



2014 ANNUAL REPORT

# CHANGING LIVES

The Power of Food Banking



For those in need, food banks provide food, as well as help on the path to self-sufficiency. Food banks connect people with vital resources that help break the cycle of poverty and serve as a bedrock of stability in the community.



The Global FoodBanking Network is a nonprofit organization that fights hunger and food waste. We do this by creating, supporting and strengthening food banks and national food bank networks around the world, in countries outside the US.

A photograph of a woman in a blue denim cap and a light blue t-shirt with a floral pattern. She is holding a blue bucket filled with potatoes. In the background, other people are working in a field of green plants under a clear sky. The text is overlaid on the image in white, bold, sans-serif font.

**Nourishing People**  
**Strengthening Communities**  
**Reducing Food Waste**  
**Protecting Our Environment**

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

### Changing Lives. This is the Real Power of Food Banking.

*“Food banking does so much more than fill hungry stomachs. It nourishes the body and the spirit, strengthens families and builds communities. Food banks give people hope and the opportunity for a better tomorrow.”* Jeff Klein, President and CEO, The Global FoodBanking Network

At The Global FoodBanking Network (GFN) we are motivated by the reality that food banks help hungry people survive and make life better for those struggling to get by.

Reflecting on the past year, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the many individuals, corporations, foundations and organizations that helped us bring food and hope to so many people around the world every day.

Together, we made great strides in FY 2014:

- GFN member food banks rescued more food than ever before—1.1 billion pounds—and redirected it to feed hungry people through more than 25,500 points of distribution, including schools, orphanages, senior centers, and soup kitchens, among others.
- We strengthened food banks in our network, enabling them to work more efficiently, source more food—including nutritious produce and fresh food—and distribute it to more people in need.
- We expanded our geographic reach. Now, we are working in more than 30 countries, with new efforts in Armenia, Botswana, the Dominican Republic, Panama and Peru.



To make these successes possible, the GFN team provided education, technical training, mentoring and an unprecedented amount of on-the-ground assistance to food bankers. We also mobilized critical resources that helped us build operating capacity and scale while developing new locations across our network.

In the following pages you will read about the work that made this growth possible, including our eighth annual Food Bank Leadership Institute (FBLI) and key support from the Caterpillar Foundation, General Mills Foundation, H-E-B, and Kellogg Company Fund, among others.

We also highlight work done by volunteers, including some unique skill-based volunteer initiatives. GFN actively fostered

the growth of this critical form of volunteerism. We made a number of mutually beneficial connections between food banks with specific needs and organizations interested in supplying intellectual capital. I hope you will be inspired reading about volunteer contributions including the time and talents IBM employees shared in Mexico this past year.

In addition, we are excited about the quantity and quality of positive discussions initiated with a very broad range of potential partners. We are hopeful that we will be able to share information about new collaborations in the near future.

The conversation about food waste and its damaging effects on the environment continued to gain intensity and momentum. GFN was represented at a number of key global meetings on the topic, and we shared information about food banking's unique role in addressing these challenges. We really do stand apart as a credible expert as well as an organization that is actually doing the work to make a difference: feeding people today, while protecting our environment to help future generations.

Last year, we received a surprise gift that was truly beyond our wildest dreams, and we are so incredibly grateful. An anonymous global citizen offered to provide a generous 2 to 1 match for qualified donations to GFN. This became our “Triple Gift Match” campaign. With your help and the help of hundreds of other friends, we qualified for the maximum matching gift of \$700,000. This positions us well in FY 2015 and beyond to provide more on-the-ground support, mobilize more resources, expand programming in areas such as nutrition and food rescue, and continue to raise awareness of the role food banks play in feeding hungry people in an environmentally friendly way.

Thank you again to both our long-time supporters and many new friends and donors. You have helped nourish so many hungry people around the world. You have changed lives.

## FY 2014 HIGHLIGHTS



It was a year of growth and exciting new beginnings. Our work with food banks around the world resulted in a stronger, more effective network.

