

# FOOD BANK



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## **Iowa Total Care Helps Food Bank of Siouxland Keep Food on the Table in Rural Siouxland**

The Food Bank of Siouxland is thrilled to partner with Iowa Total Care in the fight against hunger. Thanks to Iowa Total Care's generous Transportation Sponsorship, the Food Bank's Mobile Pantry Program truck has been funded to distribute and pick up food for at least the next year. A ribbon cutting and unveiling of the new co-branded Mobile Pantry Program truck is scheduled for July 13 at 1 p.m. at the Food Bank of Siouxland.

In addition to the Food Bank's Mobile Pantry Program: *Food to You*, the truck is also a critical component of picking up donations of food from local retailers and wholesalers, and it is necessary to deliver food to member agencies for their food pantries and feeding programs.

By delivering the food to agencies and the mobiles, the Food Bank of Siouxland is breaking down the barriers of food access to those in need. Beyond the Mobile Pantry, Iowa Total Care has provided funding for the Food Bank's BackPack Program: *Food for Kids* this year. Iowa Total Care is committed to providing focused, compassionate and coordinated care to the Siouxland community and it is the Food Bank's mission to lead the fight against hunger. Both organizations are looking forward to improving the livelihoods and health of those in need in the Siouxland community.

"Iowa Total Care is committed to helping a growing number of individuals who struggle to put food on their table," said Mitch Wasden, Plan President & CEO, Iowa Total Care. "Through Iowa Total Care's Be Well. Eat Well initiative, which promotes healthy living through healthy eating, we are grateful to partner and support the great work of the Food Bank of Siouxland."

"In the past year we have seen significant increases in the amount of food needed in the rural portion of our service area," stated Food Bank of Siouxland Development Director Valerie Petersen. "To know that we have the support of Iowa Total Care, and we can continue serving

these areas because of their support, is a huge relief. We are excited to continue collaborating with Iowa Total Care over the next year.”

**About Iowa Total Care**

Iowa Total Care is a managed care plan that provides health insurance in Iowa. Established in 2019, Iowa Total Care exists to improve the health of its members through focused, compassionate and coordinated care. Iowa Total Care is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Centene Corporation, a diversified, multi-national healthcare enterprise. For more information, visit [www.iowatotalcare.com](http://www.iowatotalcare.com).

For more information about Iowa Total Care’s Be Well. Eat Well initiative, visit [iowatotalcare.com/bewelleatwell](http://iowatotalcare.com/bewelleatwell).

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