

### A Legacy of Service: Honoring Mary Koeller

At this year's *Toast to Transformation* commemoration, the St. Louis Area Foodbank proudly introduced a new honor — **The Mary Koeller Legacy of Service Award** — named for a volunteer whose dedication has touched every corner of our mission.

Over the years, **Mary Koeller** has given more than **1,400 hours** of her time to help nourish our neighbors in need. You can always find her

with a smile on her face, whether she's loading cars at one of our food distribution events, assisting neighbors as they shop in our *Food on the Move* truck, or working in the *Repackaging Center*. No matter where she serves, Mary brings the same spirit of compassion, dedication to mission, and care that inspires everyone around her.

The decision to name the award after Mary was simple — she embodies what it means to live our mission every day. Her steady presence and unwavering commitment remind us that transformation begins with service and grows through love for community.

As Mary took the stage to receive the inaugural **Mary Koeller Legacy of Service Award**, the room rose in applause — a standing ovation not just for her hours, but for her heart.



Mary Koeller (left) receives her award from St. Louis Area Foodbank team members Mary Cooper, Jennifer Nemet and Hera Didway.

Have a story you want to share? Contact Jennifer Nemet at [jnemet@stlfoodbank.org](mailto:jnemet@stlfoodbank.org) or call (314) 227-3727.

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**Volunteer hours: July 1 through Sept. 30, 2025: 12,408**

### Don't forget about our Volunteer Appreciation Raffle!

**Each time you volunteer during the quarter, your name will be entered to win a raffle prize!**

- That means the more you volunteer, the better your chances!
- **Two prizes are awarded each quarter:**
  - Ages 15 and under: 1 winner
  - Ages 16 and over: 1 winner
- Every volunteer shift equals one raffle entry
- **Drawing Held:** The first week of the following quarter
- Winners will be contacted directly and announced in our next edition.