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From Warehouse to Community: Midwest Food Bank's 2025 Impact Powered by Dedicated
Volunteers

LOCATION, ST. – Midwest Food Bank is celebrating a powerful season of impact, strengthened by the dedication of volunteers whose cumulative service hours span decades. While 37,000 volunteers served in 2025 alone, three individuals represent an extraordinary lifetime commitment, contributing more than 57,000 cumulative hours of service over the years.

These hours are not from one single year. They reflect years, and in some cases decades of faithful service helping Midwest Food Bank distribute food, respond to disasters, and meet growing food insecurity needs nationwide.

In 2025, Midwest Food Bank was able to:

- Distribute millions of pounds of food to nonprofit partners
- Support disaster response efforts across multiple states
- Strengthen partnerships with churches, schools, and community organizations
- Operate efficiently through a volunteer-driven model that maximizes every donated dollar

“2025 has been a year of meaningful growth and measurable impact,” said [CEO/Executive Director Name]. “Because of our volunteers, we are able to serve more families, respond quickly in times of crisis, and operate with excellence.”

The Power Behind the Mission: 57,000+ Lifetime Hours of Service

While the collective strength of Midwest Food Bank's volunteers fuels the mission daily, three individuals represent an extraordinary level of commitment:

- Tom Reiker – 23,642 cumulative hours
- Terry Beeson – 17,134 cumulative hours
- Rosy Lewis – 16,845 cumulative hours

Together, they have given more than 57,000 hours of faithful service to neighbors facing hunger.

Tom Reiker – 23,642 Cumulative Hours

Before dedicating his time to Midwest Food Bank, Tom served as President of Peoria Tire and Vulcanizing, where he built a career grounded in leadership, operational excellence, and community relationships. That business experience would later become an asset inside the warehouse walls of MFB.

Tom began volunteering in 2005 following Hurricane Katrina, helping package disaster relief boxes. “We were hooked after that experience,” he said. Since then, he has served in leadership roles and daily operations, applying the same discipline and consistency that defined his professional career.

“I can see the LORD’s miracles happening every day,” Tom shared. “MFB is more than giving food away—you become part of the MFB family.”

His 23,642 cumulative hours reflect not only time served, but decades of leadership redirected toward fighting hunger and strengthening communities.

Terry Beeson – 17,134 Cumulative Hours

Terry’s service reflects both commitment and faith in action.

“My favorite tee shirt has ‘Look what God is doing’ on the back. God’s hand is at work here every day and we volunteers are His hands and feet. He gives us a joyful opportunity to serve Him.”

His 17,134 cumulative hours represent years of steady dedication, packing boxes, supporting warehouse operations, and stepping in wherever help is needed.

Rosy Lewis – 16,845 Cumulative Hours

Rosie Lewis began volunteering in 2011, initially picking up bread for her church before joining the distribution line. What started as a simple act of service grew into a full-time commitment after she retired. Today, she helps check in volunteers, answer phones, and assist with documentation.

She describes Midwest Food Bank as “like a second home” with “great people, great purpose”.

During personal hardships — including the loss of her son and recovery from arm surgery, Rosie experienced deep support from fellow volunteers. “It was like the family stepped up,” she shared.

Rosie says the most valuable lesson she’s learned is not to judge others, and she encourages anyone considering volunteering: “Even one day or one hour, you’re helping someone.”

Midwest Food Bank was founded in 2003 on the Kieser family farm in rural McLean County, Illinois. Partner non-profit agencies receive food from MFB at no cost. MFB, the largest food bank in the U.S., has 10 domestic locations serving 29 states. There are also two international locations, East Africa and Haiti. For more information about Midwest Food Bank (your Location), please visit their website at midwestfoodbank.org.

Midwest Food Bank ("MFB") is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) charity. As a faith-based organization, it is the mission of Midwest Food Bank to share the love of Christ by alleviating hunger and malnutrition and providing disaster relief. The vision of Midwest Food Bank is to serve those in need with excellence, providing physical and spiritual nourishment.

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