### **NOURISHED and brought hope to more hungry people**

GFN network food banks:

- Rescued and distributed more food than ever before
  - More than 1.1 billion pounds of food
  - Over 20% more than FY 2013
- Worked with more social service agencies that feed hungry people and support communities
  - 25,500 agencies
  - 31% increase from prior year

### **PROTECTED the environment**

- Food rescued kept 1.1 billion pounds of food from going to landfill
  - Food in landfill produces methane gas, which has 25 times the heat-trapping capacity of carbon dioxide

### **ELEVATED our position as a global thought leader**

- Contributed to international discussions on hunger, childhood nutrition, food waste and the environment, including:
  - UNEP Think.Eat.Save - New York
  - International Seminar on Food Security; Walmart Institute and Mesa Brasil/SESC - Brazil
  - Latin America World Business Forum; Asociación de Industriales Latinoamericanos (AILA) and Centro Fox - Mexico

### **INCREASED our geographic footprint**

- Worked in more than 30 countries
- Engaged in new food bank development projects in: Armenia, Botswana, Dominican Republic, Panama and Peru

### **STRENGTHENED food banks in the GFN network**

- Helped food banks increase their ability to feed more people
- Mobilized resources that enabled food banks to add and upgrade equipment and infrastructure
  - Increased efficiencies
  - Expanded reach and, thus, impact
  - Enabled delivery of more fresh food, including produce

### **INVIGORATED mutually beneficial partnerships and alliances**

- Advanced strategic discussions with world class corporations in highly diverse industries
  - Positive momentum should lead to innovative future collaborations
- Expanded efforts with our global service partners Lions Clubs International and Rotary International
- Strengthened critical alliances such as:
  - Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
  - United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
  - SAVE FOOD - Global Initiative on Food Loss and Waste Reduction

## ADVANCING THE WORK OF FOOD BANKS AROUND THE WORLD

### More Countries. Stronger Network. Exciting Future.

We shared our expertise and passion with food banks of all sizes and stages of development, from start-ups feeding people on little more than dedication and a dream to mature national networks that support local food banks across entire countries.

Collectively, the GFN network is more active and robust than ever before. Individually, food banks in the network advanced in many ways:

- Many set and achieved higher goals, such as becoming more efficient and expanding reach to help more people
- Others moved toward meeting international food banking standards
- Some developed education and training programs to help people become self-sufficient

### ASIA AND AUSTRALIA

**Australia, Hong Kong, India, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan**

**India** – Positive energy surrounding food banking in India increased. Last year, the India FoodBanking Network (IFBN) opened new food banks in Gurgaon and Noida/Ghaziabad and assisted in the planning for a new food bank in Bangalore.

GFN has been part of this movement since the very beginning when we helped develop the Delhi FoodBank (launched in 2012). To support the recent expansion, we counseled on food bank planning and connected IFBN leadership with global resources. At our suggestion, Griffith Laboratories became deeply involved in the Bangalore food bank project and took a leadership role in the development process. Griffith devoted countless hours of thought-leadership and people power, provided funds, and even donated space in one of their warehouses to make the food bank in Bangalore a reality.

The project advanced in record time from idea to launch, opening its doors on October 16–World Food Day 2014! We hope to replicate this efficient and collaborative development model in other communities around India and elsewhere in the world.



