

## Food Bank of Northwest Indiana

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## AUNT MILLIE'S DONATES 3,600 LOAVES OF BREAD TO FOOD BANK OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

Donation Come Just in Time for Christmas

Gary, IN— Aunt Millie's Bakeries, a family-owned company headquartered in Fort Wayne, Indiana since 1901, donated 3,600 loaves of Old Fashioned White Bread on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> to the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana. The company produces Aunt Millie's bread and bakery products and other brands, which are distributed throughout the Midwest. This is the third time the company has made a donation like this to the Food Bank.

"Generous donations from caring companies like Aunt Millie's makes our job easier," said Angie Williams, executive director of Food Bank of Northwest Indiana. "We thank them for helping us during the busy holiday season."

According to statistics from the State of Indiana there are over 100,000 people living at 125% under poverty in Lake and Porter Counties. According to a Hunger in America study, 42.8% of the members of households served by the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana are children under the age of 18, and 10% are elderly citizens.

Aunt Millie's will donate 64,567 loaves of bread – over 1,000 loaves per day the holiday season. The retail value of the donation is \$12,204 in Northwest Indiana, and \$218,882 total for the Midwest.

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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Pictures Below



Volunteers packing the donated bread.