



Northern Illinois Food Bank
delivering food assistance to your community

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for choosing to support Northern Illinois Food Bank. As the main supplier of food to Food Pantries in northern Illinois, the Northern Illinois Food Bank faces a significant challenge of meeting the 25-30% increase in recipients needing food assistance versus last year. Now more than ever, food acquisition and distribution is a key priority.

Your generous donation of \$500.00 (Check #918) will help us acquire more food, keep our trucks on the road delivering that food, and provide hope to thousands of hungry neighbors. Donor dollars always turn into food at Northern Illinois Food Bank. Whether that food is in a Holiday Meal Box, or a bag of groceries handed out by one of our partner Food Pantries – it is extremely important to the individual or family during this Holiday Season.

"The Northern Illinois Food Bank is a lifesaver for the Food Pantry and I'd say that's probably true of all the food pantries in our area," stated a food pantry supervisor. "We would not be able to come close to serving our people without Northern Illinois Food Bank."

Your monetary gift to Northern Illinois Food Bank is also strengthened by the spirit and dedication of our volunteer program. I mention this fact, because more than 5000 volunteer hours were contributed last month by individuals just like you, who gave their time to sort food, label cans, and assemble 28,000 Holiday Meal Boxes. If you have not volunteered with us, make a point to do so in 2009. You will find it to be a rewarding experience as we work together to help hungry people in northern Illinois.

The spirit of the Holidays is sharing your blessings with someone else. It is about giving. For the many hungry neighbors whose lives were made better because of you, we share their gratitude and love.

Sincerely,

H. Dennis Smith

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Executive Director & C.E.O.

*Thanks for helping and
wishing you to keep us safe!
Happy New Year!*

Northern Illinois Food Bank acquires donated food from retailers, manufacturers, corporations, and community resources and distributes it through its network of 520 nonprofit food assistance sites in Boone, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, Will, and Winnebago Counties. Internal Revenue Service regulations require that we verify that no goods or services were exchanged in consideration of this gift. NIFB is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Please consult your tax advisor for more information.

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