

## MISSION:

To lead the community-wide effort  
to end hunger in eastern Iowa  
and western Illinois.



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# Together We Can Solve Hunger™

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# Agenda

- The Problem of Hunger
- River Bend Foodbank
- How You Can Help



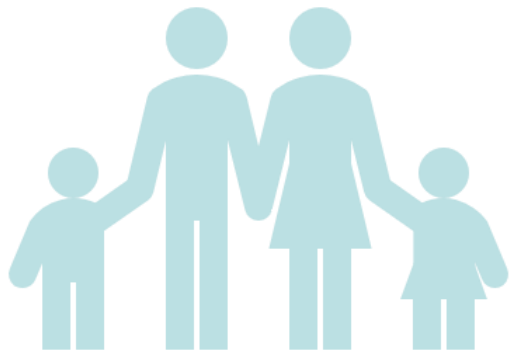
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# The Problem of Hunger

How can so many people be going hungry  
in a nation that throws so much food away?

# The Problem of Hunger



- 40 million Americans are “food insecure”
- Definition – insufficient access to enough food to live a healthy, active lifestyle
- That includes 12.5 million children
- 35 million tons of food thrown away annually

# Hunger in the QCA

- 1,042,852 people in the 23 counties we serve
- 105,830 are food insecure (pre-COVID)
- 10.1%
- 1 in 10 people
- Missing 17,910,200 meals per year





# Hunger Hurts the Most Vulnerable

- 230,240 children in our 23 counties
- 34,500 are food insecure (pre-COVID)
- 15%
- 1 in 7 children



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# River Bend Foodbank



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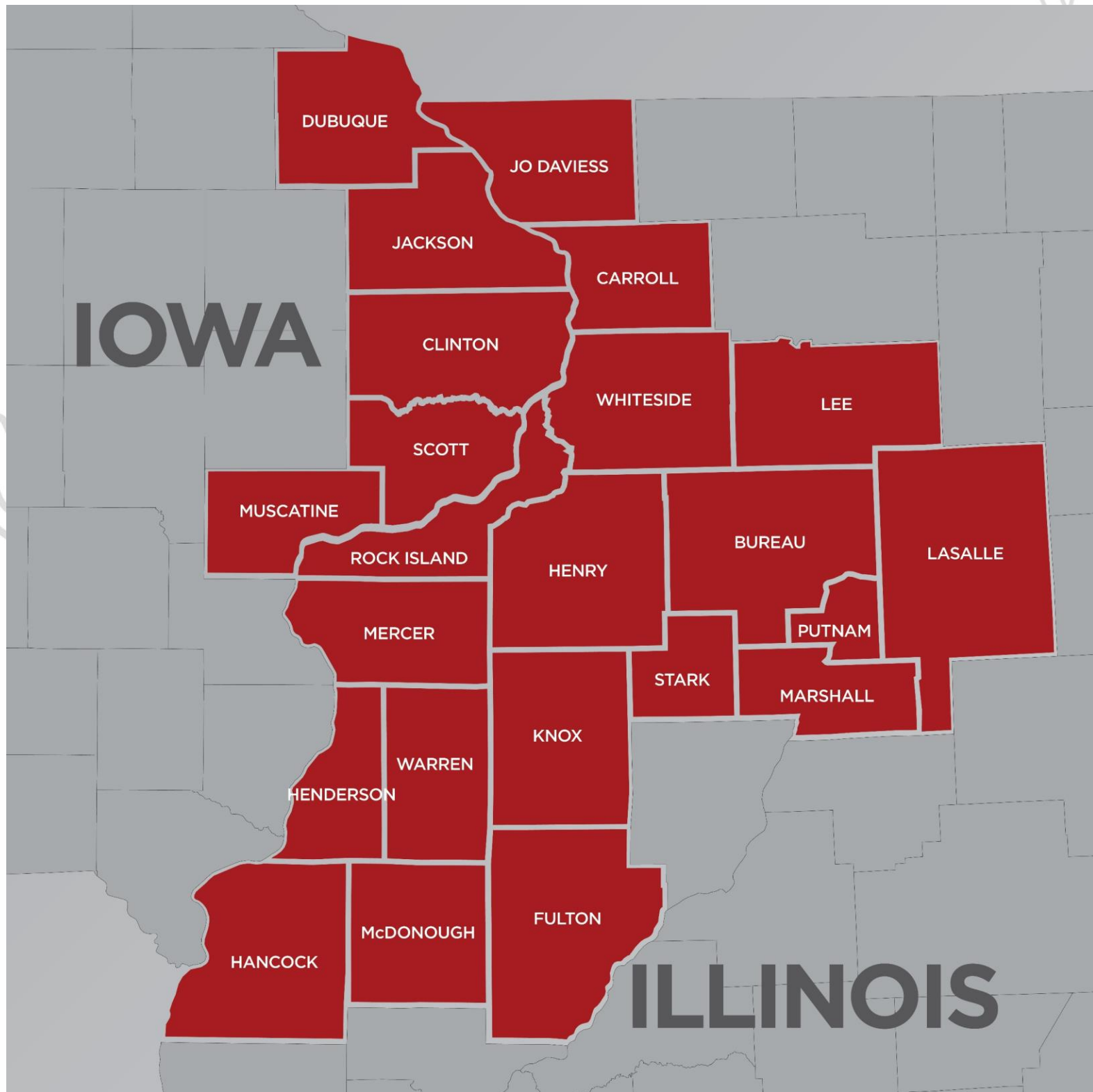
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- Leveraging partnerships to help people in need stabilize their lives
- Engaging the public in hunger issues
- Advocating on behalf of hungry people
- Distributing surplus food through a network of hunger-relief agency partners
- Striving to end hunger

