

Food for Thought

The Newsletter of the Food Bank of Siouxland, Inc.

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Save the Date

Siouxland Food Festival: June 7, 2025

South Sioux City Marriott Event Center

The Food Bank of Siouxland is excited to announce the return of the Siouxland Food Festival on June 7, 2025, at the South Sioux City Marriott Event Center. We'll once again be showcasing all the best restaurants, caterers, and bakeries our Siouxland community has to offer. It promises to be fun for the whole family with bounce houses, live entertainment, and more!

Who: Foodies and Families

Where: South Sioux City Marriott Event Center

When: Saturday, June 7, 2025 | 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Admission: \$10 per person | FREE for kids 12 and younger

One in every nine neighbors throughout Siouxland doesn't know where their next meal will come from. Proceeds from the Siouxland Food Festival go toward the Food Bank of Siouxland's mission to fight hunger throughout our 11-county service area.

Discover your new favorite dish or restaurant at the 3rd Annual Siouxland Food Festival. Tickets will be available at siouxlandfoodbank.org/food-fest. To receive more information, email Sidney Marks at sidney@siouxlandfoodbank.org.





Letter from Jacob

Dear Friends,

As we settle into 2025, I want to reflect on my time at the Food Bank of Siouxland. I joined this team in 2013 as the agency relations coordinator, working to develop relationships among our more than 100 agencies throughout our 11-county service area. The organization was distributing just over 1.6 million pounds of food a year. By the end of 2019, our staff increased donations and saw 2.6 million pounds of food distributed.

As you can imagine, numerous changes took place in 2020. One of the biggest was a steep hike in the number of food-insecure families and households visiting Siouxland pantries and meal sites. Over time, this increase drove Food Bank staff to build food-sourcing capabilities, resulting in just over 4 million pounds of food sent to our pantry partners in 2024.

I believe that with the support of our Board of Directors, we are on a solid path. What the Food Bank of Siouxland needs is as many friends as possible: friends to volunteer in our warehouse or at a pantry in their neighborhood to help distribute food, draft emails to legislators to advocate for additional funding for food banks through the Choose Iowa program, attend the Siouxland Food Festival or Golf Classic, host a food drive, or bring a donation to our warehouse.

We are so grateful for our dedicated friends who are already supporting us in these ways. We hope to see your generosity continue. Remember: **Every \$1 helps provide 5 meals**, and your gift will be put to use immediately to help our neighbors access the nourishing foods they need to thrive. Thank you!

Gratefully,

Jacob Wanderscheid
Executive Director

Board Spotlight: David Washburn

David is a passionate Food Bank advocate. Like you, he sees the value in ensuring every neighbor has the food they need to thrive!

Meet our Board Vice President, David Washburn. He was born in Sioux City, grew up in Sergeant Bluff, and is a graduate of Morningside University.

David has enjoyed a long career at KTIV Television in Sioux City, where he serves as the Director of Programming and Marketing. David and the creative team oversee the marketing and promotion for KTIV, work with local nonprofit organizations on public-service campaigns, and produce commercials for local advertisers.

David is also a shining host of KTIV's *Siouxland Business Spotlight*, and — extending his knowledge and expertise — he teaches video production as a Morningside University adjunct instructor.

David has volunteered with several Siouxland nonprofit organizations and has served as President of the Sioux City Community Theatre and the Tom Peterson Memorial Foundation.

"It's been a privilege to serve on the Board of the Food Bank of Siouxland," he says. "The dedicated team and our Board are all committed to the Food Bank's continued success of serving our community."

David's career at KTIV and the station's commitment to service in the community are big reasons why he stays involved with local organizations such as the Food Bank of Siouxland.

"I've been fortunate to work with many great



causes in Siouxland," David says. "KTIV has a long history of supporting critical organizations in our community, and getting the opportunity to work so closely with those groups and the Food Bank of Siouxland has been an honor."

David and his husband, Trevor, live in Dakota Dunes, South Dakota. They enjoy spending time with their family and friends.

Friends like David — and you — keep our vital work going. Thank you for helping to provide food for neighbors in our Siouxland community!

