



VIRGINIA'S STORY OF TRANSFORMATION AND HOPE

Virginia first walked through the doors of the J.P. Lisack Community Food Pantry last fall. She requested to talk with someone about getting connected to community resources. A Food Finders' Resource Coordinator welcomed Virginia to a small office just off of the pantry waiting room. She asked for help with food, clothing and finding work.

Virginia shared that she had been released from jail four days prior and was living at Home with Hope, a local organization that supports people as they learn to live free from addiction and substance use. Her first

grandchild was born while she was in jail; this is when she decided to begin her journey on the path to recovery. "I was 50 years old and I decided this is it—I can't do this anymore," Virginia shared. "I had a really violent childhood. I had a lifetime of issues," she added. When she was four years old, her mother and younger brother were murdered. She and her sister survived. "I think I always tried to numb my pain with drugs," said Virginia. "I went through periods when I tried to get clean on my own, and I really couldn't."



Virginia is now connected to several community organizations where she is supported on her path to recovery. "Food Finders helped me get a bus pass that helped me get a job," Virginia said. "I'm just really excited for my career, and my relationship with my daughter has never been better."

Food Finders helps people like Virginia achieve these life-altering goals through your support. Virginia's story is one of many we witnessed in 2019, tales of positive life changes being made through the food bank.

Thank you for believing that together, we can make a difference, not only with food, but by offering hope.

MAKE IT A SUMMER OF SERVING OTHERS

Hunger doesn't break for summer

Do you want to give back and make an impact this summer? Food Finders' volunteers ensure everyone in our community has access to nutritious food when times are tough.

Many of the food bank's regular volunteers go on vacation, and Purdue student volunteers head back home during the summer, leaving Food Finders searching for people to fill this gap May through August.

With your help, we can make sure our neighbors facing

hunger have food to put on their tables. Food Finders invites your business, club, place of worship or sports team to sign up for a volunteer shift (or two)! Enjoy a fun, team-building experience while serving our community.

Contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 765.471.0062 ext. 101 to learn more.



8 million meals
or 9,645,344 pounds
provided for people
facing hunger



1.8 million pounds
of fresh fruits and
vegetables provided



1.85 million pounds
of protein provided



1.6 million meals
provided through
the J.P. Lisack
Community Food Pantry



636 people connected
to community resources
through the Resource
Coordination Program



210 education classes
offered at the Food Resource
& Education Center



103,600 backpacks
provided to 2,800 students
every week at 72 schools
through the BackPack Program



1.7 million pounds
of food provided
through the Mobile
Pantry Program



47,464 hours
served by volunteers
in our community



6,689,411 pounds
of food provided
through the Agency
Partner Program

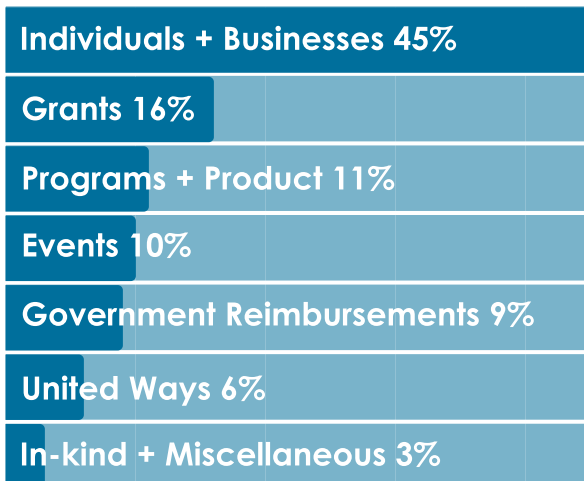
INVESTING IN OUR SUCCESS

Thank you for making our work possible!

Full financials are available on our website, food-finders.org.

