

MILFORD FOOD BANK
GROWING TOGETHER IN
GRACE



Join us as we work towards expanding our mission. The Milford Food Bank will be adding a 12,000 sf warehouse and processing space.



OUR MISSION

Being a faith based organization, it is the mission of Milford Food Bank to share the love of Christ by providing food to the needy and food insecure.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Matthew 25:35.



A Note from the Director

It is hard to believe all that has happened since Milford Food Bank first started. I wasn't involved when Bill Troup, our founder, first started gathering and distributing food. He had no idea what the food bank would become or that there would be such an incredible response to the work that is done at Milford Food Bank. Bill began with the simple faith that God would come alongside him. In Matthew 25:35, Jesus says "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." This was the work that Jesus said his followers would do. This teaching is what Milford Food Bank was established on - to fill the emptiness in the lives of the people around us with food and drink and community. We pray that we can continue to share this as part of our mission.

We have been so blessed as we have grown, to have been supported by so many wonderful people and businesses. We are so thankful for every person and business that has supported us, for the churches who have been so generous to us, for the businesses who donate food to us, for the pantries and ministries that we work with. We cannot do this without you and these words on this page cannot do justice to our gratitude. We simply would not exist without each of you.

On these pages you will see our vision for the future of Milford Food Bank. We believe that God is placing before us the opportunity to broaden the impact of His work through Milford Food Bank. We humbly ask that, as you look through these pages, you would consider partnering with Milford Food Bank in stepping out in faith to grow with God. We also ask that you pray with us that God would continue to use Milford Food Bank to show God's loving heart to the people in our local communities.

Regg Beer
Director
Milford Food Bank

THE HISTORY



Bill (and Anne) Troup
Founder of the Milford Food Bank

"Five items, five pantries, and the Lord," is how Bill Troup, the food bank founder, describes the beginning days. It was brought to his attention that Wolcott, a food bank near Monticello, IN, had soap that he could get access to, and God told him that it was time to get started with a food bank in Milford. Wolcott was happy to help him with his first trailer load, but a few weeks later when the need arose for more supplies, they were originally reluctant to furnish him with more. Bill persisted and they did eventually give in to his plea. That was the start of a tremendous working relationship.

Bill recalls several highlights as the food bank continued to grow. The trailer needed to be loaded and unloaded by hand, which they did alongside some of the first supporters of the Milford Food Bank, Ray and Paula Haab. Because there was no refrigeration storage at Milford, all their frozen and cooled foods were taken to Shippshewanna for refrigeration.

Another early supporter, Dennis Wuthrich, joined forces as a truck/trailer driver when time allowed. Some of the locations of food pickup were in Indianapolis and Chicago. Bimbo Bakeries was a regular supplier of bread. On one occasion they had 800 loaves of bread and not enough room to transport it. A little squeezing and squashing got it all in the truck and trailer. Once he remembered buying 7,000 boxes of cereal from E&S Sales in Shippshewanna, for five cents a box. Bill Doege also became an early volunteer with the work of the food bank. Bill is presently the Operation Manager of the food bank.

Some of the food bank's early focuses consisted of the bank, the library, nursing home and school teachers. Tomato juice and bread were daily replenished at the library. The nursing home was the recipient of lots of bread. Bill and Anne recall a Bible verse put into every bag of food that was passed or set out.

The food bank has always depended on donations to operate. Bill's policy was, that if it's of the Lord, it couldn't be stopped. The Milford Food Bank's Board of Directors wish to build on the legacy that Bill and Anne Troup have begun with the Milford Food Bank. One of trust in God to keep supplying our needs through gracious donors, of continuing to share the Word of God and one of sharing physical food to those in need.

OUR STORY

The Milford Food Bank had a meager beginning in 2010 serving just five local pantries with a borrowed trailer, forklift, building and a handful of volunteers. With open hearts and a lot of faith, the food bank steadily grew.

In 2012 Milford Food Bank operations moved to the warehouse of The Papers, Inc. From this location we served 50 pantries in 12 counties in northern Indiana and southern Michigan. The food bank was abundantly blessed in 2017 with the donation of a 5000 sq. ft. building around the corner from The Papers. Since then, we have continued to use warehouse space in The Papers, but our operations and distributions all occur at our location on James St.

Today Milford Food Bank serves around 174 different organizations. We work with food pantries, soup kitchens, recovery homes and school backpack programs. We distribute over 350,000 pounds of food a month.



Regg Beer, Bill Doege
and Chris Stoller



Angela Deak

Regg Beer DIRECTOR

Regg has been the Director of Milford Food Bank since 2014. He and his wife, Bev, have 6 children and live in Milford where he works on his family dairy farm. Regg has loved working with the food bank, being able to get to know so many wonderful people and to see and be a part of God's work in loving the people in our communities.

Bill Doege OPERATIONS MANAGER

Bill is Operations Manager at Milford Food Bank. He keeps the food coming in and going out. He and his wife Adrienne live in Cromwell. They have 5 children and 2 grandchildren and counting. Bill loves every aspect of working at Milford Food Bank and is passionate about helping people feel the love of God through the generosity and care that he shows all who visit the food bank.

Chris Stoller FINANCES

Chris Stoller oversees Milford Food Bank's finances. He, along with his wife Katy and 2 children, reside in the country west of Milford, IN. Chris enjoys witnessing when people give to better the lives of those in their communities and being a part of the Food Bank provides plenty of examples of that. He works as a professional pilot.

