



EAFB NEWS

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Left is a photo of Great Plains employee volunteers cleaning up EAFB's garden. Right is SHRMA gift presentation.



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DIRECTOR'S NEWS

By Michael Chambers

The holidays are over but I find myself wanting to hold on to a slower pace for a while longer. To spend more time savoring all the goodness of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. All the wonderful time spent with family and friends. Celebrating all the magic that happens this time of year. It's time to start thinking ahead, time to start implementing the plan for 2020, but I'm just not ready to move forward yet. So much goodness has transpired and I want to feast on it a while longer. I recently read a colleague's newspaper column on creating neurological pathways for gratitude. Basically, gratitude grows more gratitude. It's the perfect reason to express gratitude for all the goodness I've witnessed recently. Thank you for all the goodness you create. Each act of giving is an offer of help and hope to those facing challenges. The picture at the left is of me receiving a group hug from Heusner Elementary School first graders. I'm going to hold on to this feeling all year long. Happy New Year & Thank you.

Michael



Community Garden Partnership

The Food Bank is happy to be part of a community garden partnership with K-State Research & Extension, North Salina Community Development; Tammy Walker Cancer Center, Master Gardeners and others. This project recently received \$5,000 in grant funds from the Dane G. Hansen Community Grants Fund at the Greater Salina Community Foundation. Pictured above are (L) Karen Black and (R) Brandee Mayginn with GSCF and members of the partnership. Funds will be utilized to rebuild the garden for the benefit of the entire community.

MATCH MADNESS: 2020

Save the date: March 19, 2020. Once again the Greater Salina Community Foundation will host Match Madness. The 2020 version of Match Madness will include old favorites like the opportunity to visit with many of the non-profits in Salina, a Free Throw Contest and Matching Funds to help make your gift go even further. Hosted at the Salina Fieldhouse, this year's event will include new features such as a Half Court Shot Contest and Bonus Gifts for the non profit with the most individual single-day donations. This one day event is the major fundraiser to build our endowment. We hope you'll be able to attend and take part in this amazing day of giving!

Visit MatchMadnessGSCF.org for more details about this years event!

Current Needs:

Cold Cereal & Oatmeal

Canned Beans & Canned Fruit

Jam & Jelly

Canned Tomatoes & Tomato Sauce

Toilet Paper & Kleenex

Laundry Soap, Bar Soap & Dish Soap

Earl Bane Foundation Makes Grant

The Earl Bane Foundation recently awarded the Food Bank a \$7,500 grant to replace our heating and air systems. The current systems, which are original to the building, have reached the end of their useful life. This gift brings us much closer to the \$25,000 needed to complete this project. In the past two years the Earl Bane Foundation has assisted the Food Bank in upgrading the facility to more energy efficient LED lighting, purchase a new phone system, new carts, and a new refrigeration unit. All of this makes a significant difference in our ability to serve those in our community who are facing difficult times.

LOOK WHAT YOU DID

You are the reason that the Food Bank is a viable and lively resource for those in our community who are experiencing difficult times. Because of you the following happened in 2019:

15,517 People Served

5,066 Children Served

1,337 Senior Citizens Served

409,290 Food Items Distributed From Pantry

4,605 Volunteer Hours Contributed

You make life better for many!

On behalf of those we serve, Thank You!