A collaboration between educational institutions, religious centers, and local government
School Street Food Pantry is an organization that is dedicated to providing students in the local community with the food, supplies, and knowledge they need to become self-reliant in the future.

“Food for Thought!”
Location

211 North School Street
Normal, Illinois
Open Hours:
Fridays 4 - 6 pm
What is Food Insecurity?

Dictionary

Enter a word, e.g. "pie"

food insecurity

noun

the state of being without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food. "more than 800 million people live every day with hunger or food insecurity as their constant companion"
What are the implications of food insecurity to health?

- With diminishing resources, such as access to a healthy diet due to cost of education and lack of affordable housing, students facing food insecurity are more likely to suffer from:
  - Poor nutritional health
  - Poor mental health
  - Hypertension
  - Poor sleep outcomes
  - Diabetes
  - Hyperlipidemia

- The food environment and one’s aptitude for food planning, management, preparation, selection, and eating impacts one’s overall well-being (Massey, Prelip, & Calimlim, Quiter, & Glik, 2012).
How does food insecurity impact student success?

- Students facing food insecurity perform poorer academically than their food-secure peers (Freudenberg, N., Manzo, L., & Jones, H., 2011; Bruening, 2016).
- Marissa O’Neill and Jen Maguire (2017) found a negative correlation between food security and GPA.
- Students reported “low energy and the inability to concentrate” both in and out of the classroom (O’Neill & Maguire, 2017).
National Statistics

- National incidence of food insecurity on post-secondary education campuses is nearly 45% (Bruening, Argo, Payne-Sturges & Laska, 2017)
- Some universities face significantly high rates of food insecurity, including, University of California (Martinez, Maynard, & Ritchie, 2016)
The Social Problem on ISU Campus

Illinois State University is comprised of 20,784 individuals. Over 18,000 students attend bachelor’s programs, while another 2,500 attend graduate programs (ISU Planning, Research, Policy, and Analysis, 2017). The social problem from the community’s perspective has been acquired through survey and personal interview.
Student Government Survey

- 65.4% of 908 students surveyed indicated they knew someone on campus struggling to purchase food
- Over 95% of students believed that a food pantry on campus would be used occasionally to frequently

L. Wobblers, Student Government Senator, personal communication, February 2, 2018
In Spring 2018, a survey was created and administered by the ISU School of Social Work, ISU Student Government, and the Bloomington-Normal Democratic Socialists of America

- 45.45% of students indicate that they have had difficulty purchasing food while a student at ISU
- Students identified:
  - Food insecurity as having inadequate access to food at least once in a semester
  - Cost as the biggest barrier to accessing groceries
  - Transportation as another barrier
Graduate student Amy Illovsky completed an IRB approved study of ISU campus
- Students completed the U.S. Adult Food Security Survey Module
  - 56 out of 146 students were food insecure on some level (39.16% of students)
  - 23 were low food security, and 33 were of very low food security status
What is a Food Desert?

According to the Economic Research Service of USDA, a food desert is defined as a 1-mile radius in urban communities or 10-mile radius in rural communities from a large grocery store or supermarket.

An estimated 19 million people live in a food desert; approximately 6.2% of the population.

From the Bloomington-Normal Food Summit, 2018
Responsibility of ISU Faculty & Staff

● Be and Stay Informed
  ○ Resources
    ■ Syllabi
    ■ On Campus Cooking Classes
    ■ LINK, SNAP, WIC

● Intentful Conversations
  ○ Student Worker Trainings
  ○ Classroom Discussion
Classes

Easy, healthy meals for college students.

Learning cooking skills like food handling and knife usage.
Responsibility on ISU/Community

- Shared Responsibility
  - Student friendly and affordable choices
    - Affordable & Accessible groceries
- Resources
  - Facilities
    - On and Off Campus
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- **RED** Non-Perishables Only/Unknown
- **GREEN** All Food Items & Non-Food Items
- **School Street Food Pantry**

- **CA** College Avenue Church
- **SV** Saint Vincent DePaul Society
- **MM** Ministry & More
- **R** Reconcile Church
- **CR** City of Refuge Food Pantry
- **MP** Mount Pisgah Baptist Church
- **SA** Salvation Army
- **HP** House of Prayer Food & Clothing
- **CH** Center for Hope Food Pantry
- **PU** Park United Methodist
- **EV** Eastview Christian Church
Food insecurity is a very real situation for University of California students. It affects more UCR students than one might think!
Go check out
SchoolStreetFoodPantry.org