

# Because no one should be hungry.



## OUR VISION

**We all live in a healthy community, where everyone has the food they need to thrive.**

## OUR MISSION

**Bringing people together to end hunger and its root causes.**

## Who We Are

We are committed to demonstrating these characteristics in all our work.

- ◊ Treat all people as our neighbors.
- ◊ Celebrate diversity, ensure dignity, and act equitably.
- ◊ Listen first and seek to understand.
- ◊ Focus on shared goals.
- ◊ Encourage creativity and be willing to take risks.

## Our Foundational Beliefs

These beliefs motivate our work to end hunger.

- ◊ Everyone deserves healthy food every day, no matter what.
- ◊ We have stronger communities when no one is hungry.
- ◊ Ending hunger in our communities is possible.



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# What we are doing to make our vision a reality

## ACCESS TO FOOD

Increase access to healthy food for all individuals in Marion and Polk counties



- ◊ **Direct Access & Food Distribution**  
Ensure the communities of Marion and Polk counties have a strong network of community-based distribution partners that meet their nutritional needs.
- ◊ **Government Support Programs**  
Maximize enrollment and use of federal and state support programs aimed at alleviating hunger and poverty.
- ◊ **Individual Resiliency**  
Increase individuals' resiliency and self-reliance by providing nutrition education, work experience and training, leadership experience, and other skills that help alleviate food insecurity.

## COMMUNITY

Engage local communities in leading the work to end hunger and poverty.



- ◊ **Community Engagement**  
Activate our local communities to be engaged in the work of ending hunger.
- ◊ **Inclusion & Lived Experience**  
Include and amplify the voices of those experiencing hunger and poverty.
- ◊ **Community-Led Solutions**  
Engage local community members in designing, implementing, and leading programs to create hunger-free communities.

## EQUITY

Address the systems and environments that lead to hunger, poverty, and inequity.



- ◊ **Public Policy**  
Organize communities to advocate for public policies that alleviate hunger and poverty.
- ◊ **Community Food Systems**  
Develop and support robust community food systems within Marion and Polk counties.
- ◊ **Community Health Partnerships**  
Engage in partnerships that increase both food security and community health.
- ◊ **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**  
Become advocates that advance diversity, equity, and inclusion in our own organization and beyond.