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DIRECTOR'S DISH

by Pam Molitoris
Executive Director



It's again the time of year when I look back on all we've accomplished in the past twelve months. This year especially has been a year of growth. Earlier this fall, we announced we'll be retrofitting the former Pepsi facility on East Cook Street thanks to the generous donation of the building and grounds from the owners of Springfield Pepsi.

This project has been a long time in the making. When I started at the Foodbank more than ten years ago, I saw the growing need would mean we might outgrow our now 25-year-old facility. With the dramatic increase in need over the past four years, the necessity for more dry and cold storage has become a more serious, pressing issue.

The cold storage issue is critical. We find ourselves in need of a multi-zoned temperature refrigerated space to extend the life of fresh produce items and a temperature zone to properly store dairy products as well as frozen products. This new facility will be retrofitted in a way that allows us to better manage fresh and frozen donations, decreasing the amount of waste.

For me, this new building isn't just about square footage. Yes, it does offer the increased cold storage space we so desperately need. It will allow us to store the more than 700,000 pounds of food we are currently diverting to other regional food banks. But it's also an opportunity to make a lasting, impactful change on hunger in our communities.

We haven't yet determined how this change will be defined in the new facility, but we do know that it affords opportunities for new initiatives and partnerships. Maybe it's more community garden projects. Maybe it's cooking classes to teach children and adults how to use the fresh food that comes from the garden. Regardless, I know that at the Foodbank, we're looking for big-picture, sustainable solutions to hunger. Every day we are working to put ourselves out of a job.

Our move into the new facility is no small feat. In the coming months, we'll need the continued support of our community to help make this happen. What I already know about our supporters, volunteers, donors, and staff, is how giving and passionate you all are. I hope you'll join us as we grow forward to better serve our agencies.

Thank you for your support,

Pam Molitoris

THE 2013 FEINSTEIN CHALLENGE

Maximize your donation!

During March and April every year, the Feinstein Foundation donates one million dollars to domestic hunger-relief organizations across the nation. Central Illinois Foodbank regularly reports our fundraising during these months and we receive a percentage of the \$1 million in proportion to the fundraising nation-wide. You can make your gift go even further when you give during March and April!



The 14th Annual Harvest Ball raised an impressive \$80,000 for Central Illinois Foodbank. The evening featured entertainment from Jane Hartman and the Springfield High School choir, Seven and Senators. Amy Hagen was presented the Good Samaritan Award for her continued dedication to fighting hunger in Central Illinois. We greatly appreciate the sponsorships for this event, both old and new.

2012 Sponsors

Champion Level
Dominion

Leader Level
Bill & Nancy Simpson
Dr. Wilfred & Esther Lam
Memorial Medical Center
The Shanahan Family

Partner Level
Ed & Sharon Curtis
Sysco Central Illinois

RECENT NEWS

Caught in the Act of Excellence

-Agency going above and beyond to better serve their community-

Maroa Community Pantry

This food pantry exemplifies the Foodbank's best practices by using the "choice method" of distribution, giving a large quantity of groceries, and allowing recipients to come to the pantry every two weeks. These practices help ensure that families in need of food assistance have access to supplement their food needs.

Keep up the outstanding work!

Hunger Study Success

Foodbank has Overwhelming Response

Thanks to the participation of our partner agencies, the Foodbank recently achieved a 98% completion rate in Feeding America's Hunger Study, a survey covering the day-to-day needs at the agency level.

This survey provides invaluable data on how we are addressing the issue of hunger in our communities.

We are now in need of volunteers to conduct client data collection. If interested, please sign up for volunteer alerts through our website at CentrallILFoodbank.org for further information.

INVEST AN ACRE UPDATE



Earlier this year, we shared that Howard G. Buffett Foundation has partnered with Archer, Daniels, Midland (ADM), Monsanto and Feeding America for a program that allows farmers to “Invest an Acre.”

