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Brown Bags for Seniors Program

There are many individuals throughout our community that work hard everyday and still struggle daily to support household and family needs. Each month brings the continuing dilemma between paying rent, utilities, medical insurance and prescriptions or buying food. What happens as these individuals age and are unable to work? Many must depend on woefully insufficient social security checks to cover all of their expenses. Often their social security payouts are even less than the paychecks from their former employment. Situations like this happen everyday to elderly citizens in our local area.

for Seniors Program works to provide impoverished seniors or seniors living on a fixed-income with extra groceries. Each month, America's Second Harvest provides the food for supplemental brown bags of groceries to select partner agencies to help feed more than 450 of our community's elderly citizens. These bags of groceries are distributed in the third week of the month. This is a critical time, as senior's fixed incomes often run low at the end of the month. A variety of foods are included, from canned goods, fresh breads and pastries, and produce, such as fruit and vegetables, when available.

America's Second Harvest has a program designed to address this very serious issue by feeding some of our most vulnerable neighbors. The Brown Bags

If you would like to donate funding or time to help support this and other ASHBB programs, please use the donation envelope in this newsletter or call us at (850) 562-3033 to find out how you can get involved in the fight against hunger.

Pampered Chef Event

Pampered Chef® Fundraiser Show is a casual, fun and inspiring way to learn how to make cooking and entertaining easier, all while supporting America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend! Come enrich the lives of those within our local communities by helping to raise much needed funds for this very worthy cause!

Shared mealtime is not a reality for all people living within our community. With a desire to set a place at the table for everyone, Pampered Chef's *Round Up from the Heart* campaign encourages guests to "round up" their product orders to the nearest dollar or more.

Also, the show will feature a very special *Round Up for the Heart* Trivet. Not only

will an additional \$2.00 be donated to America's Second Harvest with each purchase of this item, but this beautiful trivet will make a terrific Mother's Day gift!

A portion of the proceeds from all orders during this fundraiser show will go directly to America's Second Harvest! So, come join us, at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9th at 1306 Preakness Point.

Enjoy appetizers and beverages, great new products and support the fight against hunger in our local community!

For more information on this event or for those that simply can't make it to the event, but would still like to support ASHBB, visit www.pamperedchef.biz/donnaandrews



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Note From Cheryl:

We Need Your Help on the Federal Farm Bill!!

Although efforts have gone well in Congress to pass a final Farm Bill that would add funding for The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), it was stalled before the two week congressional recess began on March 14th. Passage of the Farm Bill is vital for us to be able to increase the amount of USDA Commodities through TEFAP given to those who are hungry, and the Farm Bill also makes revisions to the Food Stamp Program so that more people can utilize that program to obtain food.

As you know, skyrocketing fuel and food prices, coupled with our economic slowdown, make it increasingly difficult for many struggling families, seniors, and disabled individuals to make ends meet. Those most at risk need our help to pass this important federal legislation. Please contact your Members of Congress today to quickly pass a final Farm Bill! There is an easy way to do this by registering with www.hungeractioncenter.org. It only takes five minutes to register but will send a message to your Members of Congress to finalize the Farm Bill to help those in need.

The next year proves to be interesting for our State and the Big Bend community, as we anticipate increasing numbers of people needing assistance and the costs associated with obtaining and distributing food. Your support has been and will continue to be invaluable as we work to help feed those in need. Thank you for being a partner with us!

Important
DATE!

**ASHBB
Agency Relations
Annual Conference**

Honors our Partner Agencies
with information and support!

June 12th, 2008
At TCC - Tallahassee
8:30 until 3:30

Hunger Fact:

About 24,000 people die every day from hunger or hunger-related causes. Three-fourths of the deaths are children under the age of five.

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Event of the Quarter: 4th Annual Tallahassee Ice Bowl

On Saturday, February 9th, the Seven Hills Hurlers Disc Golf Club held their Fourth Annual Tallahassee Ice Bowl at Tom Brown Park. The Ice Bowl is a disc golf tournament hosted in an effort to raise funds for various charities and is open to all players, regardless of experience. The rules of the Ice Bowl event were simple: 1) Under no circumstances may an Ice Bowl be cancelled or postponed because of weather conditions; 2) No wimps or whiners are allowed; and 3) There are no excuses for not attending!

The first 60 players that registered received a commemorative 2008 Ice Bowl golf disc and a mini disc. More than 80 individuals registered to play and many other community members attended to show their support while also enjoying the beautiful weather, an exciting competition and a tasty chili cook-off. In addition, there was also a Disc Bocce competition with an entry fee of \$5 or 5 cans of food.

The event was a huge success raising more than \$5,700 in cash donations. Furthermore, this year's event yielded more than double the food donations from the 2007 Tallahassee Ice bowl bringing in a total of 2,040 pounds of canned foods! All proceeds from the Ice Bowl event went directly to America's Second Harvest.

America's Second Harvest would like to offer our heartfelt "thanks" to the dedicated organizers who again made the event a success, James Farmer, Jason Haynie and Don Sherry, as well as the many community members and players who came out and supported this event!



Food Drive of the Quarter: Scouting For Food

On Saturday, February 9th, the Boy Scouts of America held their annual “Scouting for Food” food drive event. Boy scout troops throughout our area distributed plastic grocery bags in local neighborhoods to collect canned good donations.

