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Serving Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Moultrie, and Shelby Counties



## Helping to Feed Those in Need

### Partners in Produce - Arthur Produce Auction

The success and support of this project has been incredible since it's inception in 2019. This wouldn't be possible without the growers and buyers donations. An Illinois Innovation Network grant this season included funding for Eastern Illinois University nutrition and dietetics students Abby Mann and Samantha Metternich to assist us. To date for this growing season, we have received a total of 58,133 pounds of produce and distributed those donations to 41 different food pantries, summer feeding programs, shelters and feeding sites. All of our Unit's pantries have been receiving weekly donations and we have expanded to offer fresh produce to Champaign, Macon and Edgar counties on occasion. What a joy to be able to offer fresh, right out of the field produce to those who are food insecure. More information is online at <https://extension.illinois.edu/ccdms/partners-produce>



## Mobile Food Pantries

In partnership with Catholic Charities of Decatur and Central Illinois Food Bank, Shelby County 4-H and Shelbyville United Methodist Church we have been sponsoring monthly food mobiles in Windsor and Shelbyville. On average, we serve about 100 food insecure families at each event. Our intention is to continue this project as long as needed.



## Shelbyville Community Garden

In collaboration with the Shelbyville Community Garden committee and HSHS Good Shepherd, we have planted a new garden space at the hospital. We have 10 raised beds and are planning on adding another 11 with the help of a grant provided by HSHS Good Shepherd. To date, this new garden has harvested 508 pounds of fresh produce to donate to our local food pantry.



## "Little Food Pantry"

Going into Fall, we are beginning to plan on placing "little food pantries" in several of our underserved communities. Our pilot pantry will be located at HSHS Good Shepherd. The Community Garden grant will sponsor this pilot project. We do have builders and plans for three more pantries to be added in our Unit. Funding for them will come from several different donors and builders. Those plans are in the works and hopefully will be in place before winter.

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