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Feeding America's Children: Summer Food Service Program



“Thank you, Ms. T, for giving us lunch everyday. Yesterday it was the only thing me and my brothers ate.”

This recent quote came from a child in a local summer feeding program that receives food from America's Second Harvest. This is the reason ASHBB started the new child nutrition program, reaching out to feed over 200 children in neighborhood community centers, schools, churches and enrichment centers that provide summer programs for local children.

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) for children is operated nationally by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and administered by the Florida Department of Education (DOE). America's Second Harvest is proud to be a sponsor of this program. “It's great because it provides nutritious meals to children that otherwise may not have them when school is not in session. It also allows parents to stretch their food dollars during the summer months,” says Mrs. Stuckey. The menus are all USDA approved to ensure that the children are receiving their daily requirements of fruits, vegetables, meat, grains and milk.

ASHBB will also be sponsoring the After-

school Snack Program in the fall, providing snacks for afterschool program sites. This program is administered by the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Child Nutrition Programs. Email announcements will be sent out to partner agencies with applications and details around enrollment time.

If you or a site near you is interested in the DOE Summer Food Service Program or the DOH Afterschool Snack Program, please Contact:

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Special guest speaker Mayor John Marks kicks off the Annual Agency Conference. (See page 2.)



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Conference attendees enjoy Mayor Marks' opening remarks as they eagerly look forward to a day filled with informative workshops and opportunities for social networking.

Local Hunger Statistic:

In the past year, requests for food have increased by 28%, with some partner agencies reporting a 100% increase in need in the past two months.

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Note From Cheryl: FARM BILL UPDATE

We are thrilled that the Federal "Farm Bill" passed by a veto override of the House and Senate this year. This Bill included many provisions for USDA Commodities/TEFAP and Food Stamp Benefits, including:

Increasing the TEFAP allocation for USDA Commodities, and adjusting the allocation annually based on inflation. This will allow us to receive and distribute more USDA Commodities through TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program) to our partner agencies in the ten-county area.

Increasing the minimum benefit for individuals who receive food stamps, simplifying the process for those who apply, and allowing individuals and families to have more assets and still qualify for Food Stamps. Many times potential clients will not go through the process of applying for Food Stamps, because they don't feel it is worth the trouble for only \$10-15/month in benefits. This will allow people who qualify to receive more, and make it easier for them to qualify.

We are excited that this Bill has passed and will help more individuals and families who are in need of assistance. Through concentrated efforts on the local, state, and national levels, more of our neighbors in need will be able to be fed everyday.

Event of the Quarter: Annual Agency Conference

WHAT A SUCCESS!

America's Second Harvest held its Annual Agency Conference on June 12th, 2008 at the TCC Economic and Workforce Center, with over 70 attendees. Opening Remarks were given by Mayor John Marks, who thanked the agencies and America's Second Harvest for the important work done to help those who are hungry and in need in our area. The day continued with support and invaluable information that the partner agencies could use in their day-to-day operations. Workshops included Building Your Volunteer Program, Grant Writing for the Non-Profit, Disaster Planning for your Agency, Food Safety, Summer Food Service Program, Agency Best Practices and an ASHBB update.

"Taking Care of the Caretaker" was the topic for the luncheon presentation given by Sharon Daugherty, YMCA Financial Development Director. Attendees remarked that they appreciated the time at the conference so they could "recharge", share ideas with other attendees, and learn new things at the workshops.

Heartfelt thanks to our presenters and staff who worked so hard to honor our agencies! These include Mayor John Marks, City of Tallahassee; Jeri Bush, VolunteerLeon; Katie Sherk, American Red Cross; Arthur Youngblood, Department of Financial Services; Joya Albritton, Leon County Health Department; and staff Jennifer Roberts, Melissa Stuckey, Patricia Glenn, Tina Reason and Cheryl Phoenix. We look forward to an even better conference next year!



Food Drive of the Quarter: Stamp Out Hunger

Written by: Marlena Hopkins,
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America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend representatives and postal representatives met at ASHBB food bank to share the final results of the 16th annual "Stamp out Hunger" food drive. National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) food drive coordinator Angela Hamm was on hand to see the salvage shelves full. Ms. Hamm told Second Harvest, "Carriers are glad to help the community." Second Harvest Executive Director Cheryl Phoenix reported the Postal Service food drive netted 55,458 pounds of food for the community. Prior to the food drive Second Harvest Director of Community Outreach Jennifer Roberts explained in station stand up talks, "The biggest food drive of the year is the NALC food drive." Food bank representatives received a Certificate of

Appreciation from Postmaster Michael L. Halter which was presented by Station Manager Pam Briggs. Briggs also shared comments from Postmaster Halter about the outstanding effort of all the agencies that come together to create a win-win for the community and the community involvement to contribute to those less fortunate. Postmaster Halter expressed in his comments to the agencies "I am extremely proud of the carriers. Carriers continue to help those in need not only through the annual food drive but the carrier alert program as well. And with help from the partner agencies we all contributed to the community. We salute all employees from all agencies for this success."

