



# Feeding the Programs that Feed the People

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## Frueauff Foundation Grant Feeds Kids

America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend received a grant from the Charles A. Frueauff Foundation to establish a special anti-hunger project called *The Backpack Program*. According to the foundation's website, the mission of the Charles A. Frueauff Foundation is to improve the lives of those in need by awarding grants to non-profit organizations in the areas of higher education, social services, and health and hospitals. In its 56 years of existence, the foundation has donated grants in excess of \$112 million to more than 600 agencies and institutions.

The *Backpack Program*, which began in October 2007, is designed to provide low-income children with a weekend's worth of ready-to-eat meals themselves and their families. It is a coordinated effort between America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend and the Boys and Girls Club of the Big Bend. The food for the program is divided up per child by Second Harvest employees and volunteers and then is picked up by staff from the Boys and Girls Club for distribution to local area school children. The logic behind using backpacks is to help reduce the stigma and negative attention

from peers that receiving a bag of food could possibly attract. The *Backpack Program* provides much needed food to 75 school children each weekend and will last for 36 weeks. After which time, it is our hope that another grant can be secured so that we may not only continue the program, but so that we may also expand the number of children who receive supplemental food through the program.

For more information on how you can help to support this vital community program, please contact America's Second Harvest at (850) 562-3033.



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# New Year's Note From Cheryl:

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

*Aesop, The Lion and the Mouse*

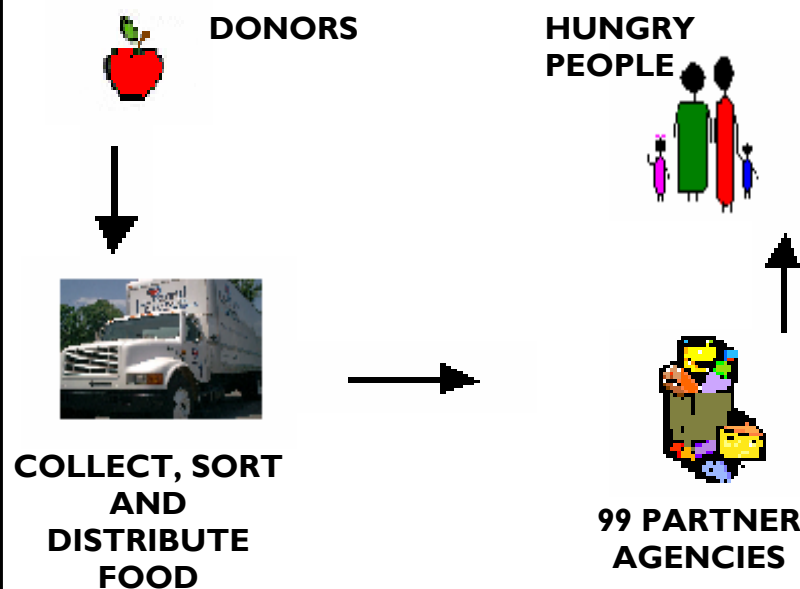
There were two donors last month who I talked with and whose stories especially touched my heart. One young man, Robby Wheeler, brought us 607 pounds of food before Christmas. He had distributed fliers in his neighborhood and asked for donations of food, which people generously gave. He knew that on his own, he may not be able to give much, but by working with others he could do more.

Another couple called us on New Year Eve's and had grapefruit to donate. Once we met them, the Fraziers told us they had planted the grapefruit tree from a seed many years ago. Now their tree produces so much fruit that they were able to give us more than 400 pounds!

We never know what effect our work may have on others' lives. What we do know is that by combining our efforts, by working in collaboration with our community, volunteers, and partner agencies, we are able to distribute more food and feed more people each year. This is especially important now, with the growing need we see in our communities.

Someone recently asked me "how important is my contribution when you distribute almost 3 million pounds of food each year?" But it's not the total weight that *really* matters, it's the number of people who were able to eat – and not go to bed, or school, or work hungry - because of our efforts. Thank you for your act of kindness, no matter how large or small, that helped to make it happen.

