

## **Kendall County Press Release** 3/16/2021

## Chairman Gryder and Vice-Chairman Kellogg Visit Northern Illinois Food Bank



On March 9, 2021, Kendall County Board Chairman Scott Gryder and Vice-Chairman Matt Kellogg visited the Northern Illinois Food Bank in Geneva. In fiscal year 2020 (July 1 2019 – June 30 2020) the Northern Illinois Food Bank, through their network of more than 900 food pantries, soup kitchens, and feeding programs, provided over 80 million meals across the 13-county region they serve.

Chairman Gryder commented, "You need to see the food bank in person to fully understand the scale of their operation. I was inspired by all of the donations and volunteers."

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The Northern Illinois Food Bank serves three food pantries and nine youth programs in Kendall County and have distributed over 1.7 million meals in the county during the present fiscal year. Kendall County Network Members: Homestead Elementary School, Helmar Lutheran Church Pantry, Fox Valley YMCA, Emily G Johns School, Lakewood Spring South Clubhouse, P.H. Miller Elementary School, Plano High School, Purple Park (Lathrop Park), Kendall County Community Food Pantry, and Yorkville Intermediate School. The COVID-19 Pandemic and its effect on our community have increased food insecurity across all of Illinois. If you need assistance visit the food bank's website. <a href="https://solvehungertoday.org/">https://solvehungertoday.org/</a> or call (630) 443-6910.

If you'd like to volunteer at the food bank <u>click here</u>. If you'd like to donate to the food bank <u>click here</u>.

If you have additional questions or concerns please contact Scott Koeppel, Kendall County Administrator at <a href="mailto:skoeppel@co.kendall.is.us">skoeppel@co.kendall.is.us</a> or 630-553-4171.