

# Food for Thought

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FOOD BANK



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# Save the Dates

The Food Bank of Siouxland has exciting events coming up this year!

## 4th Annual Siouxland Food Festival: June 6

South Sioux City Marriott Riverfront Events Center

Come feast on some of Siouxland's finest bites at this year's Food Festival! With a bit of variety for every foodie's palate, this event promises to make you feel full in more ways than one. Admission is \$10. Bite Tickets to feed your appetite are available just inside the door. **Get your tickets today by visiting [siouxlandfoodbank.org/food-fest](http://siouxlandfoodbank.org/food-fest).**



## 23rd Annual Golf Classic: September 14

Whispering Creek Golf Club

Grab your clubs — and canned goods — and join us once again at our annual Golf Classic! Celebrate Hunger Action Month with a round of golf for a good cause, and contribute nonperishable food items to the on-site food drive. More information will be available in July. **Make your team's reservation by emailing [sidney@siouxlandfoodbank.org](mailto:sidney@siouxlandfoodbank.org).**





## Letter from Jacob

Dear Food Bank Friends,

This year, the Food Bank of Siouxland is seeing more neighbors than ever turn to our agencies for basic groceries and necessities. Across the Siouxland region, food insecurity is rising. It's families, seniors, and children who show up at a pantry worried about their next meal.

At the same time, disruptions in federal programs and cuts to commodity allocations have tightened the supply pipeline, directly stressing food sourcing efforts. Those changes mean that more of the solution must come from our local community: donors, businesses, and volunteers.

We're responding by expanding mobile distributions, partnering with schools for child-focused programs, and investing more time in getting more nutritious food across our service area. But we can't do this alone.

To meet the growing requests for food, we need your help in many ways. Follow us on social media. Listen to our neighbors' stories. Donate to a local food drive. Volunteer at our warehouse or your local pantry. Participate in one of the Food Bank's events, such as \$5 Fridays or the Siouxland Food Festival.

Your support does more than move food: it gives stability to a family, feeds a child after school, and helps a senior keep food on their table. If you've already given this year, thank you for standing with us. If you're considering a gift now, please know that it will be used where the need is greatest.

Together, with clarity of purpose and community generosity, the Food Bank of Siouxland can grow to meet this increased need. Thank you for believing in a Siouxland where everyone has access to the food they need to thrive.

Gratefully,

Jacob Wanderscheid  
Executive Director

# Board Spotlight: Jessika Evans

**Jessika has seen both sides of hunger. That's why she's so passionate about supporting our Siouxland neighbors.**

Meet Board Vice President Jessika Evans. She brings nearly 20 years of experience in the banking industry and currently serves as the Vice President, Regional Retail Manager at Central Bank. In her role, she leads a network of branches across the Siouxland area, helping her teams build meaningful relationships with customers and the Siouxland community.

She was born in Cocoa Beach, Florida, where she spent her early years. During her young adulthood, she's lived in several states, including Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Washington, and Colorado. These experiences have given her a deep appreciation for the unique strengths of each community and a commitment to giving back.

Growing up, Jessika's family sometimes relied on local food pantries to make ends meet. This left a lasting impression on her, shaping both her gratitude and her drive to support others facing similar challenges. "I've seen both sides: what it's like to need help, and what it's like to be in a position to give it," she says. "That's why this mission means so much to me."

Jessika's connection to the Food Bank of Siouxland is both personal and professional. Central Bank has proudly supported the Food Bank for more than 15 years, with continuous Board representation and a strong belief in the organization's mission. Both Jessika and Central Bank are passionate supporters of the Backpack Program: Food for Kids, which provides meals to children who might otherwise go hungry during the weekends. Central Bank has also generously sponsored our Golf Classic, Siouxland Food Festival, and \$5 Fridays events, thanks to Jessika and her team.



Jessika lives in Hinton, Iowa, with her husband; daughters; their dog, Millie; and cat, Mr. Clyde Whiskers. She loves spending time with her family, supporting her girls through their various activities, and hiking whenever and wherever she can.