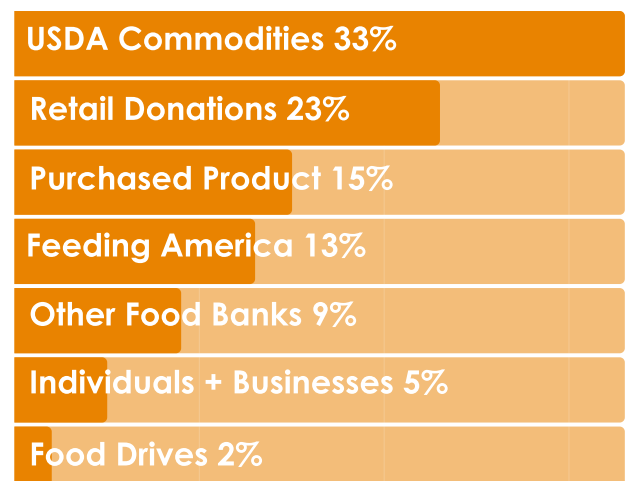
REVENUE SOURCES

\$3,559,198 in fiscal year 2019



FOOD SOURCES

9,313,464 pounds received in fiscal year 2019



MAJOR GIFTS

Thank you to the following foundations, businesses and organizations who provided contributions of \$2,500 or more to the food bank from October to December 2019.

Alfred J. McAllister & Dorothy N. McAllister Foundation
Caterpillar Foundation
Central Indiana Community Foundation
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The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette – Olson Community Endowment Fund
Fleet Feet Sports
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Susan's Freeman Bay
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Katy's CORNER

I am often asked how Food Finders knows that those who seek help from us really need it. One only needs to sit in the J.P. Lisack Community Food Pantry for a few hours to be able to answer this question.

The sad truth is that people avoid using food pantries until they are completely out of options. Forty-one percent of the food insecure in Tippecanoe county earn too much to qualify for SNAP (food stamps).

When new clients come to our pantry we assist them with SNAP applications and encourage them to use our pantry before they buy any food. By doing this, clients can save their limited income for rent, utilities, transportation or childcare. This is a difficult message to convey because most people want to purchase their food, not rely on a charity. The goal of our pantry is to help stabilize households by enabling people to count on

us for food and avoid falling further into poverty.

Most of the people that use the Lisack pantry live in a household where one or more people are employed but they do not earn enough to make ends meet. Many factors contribute to household food insecurity. Our most recent report from January 2020 demonstrates that twenty-four percent of our clients need help finding and affording health care. Twenty percent cannot find affordable housing and fourteen percent need help finding a job. Eight percent need help with a legal problem and seven percent have a diagnosed mental health problem. Food insecurity is never the **only** problem.

Food Finder's goal is to solve hunger today and end hunger tomorrow. People cannot begin the arduous climb out of poverty on an empty stomach.

Sincerely,

Katy O'Malley Bunder

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President/CEO



PLAN FOR THE FUTURE WITH OUR RED SOCK SOCIETY

As a friend of Food Finders Food Bank, no one knows better than you that it is vitally important for us to be a steady presence now and in the future. We strive to make connections and create opportunities in which people struggling with hunger can access the resources they need.

Knowing this, would you consider creating a legacy gift through our Red Sock Society? Whether made during your lifetime or after, creating a lasting gift to Food Finders is a tribute to our mission, which we know is important to you and your family.

Your planned gift to Food Finders will ensure stability. It will allow us to continue as the leading hunger-relief organization for North Central Indiana for decades to come, ensuring access to nutritious food for anyone in need.

If you or a loved one is interested in creating a planned gift, please call Kier Crites at 765.471.0062 x219. Let's discuss selecting the right gift that reflects your values and desire to create a lasting legacy of hope, dignity and security for people in need.





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fighting hunger, giving hope



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2019 Annual Report

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Family Volunteer Night**
Fourth Wednesday of the month from 5 pm - 7 pm
- **Warehouse Wednesday Volunteer Night**
Wednesdays from 5 pm - 7 pm
- **Annual Volunteer Appreciation Party**
Thursday, April 2 from 5:30 pm - 7 pm
- **Eighth Annual Blue Jean Ball**
Saturday, May 2 from 5:30 pm - 10 pm
- **Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive**
Saturday, May 9
- **Arni's Dine to Donate Night at Market Square location**
Wednesday, May 20 from 5 pm - 9 pm

For complete event details, visit our website at
www.food-finders.org.



The impact of our 365 Society members is remarkable. A one-time gift of \$50 will provide 150 meals, but your monthly gift of \$50 will provide 1,800 meals a year!

The 365 Society is a special group of supporters who make monthly recurring gifts to Food Finders Food Bank. This dependable support allows us to plan for the year ahead, and gives us the opportunity to feed as many people as possible.

Contact our Development Department for assistance at
 765.471.0062 x 221.

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