP - Crossroads Square
SP - Cedar Falls NEI3A
SP - Ridgeway Towers
SP - Cedar Valley Hospitality House
SP - Evans Village
SP - Hotel President
SP - Cedar River Tower
SP - Horizon Towers
SP - Jesse Cosby Neighborhood Center
SP - Fox Meadow Senior Apartments
SP - Renaissance Park Apartments
SP - Roosevelt Apts.
SP - The Preserve
SFSP - Boys & Girls Club - Elk Run
SFSP - Greene Public Library
SFSP - Irving Elementary
SFSP - Boys & Girls Club - Lime Street
SFSP - Our Saviors Lutheran Church
SFSP - Payne Memorial Church
SFSP - The Salvation Army
SFSP - YMCA - Becker
SFSP - YMCA Fun Days
SFSP - YPT
SFSP - YWCA

BREMER

12 Backpack Locations
Boy Scouts of America
Friends of the Family- Waverly
A Cup of Water Meal
Waverly Child Care & Development
Bremer County Community Action
Waverly Life Church Celebrate Recovery
MP - Waverly
SM - Wartburg College Food Pantry
SM - St. Mary's Church
SFSP - Sumner Public Library
SFSP - Trinity Church

BUCHANAN

15 Backpack Locations
Independence Area Food Pantry
Little Island Child Care
MP - Brandon
MP - Lamont
SP - Buchanan County COA NEI3A

BUTLER

6 Backpack Locations
Allison Food Pantry
Clarksville Food Pantry
Aplington-Parkersburg Food Pantry
MP - Shell Rock

CERRO GORDO

Charlie Brown Laketown
Charlie Brown West
Charlie Brown Sat 3
Charlie Brown Sat 1
Charlie Brown Washington
Comprehensive Systems Mason Group
43 North Iowa (North Iowa Transition Center)

CHICKASAW

1 Backpack Location
Comprehensive Systems CI New Hampton
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Nashua Area Food Pantry
MP - Nashua
MP - New Hampton
SM - Chickasaw Pride Pantry
SP - Chickasaw Senior Center
SP - Lawler City Hall - Community Room

CLAYTON

8 Backpack Locations
Starmont Community School District Starmont Schools
Elkader Childcare & Learning Center
Kids Kampus
Family Resource Center Food Pantry
Clayton County Food Shelf
MP - Guttenberg

DELAWARE

3 Backpack Locations
Community Childcare - Storyland
Community Childcare - Carousel
Delaware County Food Bank
MP - Manchester

FAYETTE

10 Backpack Locations
Plentiful Pantry
Christian Camping, Inc. - Beulahland
His Hands Food Pantry
Open Hands Pantry
MP - West Union
SM - Peacock Pantry
SFSP - Arlington Public Library
SFSP - Bethel Presbyterian Church
SFSP - Wadena Public Library

FLOYD

8 Backpack Locations
CAYA Transition House
TLC Learning Center
Charlie Brown Sat 2
Messiah's Food Pantry
Comprehensive Systems 9th St.
Comprehensive Systems CI Treasure
Comprehensive Systems Labor Center
Comprehensive Systems Dietary House
Rockford Senior Nutrition Program
MP - Charles City
SM - Charles City School Pantry/Project Rise

GRUNDY

7 Backpack Locations
Grundy Community Preschool and Childcare
Grundy County Food Pantry-Operation Threshold
Joyful Noise Daycare
Little Rebels Learning Center
MP - Grundy Center
SP - Grundy NEI3A

HARDIN

SP - Dorothy's Senior Center NEI3A

HOWARD

5 Backpack Locations
Midwest Mission Bible Training Center
NEICAC Howard County
MP - Cresco

MARSHALL

SP - Marshall County COA NEI3A

MITCHELL

5 Backpack Locations
Charlie Brown Sat 4 - Osage
Comprehensive Systems Osage Group
Mitchell County Food Bank
Riceville Food Pantry
CV Seminary Senior Meal
Stacyville Community Nursing
MP - Osage

POWESHIEK

7 Backpack Locations
Brooklyn Community Food Pantry
Malcom Food Pantry
MICA - Mid Iowa Community Action
Presbyterian Church
Montezuma Food Pantry
SM - Grinnell High School
SFSP - LINK Grinnell

TAMA

7 Backpack Locations
CHAT Pantry
Crayon Corner Learning Center
South Tama County Food Pantry
Tama Meskwaki
Little Knights Learning Center
Pied Piper Preschool
MP - Tama
SP - Meskwaki Senior Center
SP - Tama Senior Center
SFSP - Elberon Public Library

WINNESHIEK

10 Backpack Locations
Decorah Community Food Pantry
Greater Area Food Pantry - Calmar
NEICAC Food Pantry

MP - Mobile Food Pantry
KC - Kids Café
SM - School Market
SP - Senior Nutrition
SFSP - Summer Feeding

*Contact your local school district to see if they participate in the Backpack Program



1,034,500 meals served
at 13 mobile pantry sites



4,620 families served
monthly at the Cedar
Valley Food Pantry



128,080 people served
monthly through our Senior
Nutrition Program



127 agency partners

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



127,400 Backpacks
packed & distributed



32,324 meals through
our Kids Café Program



27,524 meals
provided through our
Summer Feeding Program



102,500 meals
provided through our
School Market Program

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