### NORTH AMERICA

**Canada, Mexico**

**Mexico** – The national network of food banks was rebranded as Bancos de Alimentos de México (BAMX) to better serve the nearly 60 food banks in the country. GFN helped BAMX with this transition to build a foundation for success. We also secured critical funding and volunteer support that strengthened BAMX food banks. For example:

- Thanks to a generous, renewed grant from the Caterpillar Foundation\*, GFN provided funds that helped the BAMX member food bank in Monterrey. The food bank made significant physical improvements to their warehouse and access areas, and purchased badly needed equipment, including a truck and forklift. Now it can handle rescued food more efficiently and deliver more food—including fruits and vegetables—to people in and around Monterrey. In addition, the food bank developed programming that measures and assesses the food bank's impact on children's physical growth and school performance.
- BAMX food banks also benefited from a volunteer effort we initiated with IBM Corporate Service Corps that is helping BAMX Mérida achieve a 100% capacity increase by 2015. (story page 7)

## CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

**Central America** – Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama

**South America** – Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay

Food banking in this large, diverse area is on an ambitious course for growth. We worked in nine countries with operating food banks and in five countries with food banks in the early stages of development.

We arranged for FBRUS to visit Florida’s Harry Chapin Food Bank—part of the Feeding America network—for specialized training. Food bank leaders put what they learned to work and adapted a number of US processes and programs to fit local needs. For example, FBRUS launched “People’s Meals,” the first food bank-initiated program to create and distribute pre-packaged, nutritious, shelf-stable meals. This is a great example of how GFN helps transfer knowledge within the global community of food banks.



## THE CARIBBEAN

**Dominican Republic**

We began work in the Dominican Republic, helping food bank leaders realize a greater potential for growth and take steps to achieve it. To make this happen, the food bank needs a more efficient warehouse. We met with the country’s Vice President and gained her support. Good news: the food bank intends to relocate to a new building soon.

## EUROPE

**Bulgaria, Russia, United Kingdom**

**Russia** – Foodbank Rus (FBRUS), our unique member food bank in Russia, continued to be a hub of activity and innovation. FBRUS has no traditional brick-and-mortar facility for food collection and distribution. Instead, the staff works virtually to connect food donors to trucking companies that deliver food to their network of 65 social service organizations that feed people in need. Last year, FBRUS provided food to more than 40,000 people with sustained need, and assisted more than 500,000 people in emergency situations.

**United Kingdom** – FareShare UK significantly strengthened its business model, increased the volume and variety of products provided, and expanded its service area to reach more people in need of food. FareShare now helps feed 62,200 people each day, 42% more people served than the previous year, through more than 1,300 charitable agencies. GFN provided technical assistance, introductions to potential global resource providers, and funds to help make this possible.

Thanks to a generous, renewed grant from the Caterpillar Foundation\*, GFN provided funds to FareShare UK. These funds helped FareShare significantly increase the volume and variety of foods rescued and redistributed, and expand two key service areas to reach more people in need of food in locations of extreme poverty not previously served. FareShare also increased their national level food acquisition resulting in a greater range of available products—including ten times more fresh food than the prior year.



In addition, GFN helped FareShare North East receive a “Neighbor of Choice” grant from MSD (Merck & Co. in the US and Canada), which made a real difference for disadvantaged people living in food poverty.

*“We were at full capacity in terms of storage and van space. Thanks to an introduction and continued support from The Global FoodBanking Network, MSD’s Neighbor of Choice program provided funds that helped us rescue more food, store it safely and distribute it to more community programs than ever before.”*

Michael Shields, General Manager, FareShare North East

## AFRICA

### Botswana, Namibia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, South Africa

The concept of food banking is expanding in Africa, and as a result, we made an impact this year working with local food bank leaders in several new countries. We believe that food banking in Africa will continue to evolve, expand and become more effective to help address the problem of hunger that exists across the continent.

## MIDDLE EAST

### Israel

More than 50,000 volunteers helped Leket Israel rescue 25 million pounds of produce and perishable goods and more than one million prepared meals that were distributed to hundreds of Leket’s nonprofit partners that care for the needy.

## OTHER FOOD BANK NETWORKS

We have close working relationships with the European Federation of Food Banks (FEBA), Feeding America, and the Food Banking Regional Network (FBRN). These regional food banking networks support and promote food banking in their respective regions: FEBA serving Europe, Feeding America serving the United States, and FBRN serving the Middle East, parts of Africa, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

We collaborate with these networks to share best practices, mobilize resources and promote our mutual interest in seeing a world free from hunger.

