

## 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 the five surrounding counties we serve, which are Tazewell, Peoria, Fulton, Woodford, and Mason.

We provide over 80 active food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, rehabilitation centers, senior housing, youth detention centers and low-income day-care centers with large quantities of food from name brand manufacturers.

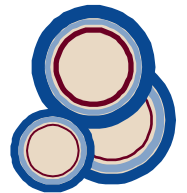
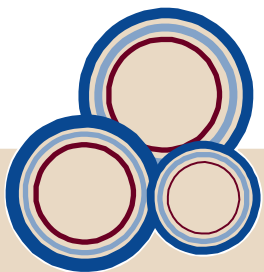
We rely heavily on corporate manufacturers, some government funding, individual gifting, and local food drives throughout the year for food donations. The Peoria Area Food Bank also participates in the National Letter Carrier's Association Food Drive.



In 2014, the Food Bank distributed 4,128,272 pounds of food. It is the Food Bank's goal to distribute 5 million pounds annually by 2016. This will be accomplished with the help of our many member agencies who are staffed mostly by volunteers and additional programs such as our mobile pantry and back pack programs.

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 Jeanette Wennmacher at 309-999-3841.



### PAFB Advisory Council

Jody McCamey ~ Fulton County  
Rosemary Palmer ~ Mason County  
Cassandra Powell ~ Peoria County

Greg Rice ~ Peoria County  
Paula LaFond ~ Tazewell County  
Joe Helms ~ Woodford County

## How You Can Help

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

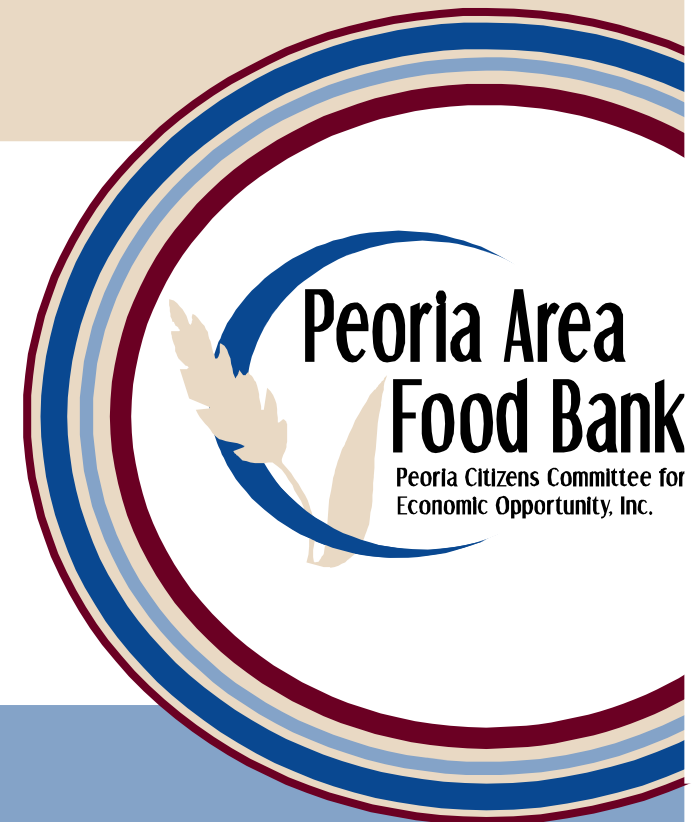
- Plan ahead – put together a team to select dates, set a goal and handle details.
- Get the word out – create flyers or posters; promote in newsletters, e-blasts and on your website.
- Be creative – decorate collection boxes, offer prizes for the group that collects the most food.
- Start with a bang 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 safe 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
- 90 percent of individuals served by Peoria Area Food Bank have a high school diploma or higher education
- 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

The logo for PCCEO (Peoria Citizens Committee for Economic Opportunity) features the letters 'PCCEO' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The 'P' is partially enclosed by a blue triangle pointing upwards.

### PAFB Mission

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

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