As Thanksgiving approaches, our thoughts turn to gathering with family and friends to share our appreciation for all our blessings. Some people have all they need to live. However, others have very little and often face difficulty meeting even their most basic needs.

At God’s Pantry Food Bank, our annual Sharing Thanksgiving distributions provide individuals and families with delicious food to cook and enjoy. This time-honored holiday program draws our community closer together as we reach out to help those who need us the most.

We invite you to join us and help assemble the food baskets at our annual Basket Brigade events, and/or donate funds to ensure we reach as many households experiencing hunger as possible! Together we’ll fill 6,450 boxes with a deluxe holiday meal, allowing an extended family to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with plenty of leftovers.

Participating in person or virtually, you’ll help spread gratitude, joy, and hope to turn a meal into a feast.

In addition to our Sharing Thanksgiving program, the Food Bank will deliver truckloads of nutritious produce and groceries across Central and Eastern Kentucky throughout November. More than 450 food pantries and meal

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programs are served by your financial support. These sites help reach thousands of struggling families living in both urban areas and rural towns in our service area.

Sharing Thanksgiving would not be possible without you. Please open your heart to our neighbors with a generous gift today.

Visit GodsPantryFoodBank.org for more information on our events and ways to give. Contact Tammy Taylor, Development Officer, at tataylor@godspantry.org or 859-288-5335, or simply mail back the enclosed reply coupon with your thoughtful gift today! 🌱

Hope Rolls in to Rockcastle County

“I like Paw Patrol, books, and cucumbers!” 4-year-old Ella told volunteers serving at a July food distribution at First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon. Ella visited with her grandmother, Vicky, with whom she stays each summer.

Your generosity to God’s Pantry Food Bank helped fill a truck with 12,000 pounds of fresh Kentucky-grown corn, cabbage, cucumbers, tomatoes, potatoes and zucchini, plus many delicious bakery items, to assist residents like Vicky and Ella. Vicky shared her gratitude for the variety of fresh fruits and vegetables. “There’s nothing like a homegrown tomato!” she said. Some of Vicky’s neighbors in need were unable to drive from their homes to the church, so Vicky took along some extra cabbage and tomatoes for them.

The Food Bank organizes a dozen or more seasonal produce distributions from June – September in various locations across our 50-county service area, sharing contributions from the Farms to Food Banks program. Special thanks to Christian Appalachian Project’s Grateful Bread Pantry for getting the word out about the distribution to the local community. 🌱

You can support area farmers and help solve hunger by partnering with God’s Pantry Food Bank and two local bakeries teaming up to feed more people facing hunger this season. Neighbor Loaves, a national food program created by the Artisan Grain Collaborative in March 2020, focuses on connecting growers, bakers, and consumers in a unique way.

To take part, simply purchase one or more loaves of bread from Bluegrass Baking Company or Stone Jack Bakers to be donated for hunger relief. The bakeries use locally-produced wheat to bake the bread, then deliver donated loaves to One Parent Scholar House, The Nathaniel Mission, and FoodChain.

Alison Justice, program coordinator at One Parent Scholar House, praised the Neighbor Loaves initiative. “Thank you for everything! This program has been
2021 BASKET BRIGADE:
Join Us in Person or Virtually!

Gather your family, friends and co-workers to help 6,450 households facing hunger enjoy an extra special Thanksgiving dinner!

Last year, members of the Kentucky National Guard did an amazing job filling in during the height of the pandemic. We’re thrilled to be able to invite others back this November! Join our 2021 Basket Brigade in person or virtually and help assemble food baskets for Sharing Thanksgiving.

A limited number of on-site participant spots are available at our London, KY distribution center on November 6th or in Lexington on November 13th at our warehouse on Jaggie Fox Way. On-site participation is $30 per person and includes an official event T-shirt. Age limit is 18 years or older.*

Participation in spirit from the comfort of your home is another way to share in the joy of giving. You’ll help set the Thanksgiving table by purchasing a food basket for a family in need. Cost is $60 per person and includes an official event T-shirt. No age limit or mask required for this option!

Register by phone today at 859-288-5332, or visit GodsPantryFoodBank.org/Events, until November 1 for the London or Lexington Basket Brigades.

The Sharing Thanksgiving Basket Brigades and food distributions are generously sponsored by (as of press time):

Lexington – Arby’s, PNC Bank, Mitchell Family Foundation, Kebco, Inc., the University of Kentucky Federal Credit Union, and Vulcan Materials Company


*On-site participants must adhere to current COVID-19 public health guidelines.

Thank You, Dollar General!

Nationwide, Dollar General is teaming up with food banks to alleviate hunger, especially in rural communities, where most of their stores are located.

God’s Pantry Food Bank has initiated a regional partnership with 119 Dollar General stores across Central and Eastern Kentucky. The stores donate nourishing shelf-stable groceries, plus produce and dairy products, greatly increasing neighbors’ access to the hardest-to-get fresh foods. By year’s end, the Food Bank hopes to be working closely with all of Dollar General’s 226 stores in our 50-county service area.

Direct distribution of milk products has risen 900% since Dollar General’s donations began. Other companies that provide milk and dairy through the food rescue program include Walmart and Kroger. Thank you to all our generous retail partners for your dedication to solving hunger across the Commonwealth!

In 2020, nine members of 1/623 FA BN (HIMARS) 138 FAB KY Army National Guard packed all 5,800 Sharing Thanksgiving boxes in six days!

with nourishing, fresh-baked bread

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Tax-Advantaged Giving

YEAR-END SAVINGS!

The mission of God’s Pantry Food Bank is reducing hunger by working together to feed Kentucky communities.

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Looking for ways to save on taxes heading into 2022? Take advantage of these opportunities to donate to God’s Pantry Food Bank in ways that may ease your tax burden.

Contribute securities and mutual funds that have increased in value and have been held for more than one year. You can reduce or even eliminate federal capital gains taxes owed at the time of transfer. You may also be entitled to a federal income tax charitable deduction based on their fair market value.

If you are 70½ years or older, you can donate from your IRA directly to a qualified charity such as God’s Pantry Food Bank without having to pay income taxes on the donation amount (up to a maximum $100,000 per year). Called the IRA charitable rollover, it is also known as a qualified charitable distribution (QCD).

Also, two important CARES Act Tax incentives continue for 2021 wage earners:

- the universal charitable deduction for taxpayers who take the standard deduction,
- an extension of the cap on deductions for cash contributions.

A donor advised fund (DAF), which is like a charitable savings account, gives you the flexibility to recommend how much and how often money is granted to a qualified charity such as God’s Pantry Food Bank. Maintained at a community foundation or some brokerage institutions, you can recommend a grant to make an immediate impact. Or, use your fund to prepare for making future charitable gifts.

Learn more about year-end gift planning by contacting Karen Griffin, Ph.D. at 859-288-5325 or kagriffin@godspantry.org.

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Scan this QR code for information on planned giving options.

Mike, here’s my gift to help our neighbors enjoy a special holiday meal with their families and friends this Thanksgiving!

[Checkboxes for donation amounts $40, $65, $100, $250, $500, $___________]

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[Checkbox] Please contact me at the phone number above about making planned gifts to God’s Pantry Food Bank.

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[Checkbox] Giving through my will  [Checkbox] Involving my company

I want to become a Hero for the Hungry with a recurring, monthly gift of $_________. I understand I can change or cancel at any time and have provided payment information below.

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[Checkbox] For recurring monthly gifts, please charge my card on the
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Please make your check payable to:
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Please call 859.288.5335 to charge your gift by phone, or visit give.godspantry.org to make a gift online.