*\*With a grant of US\$467,327 awarded to GFN by the Caterpillar Foundation we were able to provide both BAMX and FareShare UK with significant funds to help them increase their capacities to collect and redistribute food by enhancing infrastructure and adding new equipment. This enabled the food banks to provide more food to more people in need.*

Photos L to R: Banco de Alimentos El Salvador, Foodbank Rus, FareShare UK, FoodBank South Africa, Leket Israel

## BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

Making mutually beneficial connections is an essential component of our work. We represent our member food banks to socially responsible organizations that want to make a difference globally and locally, and we facilitate collaborations to ensure positive outcomes.

*“Every organization, regardless of size or type, has something unique to contribute to the cause. It is so exciting to be able to advance our mission by connecting member food banks with groups that wish to activate their philanthropy in a truly meaningful way.”*

Jeff Klein

### Global Goodwill

Contributions to GFN on the global level made it possible for us to better serve, strengthen and expand our network of food banks. For example:

- General Mills Foundation, a long-time GFN supporter, provided funds to support our global operations and to educate food bankers at FBI. Locally, General Mills contributed food directly to food banks in Argentina, Australia, Hong Kong, Mexico, South Africa and the UK.
- Hilton Worldwide provided hotel accommodations for our Network Development team, enabling them to travel to more countries and provide in-person, on-the-ground assistance.
- Google volunteers provided pro-bono consulting to GFN to help us reach more people who might be interested in learning about our work and mission.

### Local Involvement

Each country's needs are different and each corporation has unique gifts to share. We have the knowledge, experience and connections to bring the two together. In FY 2014 some of the world's leading corporations expanded their involvement, and many contributed in multiple markets.

- Leading global food companies—including Carrefour, General Mills, Kellogg Company, Nestlé, PepsiCo, Unilever, and Walmart—provided surplus food (along with other resources) in multiple countries. They are among the many generous companies that donated food, nutritional products and ingredients to help food banks fight hunger and malnutrition.
- We advanced our multi-year partnership with Hilton Worldwide. After the success of the Egyptian Food Bank “Saving Wasted Food” program launched in 2006, a pilot initiative in Egypt continued to supply the Egyptian Food Bank with surplus food from Hilton food and beverage operations throughout Egypt, and has expanded to several other countries in the region. GFN also helped connect Hilton Worldwide with food banks in the UK, Bulgaria and in various FEBA countries to implement the same program and system. We believe that these developing relationships will result in expanded programming in FY 2015.
- Griffith Laboratories generously shared time, talent and treasure to support food banking in a number of countries, including Colombia, Costa Rica, Hong Kong, India and the US.
  - With GFN's guidance and support, Griffith India led the development of the first food bank in Bangalore. (story page 3)
  - Griffith Colombia has supported Fundación SACIAR for many years, providing this GFN member in Medellín with food, funds, volunteers and intellectual capital. Griffith Colombia's research and development team has helped SACIAR develop Nutriamor®, a powdered nutritional supplement that uses abundant and surplus green banana flour as a base. Nutriamor® provides necessary but scarce vitamins and minerals and is used to nourish hungry people, especially children ages one to six.





*1 weekend. 130 volunteers. 4,000 participants. The equivalent of 14,000 meals collected. All told, the Bulgarian Food Bank's first-ever large food drive was a success!*



## Food Drives

Food drives are a great way to engage corporate employees, volunteers and other community members. From small in-office collections to grocery chain food drives, food collection campaigns in FY 2014 helped keep food bank shelves stocked. Here are two examples:

- Carrefour Foundation, with support from GFN and FEBA, coordinated a food drive in 2,200 Carrefour stores in eight countries. The equivalent of nine million meals was distributed to food banks, including GFN member food banks in Brazil and Argentina.
- Ingredion Incorporated held food drives throughout its Colombian locations and collected more than 3,500 pounds of food for local food banks. The company also organized collections in Australia and the US.

