



Food for Thought

together, we are hunger's hope.

Give Hope to Those In Need This Holiday Season

Fall 2008

Each Thanksgiving, God's Pantry Food Bank distributes more than 4,000 Thanksgiving boxes to Fayette County families in need, containing all the non-perishable items needed to prepare a Thanksgiving meal. Those boxes, packed at our annual Basket Brigade in early November (see page 3 for more information), are then coupled with a 12-14 lb. frozen turkey, a dozen eggs, onions and margarine and distributed the three days leading up to Thanksgiving at our six Lexington pantry sites.

This program, which was started in ???, gives a family a chance to truly enjoy their holiday without worry or concern about what they will eat.

One client shares her story...

"This was the first year that I had to ask for help during the holidays for my son and myself.

In the last eight months, I lost my husband and my job, so it has been a struggle. I am so thankful for God's Pantry helping the community in need. It is such a blessing to have programs like these.

You will be in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you so much for your help."

For every client there is a different

sharing
thanksgiving 

story. Some have lost their jobs, family members or their homes ... some have taken in sick or elderly family members and are holding down a full-time job, but simply can't make ends meet with the extra mouths to feed.

These are the stories heard by clients day in and day out at our pantries. Hunger doesn't strike just around the holidays, it is a daily struggle for many families living on the brink.

What God's Pantry Food Bank provides with each Thanksgiving meal, is hope. Hope for a better tomorrow, hope to keep fighting when the deck seems stacked against you and hope that situations will change and a better tomorrow is possible.

Join us this holiday season.

Give Hope!



What's in a Thanksgiving Box?

Instant Mashed Potatoes
Stuffing Mix
Cake Mix
Canned Green Beans
Canned Asparagus
Canned Corn
Canned Assorted Vegetables
Canned Cranberry Sauce
Canned Peaches
Canned Pineapple
Canned Sweet Potatoes
Corn Muffin Mix
Gravy Mix
Cookies
Other Assorted Snacks

All non-perishable items are packed at the Basket Brigade on November 1 and the following is added before distribution:

A 12 to 14 lb. Turkey
An onion
A dozen eggs
1 pound margarine

what's inside ...

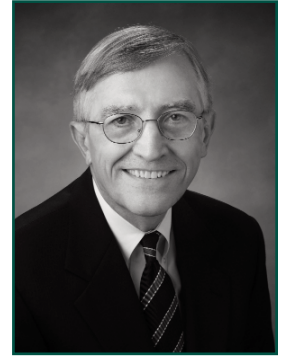
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- spotlight on Sharing Thanksgiving

a letter from the president

The economy is the number one issue today for those running for public office. It also is ours. We are seeing an increase in demand for emergency food service across our 50-county service area. In Fayette County alone, demand increased 43% between July 1 and September 18. At the same time, higher costs, including food and fuel, are making it harder to satisfy our added requirements.

Fresh produce has been a growing part of the mix of food we have been able to deliver in the past few years. This year, however, fresh produce has been harder for us to acquire. We particularly appreciate, therefore, the contribution of more than 6,000 pounds of fresh produce this summer from an unusual source – the Northpoint Training Center. Northpoint is a medium security institution and part of the Kentucky Department of Corrections. It is located on 550 acres south of Burgin near the Mercer County/Boyle County line.

We thank all of our donors and volunteers. We are working hard to make each dollar and volunteer hour count. You can be proud of the service you help provide to families that are out of options and in need of an emergency source of food.



Sincerely,

John Burkhard

Snapshots!



Kids at our WECEP Kids Cafe were recently featured in a story by WTVQ-TV in Lexington.



National City Banks all over Lexington closed early on July 16 and employees spent the afternoon volunteering in the community.



This year's Taste of the Bluegrass was a huge success, raising more than \$114,000.



God's Pantry Food Bank received a \$10,000 grant from the Jackson Curlin for Kids Fund in June. It will benefit the food bank's Kids Cafe programs.

Look what we've been up to!

Help Hungry Families This Thanksgiving

As you give thanks this holiday season for all the blessings in your life, please take time to remember those less fortunate. God's Pantry Food Bank's Sharing Thanksgiving program annually distributes more than 4,000 boxes containing all the essential ingredients to make a complete Thanksgiving meal to families in need in Fayette County.

Sharing Thanksgiving is a wonderful program supported by our community. If you wish to sponsor a family this Thanksgiving you may do so by calling (859) 255-6592 to make a donation. Each basket may be sponsored with a \$40 contribution.

In addition, the food bank annually holds the Basket Brigade - an all-day event where shifts of participants work on an assembly line preparing the boxes of non-perishable items for distribution the week of Thanksgiving. These boxes are paired with a frozen turkey, eggs, margarine and an onion during distribution.

More than 300 participants are needed for the Basket Brigade on November 1. Five two-hour shifts begin at 8 a.m. and the event concludes at 4 p.m. Participants pay a \$20 registration fee to help offset the costs of the baskets and receive a great event t-shirt! Complete registration information is available at www.godspantry.org under the "Events" tab!

Mark your calendars now for November 1 and Join the Brigade!

Dates to Remember:



November 1
Basket Brigade
God's Pantry
Food Bank

November 10
What's Cooking Class
with Jeremy Ashby from Azur
God's Pantry Food Bank

This year's Basket Brigade sponsors include:



gifts in honor and memory of:

(donor's name follows; gifts given between April - August 2008)

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"What's Cooking?" This Year?



What's Cooking? classes are held annually at God's Pantry Food Bank in support of our nutrition education programs. Local chefs prepare their signature dishes for participants and share the recipes and cooking tips while answering questions. Each chef traditionally prepares three dishes - an appetizer, entree & dessert - and participants are able to sample each dish and enjoy some great local wines.

This year's schedule is:

- October 13** - Local Chef Brent Boyd
- November 10** - Chef Jeremy Ashby, Azur Restaurant
- January 12** - Chef Michael Stoddart, Season's Catering
- February 9** - Chef John Foster, Sullivan Culinary Institute
- March 9** - Ouita Michel, Holly Hill Inn

The classes will each be held from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Junior League of Lexington Nutrition Education Center at God's Pantry at 1685 Jaggie Fox Way, Lexington. Advance registration is required and the cost is \$40 per person.

To sign up for any of this year's What's Cooking? classes, contact Susie Basham at (859) 288-5332 or via email at susie@godspantry.org.

Special Thanks

A very special thank you to the generous employees of American Funds who contributed more than \$39,000 in gifts in honor of David Harper, a fellow employee, for his retirement after ?? years with the company.

Through the matching gifts opportunity at their company, this group was able to contribute a total of \$68,202.

For more information on matching gifts or ways to make your donation go further, contact Rebecca Wallace at 859-288-5325.



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Everyone loves the holiday season, but loathes the traffic and long lines at the mall. God's Pantry Food Bank has the perfect solution. This holiday season, avoid the crowds and make a gift to the food bank in honor or memory of a friend or loved one. In return, we'll notify your loved one with a lovely card.



You can help hungry families in need and save your sanity. For more information, call 859-255-6592.

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