

**THE  
LAKE COUNTY  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION**

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THE CHICAGO COMMUNITY TRUST

### **2009 BASIC HUMAN NEED AWARD RECIPIENT**

In 2007, The Lake County Community Foundation announced its inaugural Basic Human Needs Award, presented to organizations that take a unique approach to assisting others in meeting some of their most basic human needs. The Foundation is pleased to announce that **The Northern Illinois Food Bank** received the 2009 award. This recognition includes a grant of \$30,000.

**The Northern Illinois Food Bank (NIFB)** was founded in 1983 to provide food assistance in 13 of Chicagoland's northern collar counties. NIFB acquires donated food and distributes it through its network of more than 520 member agencies. In 2008 NIFB distributed 22.5 million pounds of food to more than 47,000 different people each week. In addition to food distribution, NIFB offers educational programs, advocates for hunger policies and funding, and conducts extensive outreach to those in need of food assistance. The NIFB is a member of Feeding America, the nation's food bank network.

NIFB will use the award funds to not only strengthen and sustain their Lake County food pantry partners, but also to distribute 50,000 pounds of nutritious food directly to underserved areas in Lake County via their Mobile Pantry truck.