## How the Food Bank Works



## Hunger Fact:

12.8 million or approximately 17.4% of children in the U.S. live in poverty.

-DeNavas-Walt, Carmen, B.D. Proctor, C.H. Lee. U.S. Census Bureau, *Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2006*. August 2007.



# Food Drive of the Quarter: Leon High School SGA

Starting just after Thanksgiving and wrapping up just before the start of the winter holidays, Leon High School's Student Government Association held their annual food drive event, *Can the Principal*. The concept behind the *Can the Principal* event is for students to collect canned goods, stack them in the principal's office at their school and in the end to literally "can the principal" out of his office. *Can the Principal* has been held annually at the high school since 2003.

Each year the event has been a huge help to Second Harvest and our mission to feed the hungry in the Big Bend region. Year after year the event has continued to grow in popularity and support has increased steadily. This year's event, however, was wildly successful, perhaps beyond anyone's imagination. By the end of the food drive more than 22,000 cans were stacked waist deep and office space had become scarce. Furthermore, Leon High School students collected so many canned goods that to exit or enter his office, Principal Rocky Hanna had to climb in and out of his office window!

After the final tally, Leon High SGA's effort netted 17,587 pounds of canned goods. This impressive donation will certainly help America's Second Harvest continue our mission to feed the programs that feed the hungry people in our local communities. America's Second Harvest would like to give our heartfelt thanks to all the students, staff and parents at Leon High School who helped make this the most successful *Can the Principal* food drive yet!

## Holiday Community Food Drive Sponsors :

Florida State University School  
Federal Highway Administration  
FSU School of Social Science  
Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Enterprise Rent-a-Car  
Jackson Square Apartments  
Saturn of Tallahassee  
Girl Scout Troop #54  
Legend's Fitness  
Robby Wheeler- Lincoln High School  
Lincoln Construction  
Department of Business and Professional Regulations  
Marks Insurance Agency, Inc.  
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Rogers, Gunter, Vaughn Insurance  
Capitol Preferred Insurance Company  
Messer Insurance Group  
Florida Association of Insurance Agents  
Society of Government Meeting Professionals  
Gilchrist Elementary  
Raa Middle School  
Florida Geological Survey  
Chaires Student Council  
Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society  
Tau Beta Pi (Fl. Eta Chapter)  
Best Beginnings Mom's Club

Women's World  
Gold Gym  
Wakulla High School  
Seminole Suites  
Maclay Community Service Club  
Palmer Eye Center  
Golden Lighting  
Blairstone at Governor's Square  
Boardwalk at Appleyard  
FAMU Food Fight (included 19 organizations)  
W.T. Moore Elementary  
Genesis Church.TV  
Women's Council of Realtors  
Beta Psi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity  
Florida League of Cities  
Capital City Harley Davidson- Toys For Tots  
Graduate Student Advisory Council (FSU)  
Attorney General's Office  
House of Representatives  
Society of Arts & Crafts  
Multicultural Greek Council  
Florida Commerce Credit Union  
Patients First North  
Scottsdale Academy

...and the many other individuals, families and community members too numerous to list that support ASHBB.

# Meet Our Staff

## Staff Question of the Quarter: What do you like best about working at ASHBB?

### **Office Staff:**

Cheryl Phoenix (Executive Director): The challenge and mission of getting food to our partner agencies— and ultimately to the people who are hungry.

Jennifer C. Roberts (Director of Community Outreach): I like all of the exciting projects I get to be involved in while striving to increase awareness about the issue of hunger in our local community and the terrific people I have the opportunity to work with while fulfilling the ASHBB mission to feed hungry people.

Melanie Dobbs (Executive Assistant): I like knowing that I'm helping people in some way.

Patricia Glenn (Agency Relations Coordinator): I like working with our agencies to help meet the needs of our clients. In addition, working to further ASHBB's mission really gives me a personal sense of purpose.

Tamela Costa (Finance Director): I like knowing that I'm making a difference even if it's an indirect one.