LEADING SIOUXLAND IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER

24,190
individuals are
food insecure

20%
of children are
food insecure

4.1 Million
pounds of food
distributed in 2024

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Siouxland
to serve



Agency Spotlight: Thurston County Mobile Pantry

We're grateful to our hunger-relief partners, such as the Thurston County Mobile Pantry, for expanding our reach and feeding more neighbors!

With great admiration and appreciation, we are pleased to highlight the Thurston County Mobile Pantry as our Agency Spotlight. Operated by Catholic Charities of Omaha since June 2021, the Mobile Pantry serves two Nebraska communities and often more than 750 individuals per month.

The Mobile Pantry's distribution is the first Tuesday of every month. It receives a delivery from the Food Bank of Siouxland in Macy, Nebraska, where it serves more than 100 households. Then, it transports the remaining food to Walthill, Nebraska, where it serves an additional 100 households.

We have many wonderful Mobile Pantries that serve hundreds of individuals each month, but the Thurston County Mobile Pantry is unusual because it switches locations during the day. It serves two rural communities with great food

insecurity, so switching locations has been a tremendous help for neighbors who lack access to reliable transportation.

Organized and led by Christine Ochoa, the Thurston County Mobile Pantry is an efficient, welcoming operation kept alive through the kindness and dedication of its volunteers.

We are sincerely thankful for the continued operation in Thurston County and so pleased to call it a partner agency of the Food Bank of Siouxland!

Thank you for empowering partner agencies such as the Thurston County Mobile Pantry.



Food Drive 2024 Recap

Food and fund drives are fun, easy ways to get involved in your community and show support for neighbors in need!

At the Food Bank of Siouxland, we are filled with gratitude and appreciation for the support and generosity we've seen from our community. As of November 2024, the businesses and groups that hosted food and fund drives showed their dedication to fighting hunger and feeding neighbors through approximately 7,805 pounds of nonperishable items donated. That's an incredible 9,366 meals! We continue to see that number grow weekly, thanks to the many groups and organizations around Siouxland that continue to give so generously.

With these additional contributions, our 100+ partner agencies in 11 northwest Iowa and northeast Nebraska counties can offer more variety to our neighbors in need.

If you'd like to join us in this fight, please contact food sourcing associate Alan Rivera-Hernandez at alan@siouxlandfoodbank.org or 712-255-9741, ext. 8, to receive more information. Thank you!



Statement of Financial Position

FISCAL YEAR 2024

10/19/2023 – 9/30/2024

(from pre-audited documents)

ASSETS

	2024	2023
Current Assets		
Cash	\$309,041	\$1,007,035
Receivables	\$17,639	(\$1,223)
Prepaid Expense	\$3,413	\$2,509
Product Inventory	\$709,190	\$1,128,907
	\$1,039,283	\$2,137,228
Property and Equipment	\$1,660,193	\$1,593,334
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(\$1,010,541)	(\$955,319)
	\$649,652	\$638,015
Investments	\$1,530,860	\$826,547
Total Assets	\$3,219,795	\$3,601,790

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

	2024	2023
Current Liabilities	\$39,749	\$39,276
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	\$3,247,303	\$3,256,556
Temporarily Restricted	\$208,966	\$420,045
Total Net Assets	\$3,456,269	\$3,676,601
Change in Net Assets	(\$276,223)	(\$114,037)
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$3,219,795	\$3,601,840

SOURCES OF INCOME



2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kelli Meister, President
David Washburn, Vice President
Chris Osborn, Treasurer
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▼ Please cut off the reply form below and return it with your gift. ▼

HELP NEIGHBORS FACING HUNGER THIS SPRING

FOOD BANK



OF SIOUXLAND INC.

Yes, Jacob! I want to provide support and comfort to neighbors facing hunger, so I'll make a donation today. Here is my gift of:

\$_____ to help feed as many families as possible



My check payable to Food Bank of Siouxland, Inc. is enclosed.

FROM: NAME: _____
STREET: _____
CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____
EMAIL: _____

Your gift is tax deductible to the full extent of the law. We will send a receipt for your records.

- No acknowledgment is necessary.
- Please send a receipt by email to this email address: _____

The Food Bank of Siouxland, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. We do not sell, trade, or share the names of those who have so generously given.

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