Now, Monsanto has announced it will match each donation made through the program until June 30, 2013--**dollar for dollar**. The Dowson family of Divernon recently donated \$50,000 through Invest an Acre, thus turning their donation into \$100,000 with Monsanto’s match. These funds will help with capacity building as the Foodbank retrofits the former Pepsi facility.

Whether it’s one acre or many, all donations make a difference. For more information, visit www.InvestanAcre.org.

GET INVOLVED

Take a tour, learn about volunteering!

If you are interested in taking a tour of the new facility and learning more about upcoming volunteer opportunities, please sign up for volunteer alerts on the front page of our website,

www.CentrallFoodbank.org.

We will be sending out information through this channel over the coming weeks.

Please contact Patrice Jones at 217-522-4022 with any immediate questions.



2012 ANNUAL REPORT

CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CJ Saladino, *President*
 Marsha Prater, *Vice President*
 Sara Ratcliffe, *Treasurer*
 Erica Riplinger, *Secretary*

Phil Borgic
 Amy Hagen
 Robbie Robert

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended May 31st, 2012

Revenues and other support

Program Service Fees	\$ 927,185
Grants & Contracts	388,363
Contributions	891,082
Contributed Food Received	12,997,486
Interest	7,810
Other	5,296
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	10,272
Total Revenues and other support	\$ 15,227,494

Expenses

Foodbank Operations	\$ 1,399,822
Contributed Food Distributed	12,970,721
Administrative & Fundraising	406,126
Depreciation	97,440
Total Expenses	\$14,874,109

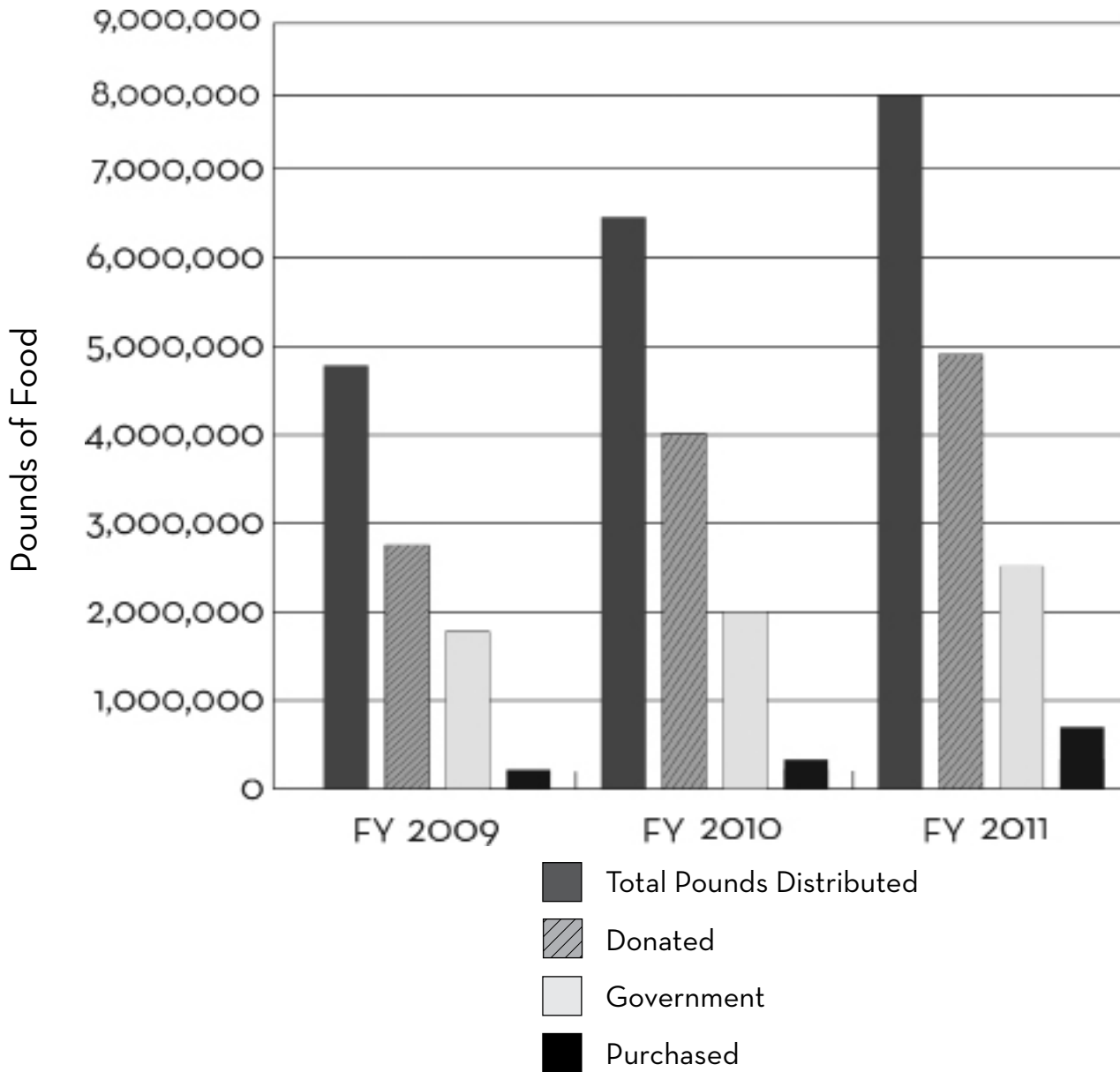
Change in Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 353,385
Change in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	770,918
Change in Net Assets	1,124,303
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	2,606,135
Net Assets at End of Year	3,730,438