## Volunteers

Volunteer activities at GFN member food banks include: packing and sorting food, gleaned produce from fields, helping serve meals and sharing specialized skills. Last year skill-based volunteerism increased as more corporations shared intellectual capital to support food banking. Here is an example:

Thanks to a timely introduction by GFN, IBM Corporate Service Corps deployed veteran employees to the BAMX member food bank in Mérida to help the food bank improve food sourcing and distribution. The IBMers developed a strategic plan to help the food bank achieve a 100% capacity increase by 2015. The project made a meaningful difference in Mérida, and it served as a catalyst for additional IBM involvement with more than 30 other food banks in Mexico. IBM also committed to additional projects with food banks in Colombia and Ecuador.

*“Food banking works because it aligns volunteer passion and skills with community needs, and with the mission to put food on the table for families who are not able to do so for themselves.”*

Beth Tracy, Manager of Corporate Citizenship and Corporate Affairs, IBM

## Other global and local examples of skill-based volunteering:

- Cargill employees helped FareShare UK evaluate service agencies in Manchester, UK.
- Thanks to the support of Cargill, Red Argentina de Bancos de Alimentos implemented a new data management system that increased the efficiency of food distribution among the 17 food banks in the network.
- Also in Argentina, Danone supported a critical IT project to help Argentina's national food bank network track and allocate food inventory.

## HELP AND HOPE FOR THE WORLD'S CHILDREN

Each and every day food banks in the GFN network nourish children by providing food to service organizations like orphanages, schools and community centers. We also create and support initiatives that help children grow, learn and become productive members of society.

### Child-focused Initiatives Around the Network:

- **Breakfast and in-school feeding programs** provide children with the energy they need to succeed in the classroom
- **After-school and weekend programs** ensure children and families have food to eat when school is not in session
- **Nutrition education and health monitoring** encourage and foster understanding of the benefits of proper nutrition
- **Cooking classes** teach children and parents how to prepare nutritious meals
- **Food delivery vehicles** bring nutritious food, often including fresh produce, to children

### More Children Nourished Thanks to Manna Pack™ Program

Last year, more hungry children throughout Mexico received nutritious Manna Pack™ meals as a result of our ongoing relationship with Feed My Starving Children and the on-the-ground efforts of BAMX. The pre-packed and easy-to-prepare food blends are scientifically developed to meet the needs of severely malnourished children. The meals also improve the health, growth and physical well-being of children who are no longer in immediate danger of starvation.

The program has grown exponentially in three years: from 272,160 meals provided to one food bank to 1,360,800 meals delivered to five food banks in Mexico last year. Manna Pack meals were especially helpful for two communities that were severely damaged by natural disasters. Thanks to the ready supply of Manna Pack meals, the food banks were able to provide hot, nutritious food to thousands of people in the wake of these devastations.

### A Lifeline for Families in Need

In addition to providing food, food banks are a gateway to other social services—such as medical assistance, education, and job training—that help children and their families thrive.



BAMX

*“While FMSC partners with a wide variety of organizations, GFN utilizes Manna Pack Rice in a unique way through food banks. GFN and BAMX are truly the ‘boots on the ground’ in serving the children and families of Mexico. Thanks for being such wonderful partners in this life-saving work.”*

Hilary Autry, Regional Program Coordinator, Central/South America, Feed My Starving Children



## A Chance for Children to Grow, Learn and Succeed

For children, proper nourishment is vital for health and future success. Programs that feed school children have been shown to improve students' attendance, alertness and learning performance. This leads to a better chance of success in the classroom and more opportunities throughout life.

### Kellogg Company's Breakfasts For Better Days™

Kellogg Company launched Breakfasts for Better Days™ with a goal to provide one billion servings of cereal and snacks, more than half of which are breakfast, to children around the world by the end of 2016. So far, the company has donated more than 400 million servings with 230 million breakfast servings.

