

# YOU HAVE MADE AN *Impact...*

Your support helps us provide over **13 MILLION** meals per year to families and individuals facing hunger throughout the Tri-State...that's **1 meal every 3 seconds!** Thank you for partnering with us to help put food on the table for 133,040 of our neighbors in need.



**one meal every 3 seconds**



**TRI-STATE FOOD BANK**

A member of **FEEDING AMERICA**

# 2021 *Impact Report*

Your Investments in Action.

## HOW YOU CAN GET *Involved*

### Give Funds

Become a recurring monthly donor. It's an easy and convenient way to give and support Tri-State Food Bank's work year-round. Set up a recurring gift and we will take care of the rest. If you are interested in making a planned gift, such as a bequest or gift of stock, please call our Development Team at (812) 303-3595.

### Donate Online

Right now, 1 in 6 people in the Tri-State don't have enough to eat. Your gift will help provide food and hope to hungry children, families, and seniors right here in our community.

[www.tristatefoodbank.org](http://www.tristatefoodbank.org)



or scan this code!

### By Mail

We also accept gifts by mail. Please make check payable to Tri-State Food Bank and send to:

**Tri-State Food Bank**  
2504 Lynch Road  
Evansville, IN 47711

### By Phone

If you would like to make a gift by phone, you can do so by calling:

**Mardi File**  
Donor Relations Manager  
(812) 303-3590

### Give Food

Food from industry partners and community food drives is vital to helping us provide food for better lives each year. To learn more about hosting a food drive, visit our website at [www.tristatefoodbank.org](http://www.tristatefoodbank.org) or call Keith Lehman, Operations Director, at (812) 303-3575.

### Give Time

Volunteer your time and talent individually, or as a group, to help feed our neighbors in need. Volunteers may sign up on our website: [www.tristatefoodbank.org](http://www.tristatefoodbank.org).

## A MESSAGE *from Glenn*

Thanks to our many supporters, volunteers, and agency partners, Tri-State Food Bank experienced another **record-breaking** year in 2021 distributing **over 17 million pounds of food** to those facing hunger along with the continued expansion of our programs. In 2021 we witnessed a gradual recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; however, food insecurity rates still remained higher at the end of 2021 than before the pandemic started in 2020.

In 2021, Tri-State Food Bank launched a new initiative called the **Senior Grocery Program** supported by a grant from Feeding America. In the U.S., 5.3 million seniors face hunger. The Senior Grocery Program seeks to improve the health of low-income elderly populations by supplementing their diets with nutritious foods. We partner with Senior Centers and Area Agencies on Aging to provide monthly bags of food that include canned chicken and tuna, peanut butter, canned beans, oats, rice, pasta, soup, nonfat dry milk, fresh fruits and vegetables. In its first year the Senior Grocery Program distributed 5,984 bags and a total of 49,629 pounds.

Another major highlight of the year was the creation of a **fresh produce distribution hub** in southern Illinois. (See "Tri-State Food Bank Opens New Distribution Site" for details.)

Tragically, the year ended with one of the **worst tornado disasters in U.S. history** on December 10 & 11. In Tri-State Food Bank's service area, the tornado tore through Hopkins County, KY causing massive destruction especially in the towns of Barnsley and Dawson Springs. TSFB partner agencies in Hopkins County including the Christian Food Bank of Hopkins, Covenant Care, Earlington Food Pantry, and Hope 2 All Community Food Bank in Nortonville, plus several other TSFB partners in neighboring counties immediately stepped in to provide food assistance and comfort to tornado survivors in the area.

We continue to work with our sister food bank Feeding America Kentucky's Heartland, the Kentucky VOAD, the American Red Cross, and Habitat for Humanity to ensure that tornado victims are cared for throughout the recovery and restoration process which will take several years. This is the world of food banking at its finest, and I am humbled and honored to be a part of this wonderful network.



**Glenn Roberts**  
Executive Director

# TRI-STATE FOOD BANK OPENS NEW *Distribution Site*

On April 20, 2021, Tri-State Food Bank opened its first satellite distribution center in southern Illinois – a **3,600 square foot cold storage facility** located in Vienna (Johnson County) Illinois and in the heart of the “lower seven” southern Illinois counties where food insecurity rates are high and food access is low. The site receives weekly donations of fresh produce from a Walmart distribution center and the food is then distributed to TSFB partner agencies in Illinois.

During its first 8 months, Tri-State Food Bank distributed **219,275 pounds of fresh produce** to 22 partner agencies to help feed the hungry. The site was also used in a **Farm to Food Bank pilot project** supported by grants from Feeding American and the USDA in partnership with Feeding Illinois, Rendleman Orchards, and the St. Louis Area Food Bank. The Farm to Food Bank Program primary goal is to build a long lasting, sustainable, state-funded program that would create a relationship of farms working directly with food banks to increase food access, economic dollars within the state, profitability for Illinois farmers, community revitalization and reduce food waste. The pilot project was very successful.



**1 in 6** of our neighbors may face hunger this year.



This includes **93,000** adults and **40,000** children

# 2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

**9% INCREASE**

**13,335,865** MEALS DISTRIBUTED

**5% INCREASE**

**17,058,120** TOTAL POUNDS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED

**27% INCREASE**

**4,185** PEOPLE invested in our work including **1,102** new supporters

**15% INCREASE**

**278** Food Pantries & Meal Programs

**53% INCREASE**

**3,102** CHILDREN received **55,425** WEEKEND FOOD BACKPACKS

**48% INCREASE**

**241** MOBILE PANTRIES providing **1.3 million** meals to **35,709** households and **79,704** individuals

**57% INCREASE**

**33,915** SENIOR GROCERY PROGRAM MEALS distributed through **40** sites to **2,936** low-income senior citizens

**39% INCREASE**

**Over 1,350** VOLUNTEERS provided **14,889** volunteer hours at Tri-State Food Bank.



On December 16, 2021, at a groundbreaking in Henderson, KY, **Governor Andy Beshear** commissioned Tri-State Food Bank's Executive Director **Glenn Roberts** as a **Kentucky Colonel**.