



EAFB NEWS

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At left is a Sally Brungardt of Modern Woodmen of America. At right is Angie Lobato with Meadowlark Ridge Elementary School



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DIRECTOR'S NEWS

By Michael Chambers

Life as we knew it has changed. COVID-19 has forced everyone of us to change how, when and where we do things. Many of us experienced for the first time what it feels like to go to the grocery store and not be able to purchase what we want, the minute we want it. Be it toilet paper, hamburger, or rice. We were all in the same boat for a few weeks while grocery stores struggled to adjust to supply chain issues caused by the COVID-19 onslaught. Local grocery store donations to the Food Bank dropped by nearly 90%. As our shelves emptied, the community rallied. I get chills thinking about how fiercely people went to work making sure that others had enough to eat. People wrote checks and delivered cash, created their own food raisers, shopped and dropped off critically needed items. The Food Bank's volunteers are fiercely committed to addressing hunger in our community. They serve others every single day. During a time of social distancing and limits on group sizes the Food Bank had to implement some procedural changes in order to safeguard the health of our clients, volunteers and staff. The only thing that hasn't changed is the fierce commitment of our volunteers and other supporters. We're not out of the woods, but it feels wonderful to know that we are all in this together. Thank you. -Michael



PROJECT SALINA AND LETTER CARRIER'S FOOD DRIVES

This is the time of year we normally gear up for the National Association of Letter Carrier's Food Drive & Project Salina. This is a different kind of year and many of the things that we hold near and dear are being put on the shelf for a while. Those who participate in these two events contribute a very significant portion of the food used to fulfill the missions of DVACK, Salina Rescue Mission, Salvation Army, Ashby House and the Food Bank. Each year the community contributes about 200,000 food items during the month of May. With requirements for required social distancing and limits on group sizes, these two events won't happen as they normally do. We'll keep you updated on changes and timelines via social media. If you have questions about how you can help the organizations that rely upon these fundraisers for fulfill mission critical operations, please don't hesitate to contact us at 785/827-7111.

MATCH MADNESS: 2020

Match Madness 2020 is one for the books! The GSCF staff and donors made this a slam dunk. As a result of the COVID-19 virus threat, the event switched from an in-person day of giving to a virtual day of giving. There was juggling, a pop-a-shot tournament and a tremendous amount of giving. In all, generous donors contributed more than \$291,000 to the permanent endowments of 74 non-profits. With matching funds, the total community impact is \$423,783 raised in a single day. Because of you, EAFB took home the title this year with a total of 92 donations, and \$23,754 being contributed to our permanent endowment. This event is our only Endowment Fundraiser. We are so thankful for all the generous support we received this year. These funds help today and ensure EAFB will be around to help those in need, FOREVER! Thank You!

Current Needs:

Hamburger & Tuna Helper

Canned Beans & Canned Fruit

Jam & Jelly

Canned Tomatoes & Canned Fruit

Instant Potatoes & Rice

Pancake Mix & Syrup

Cereal, Oatmeal & Crackers

Toilet Paper & Kleenex

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

The whole world is grappling with COVID-19. It's serious and scary. The Food Bank is considered an Essential Business during these times of social distancing and stay-at-home directives. Hunger doesn't understand a pandemic and our staff is here to help those in need. Because of you, those who don't always enough to eat, have a resource. Because of you families have food on the table. We're all in this together!

VOLUNTEERS GET IT DONE

April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month. EAFB has a fierce and dedicated force of 80 committed volunteers that get the work done. Each week volunteers contribute more than 100 hours of labor in service to the Food Bank. Volunteers stock the shelves, pack the grocery bags, sort products, clean work areas and serve as board members. The scope of work completed at the Food Bank would not be possible without the tremendous contribution of our volunteers. We are so thankful for each and every one of them. Included here are some pictures of a few of the folks that contribute their time to making life better for others!