GFN member food banks have supported this global initiative by facilitating and expanding breakfast distribution. Last year, GFN network food banks partnered with Kellogg to deliver breakfast to children in Australia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Russia, South Africa and Turkey.

Breakfasts—delivered up to seven days a week in some areas—start with cereal and include milk, fruit and often other nutritious food provided by supporters in local communities.

More than 113,000 pounds of cereal donated by Kellogg Company and more than 448,000 pounds of food overall have been delivered every month by GFN member food banks in support of the Kellogg's Breakfasts For Better Days™ program.

These nutritious breakfasts have made a difference for thousands of children.



Photos L to R: BAMX, Ken Jones Photography, Kellogg Company of South Africa

*“We need strong partners to achieve our goal, and have been proud to work with GFN and its member food banks that are helping us ensure food is getting to those in need around the world.”*

Jodi Gibson, Vice President, Corporate Social Responsibility, Kellogg Company

## CHANGING LIVES

Food banking is about getting food to people who would otherwise go hungry.

But that's just part of the story.

Food banks nurture lives in many other ways. They provide safety and dignity, and they are a link to other support services that help people improve their lives. Food is simply the catalyst.

Here are just two of the many stories of how food banking has the power to change lives...



### ADRIÁN'S STORY:

#### A young boy turns the tables on hunger

Adrián Ríos was born in Jujuy, a poor province in Argentina. His parents were unable to find work, so there were very few resources for the family. Often there was nothing to eat.

Adrián and his family turned to the local soup kitchen for their meals. To give back, Adrián volunteered at the soup kitchen, helping serve food to others in need.

This experience nourished Adrián physically, emotionally and socially. He not only received the food he needed to survive, he gained a sense of community, an understanding of the importance of good nutrition, and the will to strive for a better life.

When he turned 18, Adrián moved to the city of Tucumán to study nutrition. He volunteered at a soup kitchen in exchange for breakfast and lunch. There he found comfort and a familiar sense of community.

It was at this soup kitchen that Adrián first learned about the food bank—part of Red Argentina de Bancos de Alimentos—that supplied food to the soup kitchen. He learned about the important role food banks play in feeding the hungry and supporting communities.

When he completed his degree, Adrián volunteered as a nutrition advisor at the food bank. He enjoyed the work and appreciated the chance to show gratitude to the organization that helped him. After two years, he was offered a permanent position.

Today Adrián is 35. He is still working for the food bank, and is also studying for a degree in social work so he can do even more to help those in need.

*“It’s very touching to see someone whose life has been changed by the food bank. When Adrián tells his story, he does so with such passion. He is grateful to the soup kitchen and the food bank for enabling him to develop, get an education and become a success.”*

Amanda Reboratti,  
Red Argentina de Bancos  
de Alimentos

*“For people who are hungry, the food bank provides food and nurtures their lives in other ways. Food is just one problem people have these days. And if it’s one problem less, it means people can focus on other things. That can be life changing.”*

Kath Elliott, FareShare UK

## MELANIE'S STORY:

### Nutritious food gives Melanie a chance for a bright future

Eight-year-old Melanie dreams of a future helping others as a doctor or teacher. Thanks to the help her family now receives from a local food bank, her chances of reaching her dream are closer.

Melanie, her brother and her mother live in a one-room house in Monterrey, Mexico. The house has no potable water and only sporadic power. Melanie's mother works as a maid six days a week. Because the pay is low, it is difficult for her to provide regular, healthy meals for her family. On her own, she simply can't afford to improve conditions.

When Melanie was diagnosed with bronchial asthma, it was also discovered that she suffered from malnutrition. This qualified her family to receive regular food packages from the BAMX member food bank in Monterrey.

Funding provided by GFN and made possible by the Caterpillar Foundation allowed the food bank to make needed upgrades to its warehouse and purchase trucks with refrigeration so they can collect and distribute fresh produce.

