

## Food Bank of Northwest Indiana

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Supplying food to local pantries  
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## WHOLE FOODS DONATES 6800 POUNDS OF APPLES TO THE FOOD BANK OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

### Whole Foods “Takes a Bite Out of Hunger” by Donating Apples to Local Food Banks

Gary, IN— On June 1<sup>st</sup>, Whole Foods and its apply supply partner, FirstFruits Marketing of Washington, donated 6,800 pounds of apples to the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana through the “Take a Bite Out of Hunger” campaign. The nationwide campaign aims to donate 1 million apples to food banks across the United States.

“Our goal is to live our core values that include community citizenship and being active in our local communities,” said Michael Stumpf, Director of Produce for Whole Foods at the Munster distribution center. “This donation will help many and provide fresh, nutritious fruit that is not readily available at the Food Bank.”

Whole Food donates fresh produce to the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana throughout the year.

Angie Williams, Executive Director of the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana commented at the donation that, “We are thankful for the generous donations provided by organizations like Whole Foods and FirstFruits Marketing. Their gifts help us to provide healthy food to those most in need including children, families and the elderly.”

In Northwest Indiana an estimated 110,000 people are dealing with hunger every year.

The Food Bank of Northwest Indiana is located in Gary and supplies food to over 100 pantries and soup kitchens in Lake and Porter Counties. In addition to distributing food to their member agencies the Food Bank also runs the BackPack, Kid’s Café, Mobile Pantry, Food Rescue and Pantry on the Go programs and offers pantry referrals. Last year the Food Bank distributed over 4.7 million pounds of food, and served over 5,000 individuals a week.

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