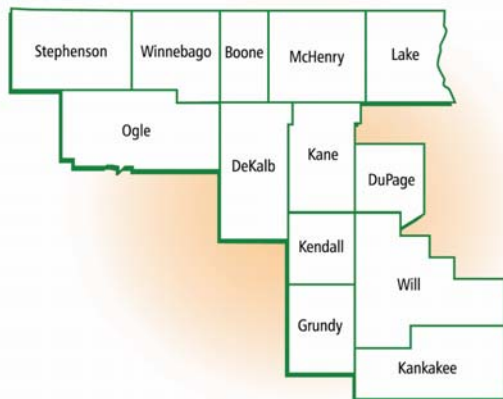


Northern Illinois Food Bank Service Area



Here's where you can find more information!

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Get Involved...

The dignity of some depends on the generosity of many. We cannot know or understand all the reasons for hunger hardship, but we can be compassionate and caring. Consider getting involved in one or more of the following ways and help make a difference in and bring hope to the lives of your hungry neighbors.

Volunteer

Hundreds of volunteers are needed to work on a variety of projects, including food sorting and packing, office support, local food drive pickups, committees, and special events. NIFB is capable of accommodating individuals and groups of up to 100. Volunteering is an excellent team-building experience for companies and organizations. Opportunities for children are available.

Sponsor a Food Drive

Help raise hunger awareness and funds through your company's own online Virtual Food Drive to benefit NIFB or organize a physical food drive to help feed hungry neighbors and deliver it directly to one of NIFB's facilities.

Make a Financial Contribution

Your contribution, small or large, will help Northern Illinois Food Bank provide food assistance 365 days of the year and develop programs that support our agency partners.

Monetary Donations: Mail your check to Northern Illinois Food Bank, 600 Industrial Drive, St. Charles, IL 60174. To give by credit card, call 630-443-6910 or donate online at www.northernillfoodbank.org.

Monthly Giving Program: Help provide a stable resource for our mission by becoming a monthly donor.

Matching Gift Program: Ask your company whether it matches financial donations or volunteer hours contributed by employees.

In-Kind Donations: Offer your professional services or items to benefit NIFB programs.

Bequests: Select Northern Illinois Food Bank as a charity for your planned giving.

Your contributions are tax deductible.

96% of your donation goes directly to programs and services to feed the hungry. This efficiency has earned NIFB a four-star rating from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities (www.charitynavigator.org). "Only 3% of the charities rated have received at least five consecutive four-star evaluations, indicating that NIFB outperforms most charities in America in efforts to operate in the most fiscally responsible way."

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**Northern Illinois
Food Bank**
delivering food assistance
to your community

Vision

To create a hunger-free northern Illinois

Mission

To provide nutritious food to all those in need through our own efforts and those of our nonprofit partners.

A partnership between you,
Northern Illinois Food Bank, and
Feeding America

Delivering Food Assistance To Your Community

Northern Illinois Food Bank

Northern Illinois Food Bank (NIFB) acquires donated food from retailers, manufacturers, corporations, and community resources and distributes it through its network of more than 520 food pantries, shelters, soup kitchens, and other nonprofit food assistance sites to help the more than 259,000 people living in poverty in 13 northern Illinois counties.

Northern Illinois Food Bank provides over 27 million pounds of food annually, through its network of partner agencies. NIFB currently serves nonprofit agency partners in Boone, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, Will, and Winnebago Counties.

Northern Illinois Food Bank has been committed to helping feed hungry people for over 26 years.

Feeding America

Northern Illinois Food Bank is a member of Feeding America and by virtue of this affiliation has a direct link to expanded resources of donated and acquired food. Plus, this network membership assures a stronger advocacy voice at the state and federal government for food assistance legislation, programs, and support.

Feeding America, formerly America's Second Harvest, continues to work to feed America's hungry through a nationwide network of member food banks and engage our country in the fight to end hunger. A nationwide network of more than 200 member food banks and food rescue organizations across the country operate under the Feeding America umbrella – serving all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

Sources for statistics: U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Hunger in America 2006 Study, Feeding America, National Anti-Hunger Organization's 2004 Blueprint to End Hunger.



Hunger Facts

In a nation that is so prosperous and wealthy, you may be asking yourself, "Is hunger really an issue here at home?" Sadly, the answer is yes. Each year nearly 35 million Americans are threatened by hunger, including 13 million children, and there are many different reasons why.

More than 259,000 *people* live in poverty in NIFB's 13-county service area. The 2009 poverty line is \$22,050 for a family of four.

NIFB provides food assistance to over 50,000 different people each week. This includes providing food to more than 3,000 children every day through NIFB's Youth Nutrition Program.

Children. One third (33%) of the people served by NIFB are children under the age of 18.

The working poor. Over one third (38%) of the households served by NIFB have at least one employed adult.

The recently unemployed have lost jobs from downsizing, layoffs, and company closings and need help as they search for jobs.

The elderly, living on fixed incomes, often face choices between food and other important services, like housing and medicine. 6% of NIFB clients are elderly.

Single-parent families struggle to provide necessities and often fall short of resources.

People seeking help from the food bank are a cross-section of races and cultures. Approximately 57% are white; 27% are African American; and 13% are Hispanic.

Initiatives & Programs

Food Recovery

Picks up perishable food (mostly meat) from grocery stores and distributes it through the agency shopping list, Mobile Pantry, and direct deliveries to onsite feeding programs.

Mobile Pantry

A "traveling food pantry" delivers meat, produce, and nonperishable food directly to clients at agency sites and other locations where low-income people need food assistance.

Youth Nutrition Program

Provides nutritious lunches during the summer to children who receive subsidized meals during the school year. In addition, children receive food through NIFB's after-school snack, and evening meal programs, as well as the Backpack Program which provides food for the weekend.

Holiday Meal Boxes

Provides annual holiday meals to food pantries for distribution to families in need. In 2008, 27,469 families received help.

NIFB Branch Locations

The Branch locations allow NIFB to dramatically improve food distribution to its outlying service area by making food more accessible with convenient locations and emergency stock inventory.

Lake County Branch

Serving the northern region – Lake and McHenry Counties.

Rockford Branch

Serving the western region – Boone, DeKalb, Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties.

Joliet Office

Serving the southern region – Grundy, Kankakee, and Will Counties.