Melanie now has access to fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as rice and beans. She realizes that she especially enjoys watermelon, apples, oranges, cucumbers and other nutritious foods that she wouldn't have if not for the food bank.

With access to nutritious food, Melanie's chances for a healthier and more productive life are enhanced. We hope her dreams come true!



*“Food banking is a big open door to a world of possibilities.”*

Sebastián Labbé,  
Red de Alimentos (Chile)

FareShare UK



## 8TH ANNUAL H-E-B/GFN FOOD BANK LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (FBLI): Inspiring People to Dream Big. Empowering People to Make Dreams a Reality.

Each year at FBLI we convene an international group of food bankers, corporate supporters, thought leaders and various experts for education, training and best practice sharing. FBLI participants have gone on to launch food banks in countries where food banking never existed, expand small food banks to reach more communities, and build alliances and expertise that substantially increase scale and reach.

Our 8th Annual FBLI was the largest and most successful event yet. Nearly 70 food bankers from more than 30 countries attended. These dedicated individuals returned to their home countries better informed, energized, inspired and more determined than ever to reduce hunger and food waste through food banking.

FBLI is a results-driven forum that strengthens the international food banking community by:

### **Encouraging food bankers to think differently, embrace new possibilities and make positive changes**

*“The concept of food banking is new to me, and thanks to this learning experience I feel very confident of my own capabilities to help structure the Bangalore Food Bank into a successful model.”*

Meher Dasondi, Director of Operations, The Feeding Bangalore Foundation

### **Creating strong corporate collaborations**

For the corporate supporters who attended, FBLI provided a deep level of understanding about food banking and the needs of individual food banks.

*“Being here with all of these thoughtful, energetic and dedicated people helps me better understand how Hilton Worldwide can provide expertise and resources to help them solve the problem of hunger in their communities and around the world.”*

Katelin Kennedy, Senior Manager, Corporate Responsibility, Hilton Worldwide

### **Fostering personal connections that fast-forward successful outcomes**

The “people part” of this food banking immersion is incredibly powerful. Meeting face-to-face in this dynamic, collegial environment strengthens relationships and our understanding of each country’s specific needs.



### **Understanding the US food banking model**

Attendees from around the world learned by helping our host, the Houston Food Bank, pack food for local social service organizations.

### **Making new friends of food banking**

Guests from Houston’s international communities learned about global food banking and met food bankers at our “World’s Fare” networking event. This sparked a number of beneficial relationships and created opportunities that will help strengthen food banking on both global and local levels.

*“Thank you GFN for showing us the world of food banking! Thanks for letting us constantly learn from you!”*

Ana Catalina Suárez Peña, Asociación de Bancos de Alimentos de Colombia



*“GFN plays a pivotal role in developing and harnessing our collective ability and helping all countries and regions optimize their full potential ...”*

Greg Warren, FoodBank Australia



The world of food banking is becoming ever more connected, coordinated and collaborative, thanks in part to FBFI. As the global convener on food banking, GFN involves other food banking networks in the FBFI experience to encourage idea sharing and create synergies. Representatives from our partner networks—FBRN, FEBA and Feeding America—participated in FBFI 2014.

### Thank You!

Thank you to the Houston Food Bank for hosting FBFI and to our generous supporters: H-E-B, General Mills Foundation, Kellogg Company Fund, Bank of America Charitable Foundation, Cargill, Griffith Laboratories and BBVA Compass. H-E-B, a long-time supporter of food banking in the US and Mexico, has been a key partner in FBFI since its inception in 2007. In addition to generous financial support, H-E-B has been actively engaged in hosting and contributing services.