Tina Reason (Agency Relations Director): I like working with a committed and diligent staff. I also enjoy working with diverse agencies, I recognize that being a partner agency is voluntary, yet their dedication is extraordinary. Finally, it's a wonderful feeling to know the outcome from everyone's efforts means that we are helping to feed the neediest in our community.

### **Warehouse Staff:**

Kerrick Crumitie (Warehouse Manager): Being a member of Second Harvest for almost 6 years has really made me appreciate working in an environment that takes so much pride in serving our communities. That alone is my motivation to proudly wear a smile everyday, here at ASHBB.

Wendy Palmeira (Receipting Clerk): I like the feeling that I'm doing a small part to help the community.

Delkie Patrick (Warehouse Assistant/Driver/Second Helpings): I like that we feed the hungry people and that's a good thing. I also like the staff because we are like family.

Edward V. Osborne (Warehouse/Driver): I like meeting with all of our agencies in the out lying areas of the Big Bend region.

Gerald Norton (Warehouse): I like helping people and feeding the hungry.

Jim Jones (Warehouse/Driver): The people welcome me with open arms; very helpful and cheerful everyday— I know this is hard but they show it.

Tracy Lewis-Johnson (Inventory Clerk): The thing that I like best is when the orders are correct and when the agencies are satisfied.

# Volunteers



## Volunteer Spotlight: Gabrielle Oates and Elders Nielsen & Jacobson



Gabrielle Oates is an office volunteer who has been donating her time to Second Harvest for nearly four months. Outside of her volunteer work she is a devoted nurse, wife and mother to a three and half year old son, Paxton.

### Why did you choose to volunteer at ASHBB?

I thought it was a great organization to work with- they do a lot with the community and they help a lot of people.

### What do you like best about volunteering at ASHBB?

I just have a lot of fun while I'm here volunteering!

Elders Jacob Keny Jacobson and Brady Benjamin Nielsen have been volunteers at ASHBB for more than five months. They are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints who are dedicated to their missionary work. Through their volunteer efforts sorting, boxing and categorizing donated foods in the Second Harvest warehouse, they have been instrumental in helping to feed thousands of hungry families throughout the Big Bend region.

### What do you like best about volunteering at ASHBB?

Elder Jacobson: It's great to help out at a food bank and know that we're helping people around the area that are in need.

Elder Nielsen: I like doing the physical labor. It is nice to move around and get to work with my hands.

We  
**LOVE**  
Our Volunteers

### Volunteer Groups:

Alpha Phi Omega (FSU)	Mentor One
Alpha Phi Omega (KD Ch.)	Multicultural Affairs, Inc,
Capital City Bank	Nat. Assoc. of Black Accts.
Caribbean Student Association	Nat. Council of Negro
Christ Town	Women
Church of Latter Day Saints	OMA Ambassadors
Epicurean! Fashion Exp.	Phi Kappa Psi (FSU)
FAMU CSA	Progressive Black Men. Inc.
FAMU Housing & Residents	Sigma Alpha Iota
Life	Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority
Fashion, Inc.	Sigma Lambda Beta Frat.
FSU Lady Spirithunters	Sigma Lambda Gamma
Gamma Sigma Sigma	Sigma Rhomeo Fraternity
Godby HS Baseball Team	Sistuhs, Inc. (FAMU)
Iota Student Association	Sistuhs, Inc. (FSU)
Junior Class Cabinet (FAMU)	St. Louis Catholic Church
Kappa Psi Psi	Trinity Catholic Church
Latino Student Association	

### Individual Volunteers:

Alex Zaki	Kim Mehr
Alexandra Drinkwine	Mardravius Wiley
Alicia Rosanske	Megan K. Graham
Antario Johnson	Melinda Frantz
Calvin Pace, Sr.	Nadia Williams
Cassidy Mehr	Paul Burris
Dan Shaffer	Peter M. Rodgers
Daphne Williams	Rochelle Schofield
Diane Bradley	Robin Whisnant
Dick Rosanske	Ryan Williams
Dionne J. Watley	Rylee Mehr
Erin Sanders	Sean Lawler
Grace Drinkwine	Shane Jones
Japanica Harris	Shannon Raymond
Katia Wilson	Stephanie Killum

