

EXPERIENCE FOOD BANK OF IOWA



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Welcome to the Food Bank of Iowa! Visiting our facility is the best way to understand our role in the emergency food network. We offer several different ways for individuals and groups to experience Food Bank of Iowa and our work.

Tour Our Facility

We've been in operation since 1982, but our Des Moines facility completed a total overhaul in July of 2018. Our 53,000-square-foot distribution center is the hub of distributions totaling more than 1 million lbs. of food each month. That food reaches the tables of 175,000 food insecure Iowans thanks to our network of more than 600 partner agencies — food pantries, meal sites, shelters, and more — all dedicated to ending hunger.

Tours of our facility average 30 minutes, and include every area of our facility from the Wellmark Foundation Visitor Center to the Nationwide Foundation Distribution Center, home to massive refrigerated and frozen spaces, plus thousands of pallets of food.

Sign up today by using our contact form.

Volunteer

Volunteers are key to accomplishing our mission, helping with everything from sorting donated food to provide expert advice to our team. Commitments range from one-time volunteer shifts of just 3 hours up to weekly or even daily recurring roles.

Find the volunteer role that's right for you on our Volunteer page.

Host a Meeting

At the Food Bank of Iowa, we're all about collaboration — in fact, it's one of our 5 core values! In this spirit of working together, we are pleased to offer the use of meeting rooms in our Des Moines facility to community groups, local nonprofit organizations, and corporate partners.

Use of these spaces is subject to staff availability and scheduling requirements. We ask that community groups and corporate partners consider a monetary donation for the use of our space. Please complete the form and our staff will reach out to conform arrangements.

CONTACT US

Executive Administrator and Office Manager, Laura Sheriff, at lsheff@foodbankiowa.org or 515.564.0332.

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Multiple Options

Tailor your visit to our facility to meet your needs. Bring your group in for a tour and stay for a volunteer shift. Wrap up your meeting with a walk through our warehouse. Add a catered lunch to feed your team. We're happy to customize your experience based on your team needs.

- **Multipurpose Room:** This classroom-style room can comfortably seat up to 40 people. Mobile tables allow the room to be set up in a wide variety of configurations, and a large HDTV (HDMI connection) at the front of the room allows for easy presentations.
- **Board Room:** A beautiful granite table (donated by Nationwide) seats 14 in the center of this traditionally oriented board room. A large HDTV (HDMI connection) at one end of the room and a glass marker board added to your group's productivity options.
- **Kemin Room:** The Kemin Room can fit up to 8 people around one circle table. The Kemin Room includes a conference phone, white board, and optional podium and easel.
- **Kitchen:** A professional-quality range, surrounded by ample counter space, allows groups to make the most of our kitchen. Groups up to 40 people can find plenty of room in this space.

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