MISSION
To provide emergency and supplemental food to the people in need in Nebraska and western Iowa.

VISION
To eliminate hunger in our community.

VALUES
In everything we do, we serve with respect, integrity and urgency.

206,940 INDIVIDUALS
IN THE FOOD BANK’S SERVICE AREA ARE CONSIDERED FOOD INSECURE. THAT’S 1 IN 9 PEOPLE AND 1 IN 6 CHILDREN.

44,484,273 POUNDS OF FOOD
DISTRIBUTED TO NEIGHBORS IN NEED. THAT INCLUDES 12,780,298 POUNDS OF FRESH PRODUCE.

37,070,228 MEALS PROVIDED
8,901,818 MORE THAN FY 2020

1,451,472 CHILDREN’S MEALS PROVIDED
THROUGH THE BACKPACK, MOBILE BACKPACK, KIDS CAFÉ AND KIDS CRUISIN’ KITCHEN PROGRAMS

589 NETWORK PARTNERS
TO WHICH THE FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTES FOOD, INCLUDING PANTRIES, SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, EMERGENCY SHELTERS AND OTHER NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

389 MOBILE PANTRIES
DISTRIBUTED 3,970,417 MEALS; +25% OVER FY 2020

299,649 MILES DRIVEN BY THE FOOD BANK FLEET
COVERING OUR 78,000-SQUARE-MILE SERVICE AREA

$17,829,141 IN FOOD PURCHASES
A 267% INCREASE OVER FY 2020

32,119 VOLUNTEER HOURS DONATED
BY INDIVIDUALS, CORPORATIONS, AND CIVIC GROUPS, THE EQUIVALENT OF 15 FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

23,479 HOUSEHOLDS SERVED
THROUGH OUR SNAP OUTREACH TEAM

FOOD SOURCES (CALCULATED IN POUNDS)

- 31.8% Donated
- 43.5% Purchased
- 24.7% USDA
1 in 6 children in the Food Bank’s 93-county service area is at-risk for hunger. The BackPack program, a partnership with area schools, offers packs of weekend breakfasts and lunches to children. Each week during the school year, 8,464 packs—equaling 33,856 meals—of easy-to-prepare or ready-to-eat nutritious food are distributed to children in 256 schools in 113 school districts in Nebraska and western Iowa. Each BackPack is assembled by Food Bank volunteers.

The Mobile Pantry program delivers fresh and shelf-stable food directly to communities with a high need but limited food resources. These one-day, drive-through distributions are free to attend. Community packs include various shelf-stable items. Along with community packs, other items distributed can include assorted produce, bread, dairy products, and meat. In FY 2021, the Food Bank hosted 389 mobile pantries in 28 counties, distributing more than 3.9 million meals and helping 71,576 Heartland households.

Kids Café is one of the nation’s largest free-meal service programs for at-risk children and serves evening meals to children in partnership with organizations that offer a safe environment after school. In FY 2021, the Food Bank provided an average of 1,042 meals each week to 9 Kids Café sites around the Omaha metro area.

In FY 2021, Food Bank for the Heartland’s Summer Feeding program, which includes our Mobile BackPack and Kids Cruisin’ Kitchen programs, provided 125,327 critical and healthy meals to children during the summer when school is out of session.

SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Outreach is a cooperative effort through Food Bank for the Heartland, Food Bank of Lincoln and the Iowa Food Bank Association. These institutions are equal-opportunity providers and help families navigate eligibility requirements and apply for valuable nutrition assistance. Outreach specialists helped 10,418 Nebraska households and 13,061 Iowa households apply for benefits in FY 2021. Moody’s Analytics estimates that $1 in SNAP benefits generates $1.70 in economic activity at local retailers.