97% of every dollar goes directly to feed the hungry.

3% goes to administrative and fundraising costs.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION MIX IN POUNDS



Charity Navigator again awarded Central Illinois Foodbank a 4 star rating, the highest rating they bestow on the charities they monitor. Charity Navigator is America's premier independent charity evaluator. Charity Navigator uses an unbiased, objective, numbers-based rating system to assess the financial health of America's best known and largest charities.

OUR MISSION

To collect donated food and grocery items from growers, manufacturers, processors, wholesalers and retailers for distribution to charitable agencies serving people in need.



OFF THE SHELF

SPRING 2013 NEWSLETTER & ANNUAL REPORT

GROWING FORWARD

At the Foodbank, we recently announced we will be relocating to the former Pepsi facility located on East Cook, which was generously donated by the owners of Springfield Pepsi. Mid-December, we began the retrofit process. Cold storage areas with multi-zone temperature levels and freezer space are being constructed—something we desperately need.

While we've been in the same facility for 25 years, our food distribution has gone up to 8.5 million pounds of food. Not only are we distributing more food, but it's food that is higher in nutritional content. More of what we see is fresh or frozen in nature. Add to this the 40 percent average increase in families seeking food assistance our pantries are seeing, and the necessity of a larger Foodbank becomes clear.

We've been creative problem-solvers with our storage issues up to this point: we've installed heavy-duty racking, stored product off site, and purchased a refrigerated semi trailer to store overflow product. Today, these methods just aren't enough. In the past year alone, we diverted over 700,000 pounds of food to other regional food banks because we could not store them at our current facility.

As food has crept into the aisles and become stacked three pallets high, our volunteer opportunities have become limited as well. Our new facility will offer the safe volunteer area we need: complete with a cleaning and sorting room. This room will be away from forklift traffic and can accommodate a large group.

We'll no longer have to send willing volunteers to other agencies because of our space limitations.

To complete the retrofit process, we will need to raise about \$1 million. Had we been starting from scratch, this project could have cost anywhere from \$6-8 million. The donation of the building and grounds presents a valuable opportunity.



Photo of former Springfield Pepsi building at 1937 East Cook- the Foodbank's future home.

Several front-runner donors including Walmart, ADM, and the Dowson family of Divernon (with a matching donation from Monsanto through Howard G. Buffett's Invest an Acre program) have given us a fantastic head start.

As we continue to grow forward with this project, we hope you will join us in better serving hungry children, families, and seniors in 21 counties.

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