*“Feeding People Today and Ending Hunger Tomorrow”*

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# Food Pantry



Pasta  
Sauce  
Single-1  
family-1

Pasta  
Single-1  
family-1

beef stew  
Single-1  
family-1  
only if no frozen  
meat

Mac & Cheese  
Single-1  
family-2



# River Bend Foodbank





# Where does the food come from?

- Donations
  - Manufacturers
  - Distribution centers
  - Retail stores
  - Food drives
- Food and Funds Drives
- TEFAP Program
- Purchase
  - Programs
  - Cooperative Purchasing



# Why would someone donate food?

- Excess inventory
- Unsalable, but not inedible
- Close to code
- Liability protection
- Enhanced tax deduction
- Environmental benefits
- Help 300 charities across 23 counties
- It's a great cause
- Bottom line



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**EXPIRES ON:**  
03/26/17

**USE BY:**

03/11/17

**SELL BY:**

02/21/17

**BETTER IF USED BY:**

03/17/17

**BEST BY:**

03/01/17

**BEST BEFORE:**

02/22/17

**DONATE DATE!**





Over  $\frac{1}{4}$   
of the  
food we  
distribute  
is fresh  
produce



# Why do we need the Foodbank?

- Food available in semi trucks
- Pantries can't take that
- We take the semi trucks and take orders by the case
- No donor wants 300 phone calls
- One call takes care of everything
- Assurance all the way through the process:
  - Legitimate use
  - Legal requirements
  - Non-discrimination
  - Food safety



# A Good Investment

- Rescuing food that would otherwise be discarded
- Helping 300 agencies across 23 counties
- 96.2% of donations go out in services
- Very low cost per meal

