

The Peoria Area Food Bank

The Peoria Area Food Bank operates under the umbrella of Peoria Citizens Committee for Economic Opportunity, Inc., a Community Action Agency.

The Food Bank was formed in 1984 to supplement the dietary and nutritional needs of low-income families living in Tazewell, Peoria, and Mason counties.

We provide over 85 active food pantries, soup kitchens, and homeless shelters that includes large quantities of food from name brand manufacturers.

We rely heavily on corporate manufacturers, government funding, individual gifts, and local food drives throughout the year for food and financial donations.

The Peoria Area Food Bank also participates in the National Association of Letter Carriers. In 2019, the Letter Carriers collected 63,000 pounds of food.



In 2019, the Food Bank distributed 3,090,673 pounds of food. It is the Food Bank's goal to increase the amount of healthy nutritious food and grocery products to families in need. This will be accomplished with the help of our member agencies who are staffed mostly by volunteers, and additional Food Bank programs. These programs include mobile pantries, Mobile Fresh Produce Pantry, and the Backpack program.

Our Volunteer Advisory Board members are listed below. All of our counties are represented by one or more individuals.

If you would like to volunteer, or would like more information please contact the Peoria Area Food Bank at 309-999-3841.

PAFB Advisory Council

Paula LaFond ~ Tazewell County
Rosemary Palmer ~ Mason County
Cassandra Powell ~ Peoria County

How You Can Help

You can make a difference in the lives of people who are hungry by coordinating a food and funds drive with your family, business, school, church, or community organization. The Peoria Area Food Bank can make a strong impact against hunger with financial donations of any amount. Peoria Area Food Bank encourages all organizations to collect funds as well as food. Every \$1 donated can provide 5 meals. Here are some tips to make your Food and Funds Drive successful:

- Plan ahead - put together a team to select dates, set a goal and handle details.
- Get the word out - create flyers or posters; promote in newsletters, emails, and on our website.
- Be creative - decorate collection boxes, offer prizes for the group that collects the most food.
- Start with a bang and end with a big finale - have kickoff and wrap-up events.

What Items are Most Needed

- Boxed Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Chicken Breast or Tuna
- Canned Soup
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Dried Pasta, Rice and Beans

Hunger in Our Community

- 90 percent of individuals served in the Peoria Area Food Bank service area is food insecure, meaning they lack regular access to fresh and nutritious food
- 32 percent of the members of households served by Peoria Area Food Bank are children under the age of 18 years old
- 87 percent of individuals served by Peoria Area Food Bank report purchasing the cheapest food available, even if they know it's not the healthiest option



PAFB Mission

Our Mission is to supply food and grocery products to a network of food pantries in a three county area. As He multiplied the Loaves and Fishes, we can feed the hungry in our area.



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