

*We could not do all that we do without the help of our many supporters.*

In 2022, over 3,500 individuals throughout our community supported Tri-State Food Bank with their time, talents, and treasures. Nearly 1,400 volunteers donated over 9,600 hours, and nearly 2,400 individuals, corporations, and foundations made generous monetary contributions.



Community volunteers pack food boxes for low-income senior citizens at TSFB's CenterPoint Energy Volunteer Center.

*"As a board member, it's amazing to see how our agencies, volunteers, and community support come together to feed the hungry. Tri-State Food Bank provides food to our most vulnerable populations. I am particularly passionate about our Backpack Program that provides food-insecure children with food for the weekend. The Tri-State Food Bank could not make the impact it does without the generous support of our community."*

*-Pat Thomas, Board President  
Tri-State Food Bank*

### WE'RE ON A MISSION...

To improve the quality of life for our community's food-insecure families and children by providing adequate food and nutrition through our network of local charities and organizations feeding the hungry.

*Together, We are Making an Impact in our Community...*



# TRI-STATE FOOD BANK

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AMERICA**

# 2022 IMPACT REPORT

## A MESSAGE *from Glenn*

Tri-State Food Bank marked a milestone last year as it celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> year of being a beacon of light for our neighbors facing hunger. From its grassroots beginning in 1982, we have grown to supply food to over 300 partnering agencies, organizations, and schools throughout the Tri-State, operating out of a 80,000-square-foot facility in Evansville. This progress would not have been possible without the tremendous support of our community and the selfless generosity of donors like you.

Over the past few years, the spike in inflation led to a sharp increase in the number of individuals and families struggling to make ends meet. As a result, more and more of our neighbors are faced with the hardship of hunger and have turned to us for help. With ever-increasing food prices, the cost for food banks to operate hunger-relief programs has also increased. But as we strive for everyone in our community to have access to the food they need to thrive, we must forge ahead with our progress.

In 2022, your financial support helped launch a new program — Operation Full Pack — to provide monthly boxes of supplement food to our veterans and their households.



It helped establish our new Senior Grocery Program to help low-income senior citizens meet their nutritional needs. And it allowed us to expand the Weekend Backpack Program to provide bags of nutritious food to over 4,500 children facing hunger to help them through the weekends.

As we receive additional funding in 2023 and beyond, we will continue to expand our essential hunger-relief programs throughout our 33-county service area — so we depend on your support now more than ever. On behalf of Tri-State Food Bank and the clients we serve, thank you partnering with us to make an incredible impact in our community!

*Glenn Roberts*  
Glenn Roberts  
Executive Director

## THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO MAKE AN IMPACT IN OUR COMMUNITY BY SUPPORTING OUR MISSION!

### 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 Director, Denise Rodgers, 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). To learn more about volunteering, contact Kimberly Thomas, Development & Volunteer Coordinator at [volcoord@tristatefoodbank.org](mailto:volcoord@tristatefoodbank.org) or call (812) 303-3589.

# YOUR SUPPORT MADE AN INCREDIBLE IMPACT IN 2022...

**Over 14 MILLION POUNDS  
of food were distributed  
to our Tri-State neighbors  
facing hunger!**



Over **3,500** low-income senior citizens in the Tri-State received monthly packages of supplemental food to help them make ends meet. In collaboration with 50 of our partnering senior service agencies, we provided over 1.4 million meals through the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, and nearly 136,000 meals through our new Senior Grocery Program.



*“One older man on the Senior Grocery Program is living alone on a fixed income, and he has come to look forward to this supplement to help his grocery budget.”*

**Ernie Lewis, Lead Pastor  
Blue Point Church,  
Cisne, IL**

## Tri-State Food Bank celebrates 40 years!

1982 **40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY** 2022

We celebrated a special milestone in 2022, as it marked our 40<sup>th</sup> year of supplying emergency supplemental food for our Tri-State neighbors in need. In 1982, a forward-thinking group of people used a borrowed pickup truck to serve 7 non-profit agencies in Evansville. From that grassroots beginning, Tri-State Food Bank has experienced incredible growth, which allows us to better serve the most vulnerable populations who face the hardships of hunger. We now operate out of an **80,000-square-foot facility** in Evansville, and use a fleet of four refrigerated trucks to supply food to over **300 partnering agencies, organizations, and schools** throughout the 33 Tri-State counties we serve.

**Thank you for partnering with us to make an impact in the lives of our food-insecure neighbors over the past 40 years! Your ongoing support will allow us to continue to close the hunger gap in the Tri-State.**



*Dr. Bradley Scheu discusses the health issues caused by food insecurity, and the importance of the hunger relief services provided by Tri-State Food Bank.*

## LOOKING AHEAD TO INCREASE THE IMPACT...

### EXPANSION OF OPERATION FULL PACK

Launched locally in 2022, Operation Full Pack provides monthly food boxes for low-income veterans, active military and their households through our partnership with military-serving organizations. Operation Full Pack is currently established in 3 of our counties, offering relief to hundreds of deserving veterans. With your continued support, we will expand this important program throughout the counties we serve.



### EXPANSION OF SENIOR GROCERY PROGRAM

As we receive the necessary funding, we will expand the Senior Grocery Program throughout our service area in IN, IL, and KY. Through this crucial service, we seek to improve the health of our low-income elderly population by supplementing their diets with nutritious foods. We currently provide over 1000 grocery bags per month, packed with food that includes fresh fruits and vegetables, protein items such as canned chicken and tuna, peanut butter, canned beans, oats, rice, pasta, soup, and milk. We partner with 10 senior service agencies who offer our Senior Grocery Program, and look forward to developing more collaborations as it expands.



### WE VALUE OUR SENIOR GROCERY PROGRAM PARTNERING AGENCIES

Henderson County Senior Center Gathering Place  
Wabash County Senior Citizens Center  
Hamilton County Senior Citizens Center  
Daviss County Senior Community Center Kentucky  
White County Senior Citizens Center  
Hope Ministries • WADI - Albion  
Ohio Valley Baptist • K-Lee's Pantry  
Blue Point Free Will Baptist Church



Over 4,500 Tri-State children who face hunger received weekly supplemental food through our Weekend Backpack Program. This amounted to over 50,000 bags of food that helped ensure these children had access to proper nutrition to get them through the weekend, and back to school ready to learn on Monday mornings.

*“Many children don’t get healthy food options over the weekend, and the backpacks are a great supplement for them. They have a good variety of healthy snacks and food. They always looked forward to getting them on Friday. I recall one student saying ‘Yay, it’s Friday, we get our backpacks today!’”*

**Shari Hasenour, Retired Teacher  
Harper Elementary, Evansville**

Approximately **30,000** supplemental food boxes were distributed at over 200 Mobile Food Distributions throughout 2022. This program focuses on feeding people in underserved areas throughout our Tri-State service area, in partnership with churches and other local service agencies.



*Bloomfield Wesley Chapel volunteers fill Operation Full Pack food boxes in Chrisney, IN*