### Volunteers Always Needed!

- Sorting & Boxing Donated Items
- Office Duties
- Warehouse Work
- Maintenance Issues

For more information call (850) 562-3033

# Meet Our Partner Agencies

Abe Springs Baptist Church, Inc.  
Blountstown 1st Church of the Nazarene  
Chipola Community Church  
First Assembly of God in Carrabelle  
First Baptist Church of Eastpoint  
Franklins Promise Coalition  
Agape Christian Fellow Center  
Bell Road Human Service, Inc.  
ChristTown Ministries  
Community Cares Outreach  
Gadsden County Senior Center  
Gadsden County Humane Society  
Greater Bethel M.B. Church  
Helping Hands Foundation Family Center  
Holy Community Church  
Mt. Moriah M.B. Church  
N.F.E.D.C. Project Hope  
New Israel Church of Jesus  
St. James A.M.E. Church  
Tabernacle of Praise Deliverance Church  
Wewahitchka Search and Rescue  
Highland View Assembly of God  
Taunton Family Children's Home  
Caverns Road Church of Christ  
Christian Edification Center  
Elder Care Services  
Faith Haven Assembly of God  
First Presbyterian Church  
Malone United Methodist Church  
St. Anne Catholic Church  
St. Paul AME Church  
Casa Bianca M.B. Church  
Jefferson Co Senior Citizen  
Monticello New Life  
Mount Ararat AME Church  
New Bethel AME Church  
A Life Recovery Center  
Anderson Chapel AME Church  
Apalachee Center, Inc.  
Bethel Towers  
Bible Believers Fellowship Church  
Big Bend Cares  
Big Bend Hospice  
Boy's & Girl's Club of Big Bend  
Brehon Institute Serenity Shores  
Briarwood Neighborhood Network  
Girls & Boys Town of North Florida  
Catholic Charities  
Dick Howser Center  
DISC Village

E.C.H.O. Outreach Ministries  
Fernwood Baptist Church  
Flipper Chapel AME Church  
Food Outreach Ministry, Inc  
Freedom Church Assembly of God  
Friendship P.B. Church  
Georgia Bell Dickenson  
Grtr Frenchtown Govnr Revitalization Council  
Good News Outreach  
Grace Mission Church  
Greater Mt. Zion Prim. Baptist Church  
Griffin Heights Apartments  
Haven of Rest  
Holy Comforter Episcopal  
Hope For Life Baptist Church  
Killearn United Methodist Church  
Capital Area Community Action Agency  
Leon Arms Apartments  
Life Changers COGIC  
Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church  
Lighthouse Childrens Home  
Springfield Kids Cafe (DISC Prevention Center)  
Miracle Years Child Care  
Maranatha S.D.A. Church  
Mount Pisgah AME Church  
Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist  
Operation Provision  
Praise Cathedral Church  
Pregnancy Help and Information Center  
Revival Center  
Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church  
SHISA Inc.  
Tallahassee Big Dog Rescue  
Tafpa, Inc./ Heartland House  
Big Bend Homeless Coalition  
The Shelter  
Mt. Zion United Pentecostal  
Community Church of Perry  
Fellowship Baptist Church Steinhatchee  
First Baptist Church Perry  
Taylor County Leadership Council  
Tri-County Foster Parents Assoc.  
Faith Holiness House Of Prayer  
First Baptist Church Crawfordville  
Medart Assembly of God  
Promise Land Ministries-WATCH  
Wakulla County Animal Shelter  
River of Life Church

\*Would you like to become a partner agency?  
Contact: Tina Reason (850) 562-3033

## Advocate's Voice: U.S. Farm Bill

The U.S. Farm Bill increases the federal dollars given to support critical anti-hunger programs such as food stamps, The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), as well as provides additional grants to help food banks and related organizations that serve to feed those in need. Congress reviews the Farm Bill once every five years and last made revisions to it in 2002.