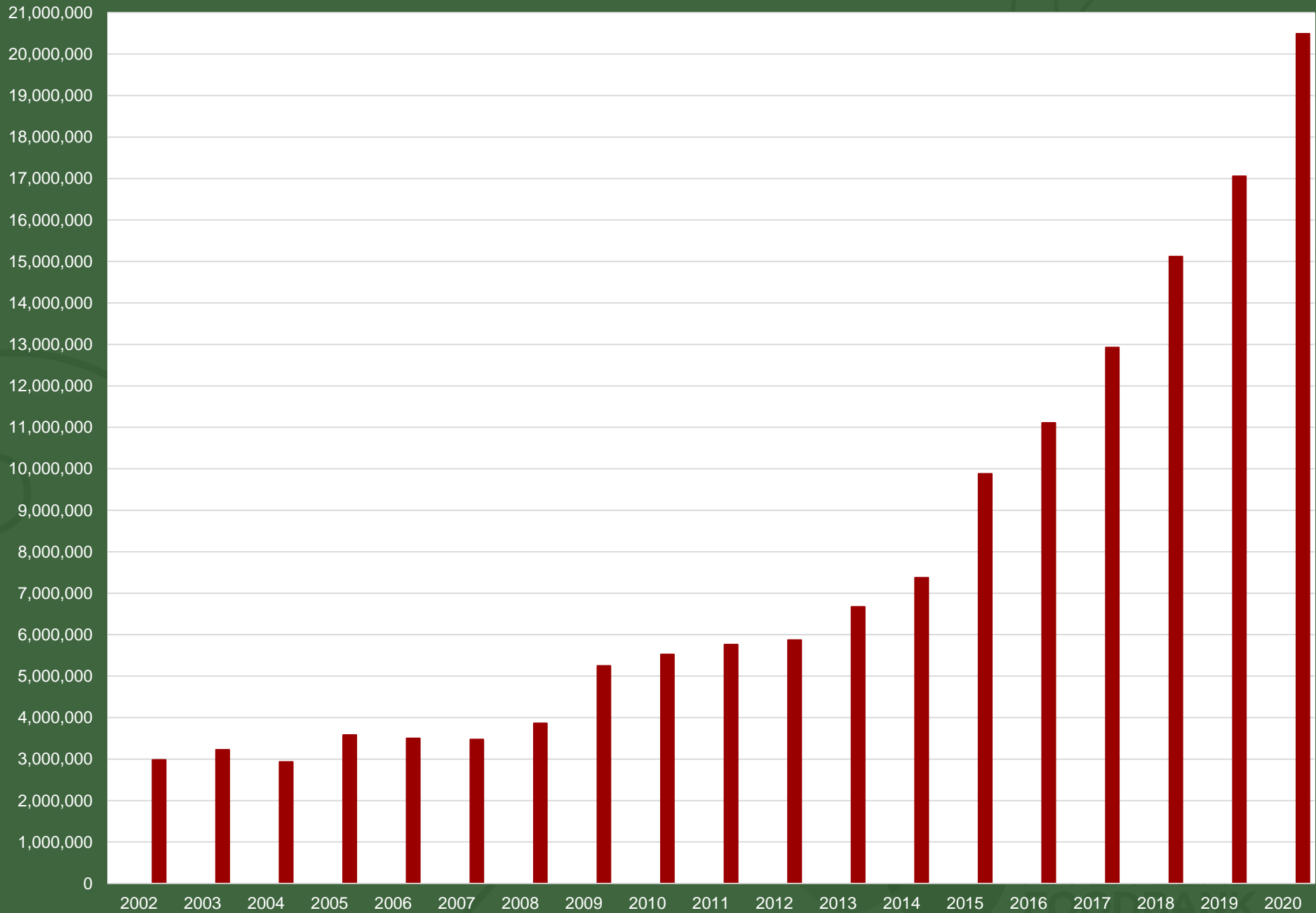


# Programs

- Agency Support – pantries, shelters, soup kitchens
- Mobile Food Pantries
- Backpacks
- School Pantries
- Senior Hunger Initiative
- Oasis
- Hospital Pantry



## MEALS DISTRIBUTED BY YEAR 2002 - 2020



# Impact of COVID on Food Insecurity

- ~~105,830~~ 159,848 are food insecure
- ~~10.1%~~ 15.3%
- ~~1 in 10~~ 1 in 7 people
- ~~34,500~~ 55,575 children are food insecure
- ~~15%~~ 24.1%
- ~~1 in 7~~ 1 in 4 children
- Food insecurity is up over 50% since COVID



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# How Can I Help

- Food
  - Connect us to organizations that are throwing away food
  - Encourage fund drives more than food drives
- Time
  - Volunteer at the food bank
  - Mobile Food Pantries
  - Partner Food Pantries
- Money
- [riverbendfoodbank.org](http://riverbendfoodbank.org)

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# Takeaways

- 1 in 7 people don't have enough food
- 1 in 4 children
- We are throwing away enough food to feed everyone
- Every \$1 provides 5 meals