

PROVISION

The Midwest Food Bank, a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) organization providing food and disaster relief, was founded in 2002 when the Kieser family began providing food to local food pantries. The operation has grown to embrace the role of providing food and other essential supplies to over 300 organizations as well as playing an instrumental role in national disaster relief. (Over 75 semi loads have been shipped to hurricane-stricken areas along the Gulf Coast.)



Packing Family Boxes for Hurricane Victims

How You Can Help Midwest Food Bank

If you are so led, please complete this support form.
1703 S. Veterans Parkway • Bloomington, IL 61701

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Donation Amount _____
Please make checks payable to **Midwest Food Bank**.
Credit card payments are accepted as well:

Card Type _____

Card Number _____

Expiration Date (month/year) _____



Quick Facts about The Midwest Food Bank

- Over 300 non-profit organizations served.
- Opportunities for church, community, educational groups and volunteers to develop awareness in serving others in need.
- National ongoing disaster relief including Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma.
- International efforts including deliveries of dry food products to Liberia, Africa.

Load Out Days (see photo on cover)

- The first full week of each month non-profit organizations load up on food and supplies.



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HOPE

RELIEF



Unloading a Semi in Gulfport, Mississippi, September 4, 2005

“Two Groups. One Cause.”

After Hurricane Katrina took its toll on the Gulf Coast the Midwest Food Bank took action to help with the clean up efforts. On September 10, 2005 a load of clean up equipment (wet/dry vacuums, generators, power washers, chainsaws, carpet cutters, shovels, etc.) was sent to Biloxi, Mississippi in response to a request from the Salvation Army. The load drove through the night to Biloxi and arrived about 8:30 am. Little did we know that at the same time a group of students from the University of Miami were driving to Biloxi ready to help with hurricane clean up. Their only concern was that they didn't have enough equipment to make a difference. The Midwest Food Bank load arrive about ½ hour after the students did. That day alone, the students worked hard to clean up 30 homes with the materials sent by the Midwest Food Bank. This event is really all about two groups of people teaming up to help those in need. This event wasn't planned and we know that it wasn't simply “coincidence.”

SUPPLY

GROWTH

CONFIRMATION

In 2002, our previous facilities located at the Kieser farm on the outskirts of Bloomington seemed quite adequate for accomplishing our mission of helping to **provide food** for those in need in the Midwest by gathering and distributing large food donations free of charge to area social service organizations. It is evident that God's plan for our organization has enabled the Midwest Food Bank to thrive and flourish well beyond our expectations. Not only has God enabled us to share with countless individuals and not-for-profit organizations requiring assistance, but also provide opportunities for others to **serve** and glorify His name. The greatly-increased demand for our services both locally and nationally and **God's confirmation** to expand our operation, caused us to outgrow our previous location.

In December 2005, we purchased a property in Bloomington located at 1703 S. Veteran's Parkway. This property will greatly increase the amount and type of **assistance** that we can provide to those in need. This will enable church and community groups to utilize our facilities in organizing supplies, packing boxes, and distributing food. Our prayer is that besides the obvious mission of helping to serve those in need, this new facility will provide an avenue for those **volunteering**. We are very excited about the possibilities that God has placed in our thoughts and need your help in this endeavor. We thank you for your prayerful consideration of support.

Midwest Food Bank
Board of Directors