*“While here, we are one committed community learning from and inspiring each other. Food bankers leave with new skills, innovative ideas and motivation to continue the fight against hunger in their home countries. This event really makes a difference globally, and H-E-B is proud to be part of it.”*

Danny Flores, H-E-B Public Affairs





## THE GLOBAL FOODBANKING NETWORK

### Statements of Financial Position

	2014	2013
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,210,264	\$ 991,188
Other receivables	650	1,790
Other assets	11,599	21,707
Total current assets	<u>1,222,513</u>	<u>1,014,685</u>
Equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$20,088 and \$16,645, respectively, for 2014 and 2013	3,479	5,012
<b>Total assets</b>	<b><u><u>\$1,225,992</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>\$1,019,697</u></u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 23,807	\$ 18,808
Project grants payable	45,266	-
Other accrued liabilities	23,073	13,943
Total current liabilities	<u>92,146</u>	<u>32,751</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted	1,008,800	634,786
Temporarily restricted	125,046	352,160
Total net assets	<u>1,133,846</u>	<u>986,946</u>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b><u><u>\$1,225,992</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>\$1,019,697</u></u></b>

The financial information presented here is drawn from the audited financial statements for The Global FoodBanking Network for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013 presented in accordance with accounting standards used in the United States. A complete set of Audited Financial Statements and the Form 990 are available at [www.foodbanking.org](http://www.foodbanking.org)



# Statement of Activities

2014

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
<b>Public support and revenue</b>			
Public support			
Individual contributions	\$ 745,211	\$ 2,177	\$ 747,388
Corporate and foundation contributions	796,728	622,566	1,419,294
Organizations	48,650	-	48,650
Net assets released from restriction	851,857	(851,857)	-
Revenue			
Other revenue	40,017	-	40,017
<b>Total public support and revenue</b>	<b><u>2,482,463</u></b>	<b><u>(227,114)</u></b>	<b><u>2,255,349</u></b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Program services	1,530,894	-	1,530,894
Supporting services			
General and administrative	274,410	-	274,410
Fund development	292,699	-	292,699
Total supporting services	<u>567,109</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>567,109</u>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b><u>2,098,003</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>2,098,003</u></b>
<b>Change in net assets before in-kind</b>	<b>384,460</b>	<b>(227,114)</b>	<b>157,346</b>
<b>In-kind transactions</b>			
<b>Public support and revenue</b>			
Donated goods and services	419,920	-	419,920
<b>Total in-kind public support and revenue</b>	<b><u>419,920</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>419,920</u></b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Program services	193,095	-	193,095
Supporting services			
General and administrative	197,561	-	197,561
Fund development	39,710	-	39,710
Total supporting services	<u>237,271</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>237,271</u>
<b>Total in-kind expenses</b>	<b><u>430,366</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>430,366</u></b>
<b>Change in net assets, in-kind</b>	<b><u>(10,446)</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>(10,446)</u></b>
<b>Change in net assets</b>	<b>374,014</b>	<b>(227,114)</b>	<b>146,900</b>
Net assets, beginning of period	634,786	352,160	986,946
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,008,800</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 125,046</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,133,846</u></b>

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- mobilize more resources including food, funds and volunteers
- expand successful programming in areas such as food rescue, nutrition and nutrition education, and children and family services
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**Assess** community and nationwide food assistance needs and resources

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**Provide** planning, technical, logistical and operational support

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**Assure** food bank compliance with food safety standards

## The Value We Bring:

**For those in need**, GFN helps provide food and nutrition, as well as hope for a more secure and self-sufficient future.

**For our network**, we provide expertise, guidance and support; and we help mobilize food, funds, volunteers and other critical resources. Being part of GFN helps local food banks create and enhance relationships with global supporters with the means to help.

**For our donors, supporters and partners**, we are a resource to help activate global philanthropy on a local level. Supporting food banking can provide direct business benefits including:

- stronger communities in places where key business operations exist
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- reduced disposal costs
- improved inventory management
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*“GFN has given us a whole different outlook on what food banking is and what we can accomplish. They gave us the guidance, tools and know-how we needed to establish and grow our food bank ... and do it the right way!”*

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