Community members overwhelmingly supported this event by generously donating food. Through the Scouting for Food event the Boy Scouts of America were able to collect 10,520 pounds of food which they donated to America’s Second Harvest of the Big Bend.

In addition, not only did the Boy Scouts collect and donate more than five tons of food, several troop members also volunteered their time at the ASHBB warehouse facilities as well. Members of Boy Scout Troops #26 and #104 donated more than 25 hours of their time helping Second Harvest staff sort, categorize and box the donated items that they collected. Their help was certainly appreciated not only by the staff of America’s Second Harvest, but was also appreciated by our partner agencies and the men, women and children that we serve throughout the Big Bend.

Great Job, Troops!

Community Food Drives:

- * School of Arts and Sciences
- * Pineview Elementary School
- * Boy Scout’s *Scouting For Food*
- * Girl Scout Troop #64
- * Girl Scout Troop #93
- * Delta Sigma Pi
- * Tau Beta Pi
- * Curves
- * Demp Productions:
FSU & FAMU Can Wars
- * MGT of America

...and a heartfelt thank you to the many other terrific individuals, families and community members too numerous to list who also supported ASHBB.

**We
LOVE
Our Volunteers!**

Volunteers Always Needed!

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

For more information call (850) 562-3033

Volunteer Groups:

SAIL High School * Girl Scouts * Phi Beta Sigma * Visit Florida * Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints * Florida Farm Bureau * Young Farmers & Ranchers of Florida * Fernwood Baptist Church Community Christian School * FAMU Office of Orientation Leaders 1st Christian Church Youth Group * Boys Town * Tau Beta Pi * Rickards National Honor Society * Circle K International * Florida Junior Community College Student Government Association * Gamma Sigma Sigma * Alpha Phi Omega * Zeta Phi Beta * St. Peter’s Anglican Church * Oscar Anas Sanchez Hispanic National Honor Society * Make A Difference Tallahassee Volunteers * Boy Scouts of America Troops # 104 & #26 * Daisy Troop #153 *

Individual Volunteers:

Devin Mahorner * Gabbi Oates * Brady Neilson * Jacob Jacobson * James Costello * Japanica Harris * Tina Lizotte * Calvin Pace, Sr. * Kristy Walters * Shane Jones * Stephanie Killiam * Paul Burris * Charla Johnson * Ashley DeVierno * Jennifer Rivera * Felipe Mil-lon * Jesse Smithyman * Erica Reisz * Kelly Donouge * Jasmine Holmes * Micah McCray-Dennis * Jorga Law * Donald Cesarone * Evan Anderson * Marlun Medina * Ruben Nelson * Shelley Dickson * Tiffany Griffin * Chloe Chapel * Ramon Benton * Alex Zaki * Melinda Franz * Garrett Layton * Kerry Roth * Mark Musielah * Marlon Perry * Danielle Matthews * Joel Rushford * Wendy Goldberg * Amber Willis * Emily Dale * Nathan Schmidt * Walter Fitzpatrick * T. J. Quinn * T. J. Ward * Terri Moon * Marc Crowsey * Jessica Coulter * Holly Stewart * Vicki Wilburn * Nathan Wilburn * Jesse Henderson * Greg Brown * Brandy Saffell * Brian Blume * Shantel Wallace * Lisa Ann Vassell * Vinalla Smith * Nicole Jackson * Keisha Watts * Rachelle Thomas * Jannelle Jennings * Frances Kendrick * Abazo Alexander * Alexa Zeller * Jakayla Mitchell * Sabrina Neal * Mecca Thornton * Jamie Hatfield * Sylvester Gross, Jr * Janalee Morgan * Sara Wynn * Janina Motter * Okechukwu Onwunli * Meron Deldebo * Nwamaka Oryeozili * Michelle Flores * Melissa Melton * Neelima Shrestha * Sam Haselden * Rosalia Maier-Katkin * Jay Cardlinas * Adriana Tzi-gantcheva * Artak Hakobyan * Louis Lopez *



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Spotlight: Upcoming Events

* **Pampered Chef Show:**

Wednesday, April 9th, from 6:30–8:30pm at a lovely Arthur R. Rutenberg home at 1306 Preakness Point. See cover story in this newsletter for further details.

* **Peace Run:**

Sunday, April 13th, 12:00pm– 5:00pm at Railroad Square. For more details on how you can get involved or help out with the event, contact Peace Run Organizer, Bill Grace at (850) 766-7175 or VolunteerLEON Special Events Coordinator, Mike Edwards at (850) 606-1970.

* **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.

* **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.

* **Stamp Out Hunger:**

Saturday, May 10th, National food drive effort sponsored annually by Campbell's Soup, America's Second Harvest, the National Association of Letter Carriers and 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!

* **Hunger Awareness Day:**

June 7th, important chance to recognize the devastating effects of hunger, its immense and growing prevalence in the United States and how each of us can take action to make a difference.

* **2008 ASHBB Agency**

Relations Conference:

Thursday, June 12th, 8:30am – 3:30pm, training and workshop for our partner agencies at Tallahassee Community College.

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