**We're so grateful to have friends like you and Jessika who help alleviate hunger in Siouxland. Thank you for your support!**



# Agency Spotlight: Sunnybrook Hope Center

With great appreciation, we're delighted to feature Sunnybrook Hope Center as our Agency Spotlight. Operated by Sunnybrook Community Church since 2020, the Hope Center serves a monthly average of 3,000 neighbors in both Le Mars and Sioux City.

Led by the dedicated efforts of Tina Stroud and Roger Miller, more than 150 volunteers roll up their sleeves and get to work, helping to distribute nourishing meals on Tuesdays, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., and Thursdays, 6–8 p.m.

The pantry setup allows neighbors to take a variety of healthy foods with them, including fresh produce, protein, dairy, and other important pantry staples.

Sunnybrook strives to end poverty by educating, empowering, and walking alongside neighbors so they can take steps toward a sustainable future. With a clear commitment to assisting people

during all stages of life, Sunnybrook continues to find new ways to support our neighbors in need by working with the Food Bank of Siouxland and other donors throughout the community.

Alongside its usual distributions, Sunnybrook took the lead last summer during Healthy Kids Iowa, serving more than 1,000 children throughout June, July, and August.

**We're so happy that the Sunnybrook Hope Center is among our dedicated partners and appreciate its hard work serving the Siouxland community.**

**Thank you for empowering partner agencies such as the Sunnybrook Hope Center.**





## Reaching Our Rural Neighbors Through *Food to You!*

Our Mobile Pantry Program: *Food to You* is a pantry on wheels that's dedicated to making food accessible to individuals in underserved areas. The Food Bank of Siouxland has 15 active mobile pantry locations across our 11-county service area, with five that include an on-site pantry.

Despite their name, these pantries do not deliver directly to individuals. Instead, they travel to a host location and distribute food there, where our neighbors experiencing food insecurity can stop by to pick up food to take home.

Most of these locations are in counties that are considered "food deserts," a term that refers to areas with limited access to affordable and

nutritious food, such as rural counties where a grocery store is more than 30 minutes away.

Last year, our Mobile Pantry Program distributed 1,046,866 pounds of food. We served 40,381 individuals, 15,133 of whom were children. This program ensures that individuals in our most vulnerable communities have access to healthy and nourishing food throughout the year.

**Thank you for helping us expand our outreach to rural neighbors who might go hungry without these mobile pantries. You're helping to ensure that every neighbor across Siouxland has the food they need to thrive!**

# Statement of Financial Position

## FISCAL YEAR 2025

10/19/2024 – 9/30/2025

(from pre-audited documents)

### ASSETS

	2025	2024
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash	\$211,301	\$309,041
Receivables	\$29,037	\$17,639
Prepaid Expense	\$2,509	\$3,413
Product Inventory	\$777,998	\$709,190
	<b>\$1,020,845</b>	<b>\$1,039,283</b>
<b>Property and Equipment</b>	<b>\$1,593,334</b>	<b>\$1,660,193</b>
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(\$955,319)	(\$1,010,541)
	<b>\$638,015</b>	<b>\$649,652</b>
<b>Investments</b>	<b>\$1,439,804</b>	<b>\$1,530,860</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$3,098,664</b>	<b>\$3,219,795</b>

### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

	2025	2024
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$41,085</b>	<b>\$39,749</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted	\$3,091,443	\$3,247,303
Temporarily Restricted	\$58,766	\$208,966
Total Net Assets	\$3,150,209	\$3,456,269
Change in Net Assets	(\$132,633)	(\$276,223)
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$3,058,661</b>	<b>\$3,219,795</b>

### SOURCES OF INCOME



## 2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tracey Akins, President  
Jessika Evans, Vice President  
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# HELP NEIGHBORS FACING HUNGER THIS SPRING

## FOOD BANK



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**Yes, Jacob!** I want to provide support and comfort to neighbors facing hunger, so I'll make an investment 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:

**\$1  
HELPS  
PROVIDE  
5 MEALS!**

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.