



# Food Bank of WNY

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## Food Bank of WNY earns maximum 4-star rating from Charity Navigator

**BUFFALO** (August 16, 2017) – The Food Bank of WNY’s strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency have once again earned a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America’s largest independent charity evaluator. This is the third consecutive time that the Food Bank of WNY has earned this top distinction.

Charity Navigator helps guide intelligent giving by evaluating the Financial Health and Accountability & Transparency of more than 8,000 charities. Since 2002, using objective, data-driven analysis, Charity Navigator has awarded only the most fiscally responsible organizations a 4-star rating.

“The Food Bank of WNY’s exceptional 4-star rating sets it apart from its peers and demonstrates its trustworthiness to the public,” according to Michael Thatcher, President & CEO of Charity Navigator. “Only a quarter of charities rated by Charity Navigator receive the distinction of our 4-star rating. This adds the Food Bank of WNY to a preeminent group of charities working to overcome our world’s most pressing challenges. Based on its 4-star rating, people can trust that their donations are going to a financially responsible and ethical charity when they decide to support the Food Bank of WNY.”

As the Food Bank of WNY continues its mission of providing nutritious food and support to community members in need, it is proud to report that 94% of every dollar donated to the organization is allocated for programs and services that assist the hungry in Western New York.

“In order to fight hunger one day at a time, the Food Bank of WNY relies on the support of our compassionate community. It is important to us that our valued donors know that we use their donations wisely to accomplish our mission,” said Marylou Borowiak, President & CEO of the Food Bank of WNY. “This top rating demonstrates the Food Bank of WNY’s good governance and is a testament to the leadership of our Board of Directors and the efforts of our staff.”

***(The Food Bank of WNY is the primary hunger-relief organization in Western New York, obtaining and distributing food to 341 member agencies including food pantries, shelters, soup kitchens, youth programs, and senior centers in Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, and Niagara counties. Through these agencies, the Food Bank of WNY serves as many as 134,955 individuals in any given month, including more than 44,000 families, 55,000 children and infants, and nearly 16,500 seniors. For more information, visit [www.foodbankwny.org](http://www.foodbankwny.org).)***