Angela Deak DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Angie is a brand new member of our team at Milford Food Bank. She will take the role of Development Manager beginning in June 2024. She and her husband Mike, and their 2 daughters live in Milford where Angie started an art studio and has been deeply involved in our community. Angie will develop community partnerships for the food bank to help us continue to grow and help our communities. Welcome to the food bank family, Angie!

MEET THE BOARD



Left to right: Rich Schlipf, Dean Lehman, Austin Beer, Joe Shetler, Kevin Moore, Phil Price, Brian Shepherd

Joe Shetler PRESIDENT

Joe has devoted most of his adult life to serving God's will, not only in his local community of Milford, Indiana, but also throughout the 3rd world countries of what was the Congo in Africa, Jamaica and Haiti. He and his wife, Ellen, have raised 4 daughters and are blessed with 12 grandchildren. Having seen first hand the extreme effects of hunger and poverty on their other missions, Joe and Ellen commit much of their time to MFB. Joe considers it a blessing to watch God at work through the Milford Food Bank.

Dean Lehman VICE PRESIDENT

Originally from Nappanee, Dean surrendered to Christ in 1988, changing his life forever. Dean and his wife, an elementary teacher, thank the Lord for their 2 children and 2 grandchildren. Dean is an Engineering and Warranty Manager for a large trailer manufacturer in Elkhart, IN. He considers himself blessed to be one of the board members here at the Milford Food Bank. "It is amazing to hear stories of God's goodness in our communities."

Austin Beer SECRETARY

Austin Beer lives in Milford. He works with his dad on their family farm in the Milford area. He is blessed to have 2 loving parents and 3 amazing siblings. His favorite part about being involved with Milford Food Bank is knowing that God is using him and many others to make a big impact right here in his little hometown.

Kevin Moore BOARD MEMBER

Kevin Moore is the pastor of Noble County Community Church in Ligonier and leadership coach for local businesses. He and his wife Veronica have been married for 34 years and have 4 children, 2 grandchildren, and live in Cromwell. Kevin loves being a part of Milford Food Bank because in a world that can oftentimes be dark, Milford Food Bank shines a bright light of hope.

Rich Schlipf BOARD MEMBER

Rich Schlipf and his wife Kathy live a few miles southwest of Milford on the farm that Kathy grew up on. They have 6 children, all married, and have 11 grandchildren. They worship and are members of the Apostolic Christian church in Milford. Rich and Kathy have farmed in the Milford area for the last 35 years and are the founders of Schlipf Precision Ag (a planter technology business). Rich is in his first term serving on the Milford Food Bank Board.

Phil Price BOARD MEMBER

Phil Price and his wife Janie are long-time residents of Milford. He is a retired building contractor who worked in the Milford area. He and his wife have 4 children and 12 grandchildren. Phil's favorite part about being involved with the food bank is the opportunity to share the gospel with those he may never have come in contact with otherwise.

Brian Shepherd BOARD MEMBER

Brian Shepherd is the principal at West Noble Primary School. Brian and his wife live in Ligonier where they raised their 2 daughters and now enjoy 3 grandchildren - Milo, Evander, and Adelaide. Brian loves running and can often be found organizing races to benefit the food bank and other community organizations. Brian loves to bless his community through the food bank and to see people's lives brightened by the generous love of God.

OUR PLAN

Milford Food Bank has been gifted property directly across the street to expand into. Our current proposal will allow for an additional 12,000 sq ft of warehouse and processing space. Being across the road makes inventory management and distribution simpler and more efficient.

Our goal is to be able to double the distribution of product to our partners. We currently distribute over 350,000 pounds of food a month. We hope that this expansion and the efficiencies it provides will allow us to distribute up to 700,000 pounds of food a month. Doing this we might be able to touch the lives of nearly 100,000 individuals throughout our communities.

To make this building a reality we will need to raise \$1,000,000. This includes the construction of the building as well as finishing an updated processing area for bulk foods, a new indoor refrigeration/freezer section and loading docks.



2023-2024

174 food pantry partnerships

15,000 sf of warehouse and processing space
distributing over **350,000** lbs of food a month

40-50,000 people served each month

Pray for us
Become a **Corporate Partner**
Donate directly to the **Milford Food Bank**
Donate your **Service**



Thank you for being a partner to Milford Food Bank!
At Milford Food Bank we have a single vision to eradicate food insecurity in our communities and we are excited to be able to team up with you.

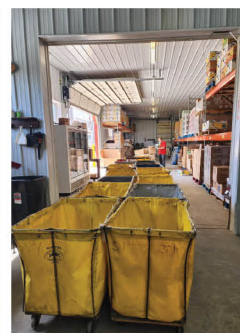
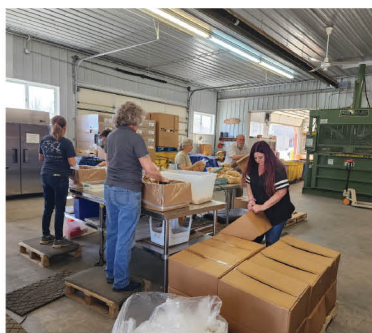
If you have any questions on becoming a partner, corporate partner or volunteer at the food bank, please contact us at:



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We would also like to thank our many volunteers and food donors! The Milford Food Bank's success is based on your time, efforts and donations.



2024-2026 Goals

225 food pantry partnerships
27,000 sf of warehouse and processing space
distribute over **700,000** lbs of food a month
100,000 people served each month



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