Individual Volunteers:

Erika Reason * Richard Reason * Gabrielle Oates * Stephanie Kilham * Erica Warren * Nicholas Alford * Dick Leinberry * Melissa Melton * The Andrews' Family * Monique Gordon * James Costello * Chris Smith * Chris Tague * Will Chapman * Beth Hunt * Sarah Hunt * Sam Hunt * Mary A. Anderson * Gary Genks * Alexis Labolito * Nita Labolito * Jim Labolito * Kathy Owens * Janice Williams * Ivan Holbert * Lillian Carlton * Frances Harless * Esther Bruce * * Janet Mills * Susie Coleman * Shirley Nelson * Elaine Hicks * James Anderson * Mary Anderson * Alex Bath * Shae Bath * Christic Henry * Danisha White * Santanae Chandler * Zeyana Smith * Faith Holmes * Quanisha White * Asia Horne-Smith * Chelsi Austin * Paul Burris * Chris Jones * Toni Gadsden * Ashley Glover * Patience Aaboola * Takiya Wiggins * Jarrett McNeal * Natasha Miller * Jesse Exilus * Paula Percy * Tom Perkins * J onah Greenwood * Jacob Greenwood * Carmy Greenwood * Katie Flanagan * Paula Morris * Collean D'Acquisto * Sarah Ayers * Braden Ayers * Michael Ayers * Kyle Gower-Winter * Helen Marshall * Lisa Hamby * Adam Anderson * Tera Anderson * DeeAnn Campin * Luke McManus * Garth Smelser * Ginger Baxley * Tremain Mills * Sharon McKennie * Cassie NeSmith * Sheila Baxley * Zack Dean * Melanie Kramer * Deborah Johnson * Shawnda McBride * Paul Griffin * David Mosley * Derby Bernadel * Aaron Hayden * Morris Hawkins * Philip Gregory * Carlos Wilkins * Nick Jacobs * Tiffany Griffin * Danielle Lasanta * Gaby Lasanta * Natalia Rodriguez * Carmen Oquendo * Jessica Sauls * Jacob Auerbach * Rachel Jeter * Nicole Kulakowski * Sarah Marie Dietrich * James Blocker * Anna Detscher * Traci Small * Taylor Small * Syndi Small * Emma Raymaker * Scout Garren * Harper Garren * Melissa Yoshikawa * Clare Yoshikawa * Mikaela Dobson * Shannon Hampton * Quinn Changus * Samantha Otte * Madison Byington * Ciara Lepanto * Sarah El-Azab * Taylor Dayton *

Community Food Drives:

FL. Commerce Credit Unions
Railroad Square Peace Run
Taoist Tai Chi Society
CourageWorks For Horses
FSU Sailing Club
Florida High
Capital Area Gators Club
Community Christian School's
National Honor Society
Fringe Benefits Management
Company
First Presbyterian Church
Publix Supermarkets

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

Volunteers Always Needed!

- Sorting & Boxing Donated Items
- Warehouse Work
- Maintenance Issues
- Office Assistance
- Special Events

For more information call (850)
562-3033

Volunteer Groups:

BlueCrossBlueShield of FL * Fernwood Baptist Church * Alpha Phi Omega * Fellowship Baptist Women * Crossbridge Christian Church * Georgianna United Methodist * Oasis Center Girls Group * Leaders in Training * Diva's Mentoring Group * C.A.R.E. * Camp Flastacowo *

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Spotlight: Upcoming Events

ASHBB Orientations and Trainings for Partner Agencies:

July 18, 2008

Taylor County Public Library
403 N. Washington Street
Perry, FL (850) 838-3512

August 15, 2008

Franklin County Public Library
311 St. James Ave
Carrabelle, FL (850) 697-2366

September 16, 2008

Leon County Public Library
200 W. Park Ave
Tallahassee, FL (850) 606-2665

October 17, 2008

Jefferson County
375 South Water Street
Monticello, FL (850) 342-0205

Please note: Locations & times are subject to change.

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* Ten Thousand Villages:

Thursday, September 25th from 5:00pm– 8:00pm, 20% of all purchases will be donated to ASHBB. Refreshments will be served.

* 3rd Annual Empty Bowl Banquet:

Open to the public, this annual banquet is a wonderful opportunity to recognize and appreciate our most dedicated volunteers, generous donors and committed community supporters. To be held at the Challenger Learning Center this year, includes an awards presentation, dramatic empty bowl display by local school children, and refreshments.

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

Feed Tallahassee!

The new "Feed Tallahassee" fundraising campaign began on July 14, 2008! Through the sell of stylish emerald green wrist bands, this campaign will help to increase awareness about the issue of hunger in our local community and raise much needed funds for the food bank. A minimal tax-deductible donation of as little as \$5.00 can provide 25 meals to our hungry neighbors in need! ASHBB would like to thank the Capital Area Association of Health Underwriters for sponsoring this terrific event. Show your support and help fight hunger in Tallahassee!

