

# The Can Can



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### Current Pantry Needs

- Juice
- Coffee & Tea
- Jelly
- Toilet Paper
- Toothpaste/Brushes
- Dish Soap
- Laundry Detergent



## News From The Executive Director

Salina is an incredibly generous city! Over the past couple of months, Salina has worked together to ensure that everyone here has access to healthy and nutritious food.

The National Association of Letter Carrier's food drive held on May 12th brought 28,263 pounds of food into the Food Bank. Project Salina has wrapped up for another year with donations exceeding the goal in many categories. The summer food program is in full swing again this year at neighborhood sites all around Salina.

All of this happens because people in Salina care about one another and take action to make sure that those facing hunger and food insecurity have food to eat throughout the year. I'm proud to live and work in Salina and participating in these events over the past several months has reinforced for me just how fortunate I am to be part of this wonderful community. Thanks for all your support and have a great summer.

Michael

A group of volunteers help sort donations during the mail carrier's event!





**Project Salina** has wrapped up its 28th year. During the month of May, nearly 200 local businesses participated by encouraging their employees and customers to donate non-perishable food products and money to purchase food products. The products gathered during the month benefit Ashby House, Salvation Army, Emergency Aid/Food Bank, Salina Rescue Mission and DVACK all year long. Visit **Project Salina's** Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/Project-Salina](http://www.facebook.com/Project-Salina) to see more pictures

from this year's event. **Project Salina** contributes approximately 300,000 food products to the benefit agencies and helps keep the shelves stocked at the Food Bank all year long! We are so grateful for their support and could not do what we do without this annual event. Project Salina is recruiting new board members. Those interested in serving should contact Janie Morris at [lifeskills@salinafood.org](mailto:lifeskills@salinafood.org) or by calling 785/827-7111.



USD305 staff used a trailer to deliver pallets of Mac & Cheese to the Project Salina Warehouse.

### **CSFP Senior Box Program—**

In January we began participating in the Kansas Food Bank's CSFP program.

The first month we distributed 32 boxes. The program has already grown to 70 participants. Boxes are distributed to pre-qualified seniors who meet income eligibility requirements. Each person receives a box of shelf stable food once per month. Items in the box vary from month to month, but typically include oatmeal, canned vegetables, canned fruit, and juice. For more information on this program, contact Cheryl at 827-7111 or [volunteercomm@salinafood.org](mailto:volunteercomm@salinafood.org).



Volunteers help distribute boxes. Shown left to right are Shan, Marion, & Mary Ann

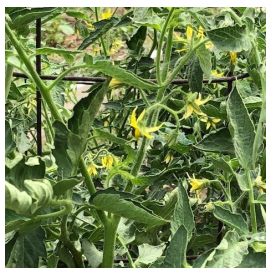
**Did you know?** Each week EAFB receives thousands of pounds of fresh produce, bread & pastries, and miscellaneous food products from local grocers. We pick up donations from Sams, Walmart, Target, Dillons, Aldi and Sara Lee regularly. These products are made available to our clients, but the majority of them are shared with our partners at Salvation Army, Salina Rescue Mission, Ashby House and DVACK. Recently, we received a large donation of milk, which was shared with our partners and used to supplement the non-perishable products used by our clients.

**Student Intern—**Kelci Krier is a senior student at Kansas State University Polytechnic majoring in Human Development and Family Studies. She is completing her final practicum with the Food Bank during the months of June, July and August. Kelci has spent her time at the Food Bank observing all facets of our programs and operations. She's conducted client service interviews, cooking classes, and facilitated volunteers activities. Additionally, she has visited many of our partner agencies to gain a larger perspective of the services available in Salina.



**A** new partnership between EAFB and K-State Research and Extension has resulted in several rows of tomatoes and peppers in our garden. We have had plenty of sunshine, a little rain, and lots of help keeping the weeds at bay! We are encouraged by the

yellow blooms on the tomato plants and look forward to providing this fresh, healthy and nutritious produce to our clients in the upcoming months. Is there anything better than watching a garden grow?



### **Ways of Giving—**

There are a variety of ways donors can support Emergency Aid Food Bank and its programs. Consider making a regular monthly food or financial contribution. Visit us regularly to learn about our current needs and identify those opportunities to support that are meaningful to you. We would enjoy the opportunity to discuss with you how your contributions contribute to enhancing the quality of life and make a lasting impact in the lives of those we serve. Contact Michael at 785/827-7111 or by email at [michael.chambers@salinafood.org](mailto:michael.chambers@salinafood.org),