



EAFB NEWS

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Photos at left depict the decorations and some of the 200 guests enjoying the Stocktoberfest fundraiser held at BEL Tree Farm on 9/19/19. A good time was had by all.

DIRECTOR'S NEWS

By Michael Chambers

Autumn is my favorite season. I love watching the leaves, ground and sky change colors. The summer sun yields to cooler temps, and we too yield to the routines of school, work and shorter days. Hunger, however, doesn't understand the seasons. Each season of the year offers challenges and benefits as we work to address food insecurity and hunger in our community. Summer is very busy at the Food Bank. During the months of June, July & August we served 4,448 people including 1,518 children. In early August we were delighted to have the opportunity to partner with the Kansas Food Bank to facilitate a Fresh Produce Give Away from our parking lot. Over the summer many gardeners and farmers donated their excess produce, so that those we serve have the option to enjoy fresh, locally grown food. All of these things make a profound difference in the lives of those we serve. As we look towards the challenges and opportunities of autumn, we're thankful for all that each of you do to support our mission!

Michael

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Salina Regional Health Foundation CHIP Grant

Each week the Food Bank picks up thousands of pounds of donated food. Fresh produce, bread and frozen meat are all donated by our community partners at Sams, Walmart, Target, Aldi and Dillons. We run routes each week day in our box truck. This food is made available to clients of the Food Bank and to our partner agencies. Recently we received a Community Health Improvement grant from the Salina Regional Health Foundation to repair the floor of the box truck, purchase new tires, and complete other required maintenance on the vehicles used in our Food Recovery program. About the grant, Salina Regional Health Foundation Executive Director, Tom Martin said: "An Important part of leading a healthy lifestyle is having access to nutritious food. We recognize the important role that the Emergency Aid Food Bank plays, in our community, to help those who need assistance in this regard." Pictured above at left is Terry Hill demonstrating the improved function of a pallet jack on the new floor of the truck. At right, Hill displays the amount of produce donated in a single day from Sams.

PRODUCE GIVE AWAY

On August 9th we hosted a fresh produce give-a-way in our front parking lot. Thanks to our partners at the Kansas Food Bank we were able to distribute fresh sweet corn, apples, grapes, plums and potatoes to about 200 families. This was the first time our community has been selected to participate in such an event. We were assisted in our efforts by a couple of volunteers. Fresh produce is often a luxury to the clients we serve. It was a pleasure to see the happy faces that benefited from this exciting opportunity.

Current Needs:
Cold Cereal & Oatmeal
Tuna & Dry Milk
Canned Tomatoes & Tomato
Sauce
Toilet Paper & Kleenex
Laundry & Dish Soap
Body Wash

STOCKTOBERFEST 2019

On September 19th we hosted our first ever Stocktoberfest event at BEL Tree Farm. The event was sponsored by Hickory Hut BBQ, BE Wealth, Hannebaum Grain, Heritage Real Estate Advisors, BEL Tree Farm, Belmont Boulevard Christian Church, The Market Shop, Crown Distributors and Vidricksen Distributing. Silent Auction items were donated by Long McArthur Ford Lincoln, Bennington State Bank and Bank of Tescott, and Hickory Hut BBQ. Two hundred people attend this record breaking fundraiser. More than \$13,000 was raised to support the Food Bank's mission. Michael Chambers, Executive Director said, "this was an incredibly fun and successful event. We hope to continue to build on the event and make it an annual deal! The tree farm is a beautiful venue and the evening was made even better by the people that came out to support our mission and enjoy the live music offered by Brandon Smith and the BBQ dinner provided by Hickory Hut."

GALLONS FOR GOOD

24/7 Travel stores has once again announced they will be conducting their Gallons For Good Fundraiser to benefit Food Banks in the communities in which they operate. The fundraiser will run from 10/22-10/31. Ted Augustine of 24/7 Travel Stores said, "5 cents for each gallon of gas purchased at their stores during the promotion will be donated to local food banks." Those who wish to participate; fill their gas tanks and walk away from the pumps knowing they've helped address hunger in their community!