Currently, the House of Representatives and the Senate have each created their own versions of the new Farm Bill. While they share commonalities, they also differ as well. The HOR version provides \$250 million for TEFAP with annual indexing for inflation and requests the changes to TEFAP be made permanent, as opposed to the Senate version where changes to TEFAP would either end or have to be revised after five years. The HOR version is also preferred over the Senate's version because it calls for an increase to the \$10 minimum monthly benefits allowed by the Food Stamp Program. The Senate version, however, would require more significant improvements to the food stamp asset rules which are used to determine qualifications for receiving assistance, in addition to helping to determine the amount of one's monthly food stamp benefits once one is determined to be eligible.

Now, more than ever before, it is of particular importance that the Farm Bill be approved, passed and immediately implemented. The Hunger Action Center recently released a report in which it stated that "food banks across the country are finding it difficult to meet the needs of the growing number of hungry families." According to the Florida Association of Food Banks, 1.9 million Floridians are food insecure each year and "40% of the families served have at least one full-time working member in their household." An uncertain economy, increasing fuel, food, medical and housing costs are taking a toll on families across the nation and the programs designed to serve them. A significant, long-term plan for funding the food stamp program, The Emergency Food Assistance Program and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, and providing support to the organizations fighting to end hunger is crucial to developing a healthy country.

Please contact your federal legislators, Senators Mel Martinez and Bill Nelson, and Representative Allen Boyd, Jr. and voice your support for the many programs and charities working to serve low-income Americans. Stand up and demand the development of a strong Farm Bill to help ensure that vital anti-hunger programs will have the necessary resources they need to continue providing for the men, women and children who suffer from hunger and poverty in our rich nation.



## Program Spotlight: Second Helpings

*Second Helpings* is our prepared and perishable food rescue program. America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend partners with local grocery stores and restaurants to pick up excess prepared and perishable food that would normally be discarded. We redistribute the food to our partner agencies who can serve it immediately to their clients, be they indigent, homeless, or children in low-income assistance programs. *Second Helpings* is crucial, not only to feed the hungry and reduce food waste in our community, but also to keep the general public aware of our food recovery efforts as our trucks are seen out in the community.

### Thank You to Our 2007 4th Quarter Donors:

Albertson's, Kentucky Fried Chicken, New Leaf Market and Deli, Olive Garden, Pizza Hut, Publix, Red Lobster, Star Bucks, Tasty Pastry



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## Spotlight: Upcoming Events

### \* **Scouting For Food:**

February 9th, Local boy scout troops will be distributing bags throughout local neighborhoods to collect canned good donations.

### \* **4th Annual Ice Bowl:**

February 9th, 9:00am– 2:00pm at Tom Brown Park, sponsored by the Seven Hills Hurlers Disc Golf Club includes Disc Golf and Bocci Ball tournaments, and a chili cook-off!

### \* **Pampered Chef:**

April 9th, organized by ASHBB Board of Director's Secretary, Sharon Martin, a percentage of all proceeds will benefit Second Harvest. Pre-orders accepted for those who can't attend the event at [www.pamperedchef.biz/donnaandrews](http://www.pamperedchef.biz/donnaandrews).

\*\*For more information on these and other ASHBB events, please contact us at (850) 562-3033.

### \* **Peace Run:**

April 13th, 12:00pm– 5:00pm at Railroad Square. For more details on how you can get help, contact Peace Run Organizer, Bill Grace at (850) 766-7175.

### \* **National Food Month:**

April 2008, important reminder to community members that hunger is year-round. Take advantage of this opportunity to hold a food drive or volunteer at ASHBB to help ensure that the men, women and children in our local area have enough food to eat not only during National Food Month, but all year long.

### \* **National Volunteer Appreciation Week:**

3rd week of April, ASHBB's mission would be impossible if not for our wonderful volunteers! Festivities are planned to celebrate and thank the individuals and community groups that work tirelessly throughout the year to help fight hunger in the Big Bend region.

### \* **Stamp Out Hunger:**

May 10th, National food drive effort sponsored annually by the United States Postal Service. Postal Carriers deliver bags for food collection via residential mailboxes. Strong community support has been exhibited in the past, and ASHBB is confident that 2008 will be just as great!