



Feeding the Programs that Feed the People

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3rd Annual Empty Bowl Banquet

On Friday, October 24, 2008 America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend held our 3rd Annual Empty Bowl Banquet. This year's event took place at the Challenger Learning Center in downtown Tallahassee. Open to the public, this annual banquet was a wonderful opportunity to recognize and appreciate our most dedicated volunteers, generous donors and hardworking partner agencies. This event also provided America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend the opportunity to increase awareness about the issue of hunger and poverty in our local communities. In addition, the event was headed by the 2008 Master of Ceremony Big Mark Thompson and included an awards presentation (winners are listed on page 2), dramatic empty bowl display by local school children (see picture above, right) and refreshments were provided courtesy of Harry's Seafood Bar and Grille, and Tri-Eagle Sales.

On behalf of the entire ASHBB staff, thank you to our partner agencies, award recipients, volunteers who worked both preparing for and at the event, and all of the guests who attended for making the 3rd Annual Empty Bowl Banquet a huge success!



Bowls made by local school children for the Empty Bowl Banquet.

Thank You to our Empty Bowl Banquet Sponsors!

- Harry's Seafood Bar & Grille
- KPMG
- Walmart
- Tri-Eagle Sales
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- Brown's Refrigeration
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Presidential Volunteer Service Award recipient, Nicholas Alford



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America's Second Harvest, the Nation's Food Bank Network, changed its name to *Feeding America*.

The organization's national logo has been updated from the checkered tablecloth to a tall stalk of wheat.

America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend is just one of more than 200 food bank members included in the national network which has strived for the past 30 years to reach out to hungry citizens across America. With this renewed focus we move forward with an even stronger determination to achieve our primary goals of feeding hope and fighting hunger.

Local Hunger Statistic:

Of the more than 31,000 people fed through ASHBB during the month of September 2008, 33% were children under the age of eighteen.

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Note From Cheryl:

Recently, I went to a meeting of the Florida Association of Food Banks, and talked with other Food Bank leaders around the state about how things are going. Their experiences are like ours, and other food banks around the country: the supply is down and the need is up. As soon as any donation of staple foods comes into the food bank, it goes out to one of our 100+ partner agencies. People are struggling to make ends meet and turning for help to our agencies, sometimes for the first time in their lives. As the numbers continue to climb, so does the importance of our work.

Not only are we working to get in more food from different sources, but individuals and organizations in our community are responding to the need, and for that we are grateful. In this newsletter, you will read about one young girl who took the initiative to organize her own community food drive (page 3). There are other food drives and community events planned to help us feed people (see page 4), but there is always room for more. If you are involved with a group or organization that would like to hold an event for us, please do so! It's a great way for everyone to have fun while helping others.

The need is overwhelming at times, but so is the generosity of our community. I know that together we will continue to find ways to feed families, children, seniors and individuals who are hungry. We are fighting hunger, and feeding hope.

Empty Bowl Banquet Award Recipients:

Food Drive Events

Stamp Out Hunger: United States Postal Service,
National Association of Letter Carriers

War Chant: FSU Homecoming Committee

Ice Bowl: Seven Hills Hurlers Disc Golf Club

Youth Food Drives

Can the Principal: Leon High School Student Government Association

Scouting For Food: Boy Scouts of America, Suwannee River Area Co.

Gilchrist Elementary Student Council : President Cameron Madsen,
Vice Pres. Anthony Milton

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George Weston Bakeries, Inc.

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Presidential Volunteer Service Award

Nicholas Alford

Gabrielle Oates

Erica Warren



Food Drive of the Quarter:

Special Guest Writer: Marlene Hanna

After hearing of America's Second Harvest's appeal for food donations subsequent to the flooding in the Big Bend Area, Erin Camille Polivka, age 8, decided one weekend to conduct a food drive. She distributed fliers in her grandmother's Cameron Chase neighborhood asking for food to help the hungry. On Saturday and Sunday afternoons Erin hopped on her bicycle and looked on residents' porches to see what they may have left for her to pick-up. Many bags of donations she could carry on her bike; other more weighty ones required the use of her little wagon and even her grandmother's car. Erin was pleased with the collection of food that totaled more than 100 pounds when weighed-in at the Second Harvest warehouse facilities.

When asked why she did the project and if she enjoyed it, Erin said, "I wanted to help people who are hungry. Giving out the fliers was hard work, but getting the food while riding my bicycle was lots of fun." On Halloween, when Erin goes trick-or-treating in her own Royal Oaks neighborhood, she plans to hand-out more fliers requesting food donations. Her family will help her again to collect the food and deliver it to America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend.

~ Marlene Hanna

Community Food Drives:

Macy's
Premier Bank
Gulf Winds Racing Club
KLUME Bible Boomers
CourageWorks for Horses
Mad Science of Tallahassee
Crossbridge Christian Church
Best Beginnings Mom's Club
Lake Jackson United Methodist Church
Silver Dome Chapter of the American Business Women's Association

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

Volunteers Needed:

- Donation Pick-Ups
- Maintenance Issues
- Office Assistance
- Special Events

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Individual Volunteers:

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Spotlight: Upcoming Events

* **FSU Warchant:**

Sunday, November 9th from 5:00pm–7:00pm. Show your Seminole spirit! Bring your canned food donations to help feed your hungry neighbors. Enjoy live music, food and fun!

* **Stuff the Bus:**

Week of November 17th. Sponsored by StarMetro this citywide food drive is a great opportunity to donate your canned food donations to help feed your hungry neighbors. Call ASHBB for drop-off locations and details on the grand finale wrap-up on November 21st!

* **UF vs. FSU Food Fight:**

November 19th–November 27th. Support your team and fight hunger! Publix Supermarkets will be accepting food donations to help ASHBB ensure

that feasts are a reality for Tallahassee families this holiday season. On-line donations also welcomed. Winning school to be announced on game day, November 29th!

* **Alternative Christmas:**

The alternative to the excessive commercialization of the holiday shopping experience!

John Wesley Church

(1689 St. Augustine Rd, Tallahassee)
(Saturday, December 6th, 9:00am–4:00pm & Sunday, December 7th, 1:00pm–4:00pm)

Christ Presbyterian Church

(2317 Bannerman Rd, Tallahassee)
(Friday, December 12th, 6:00pm–9:00pm & Saturday, December 13th, 8:00am–1:00pm)

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

Feed Tallahassee!

The “Feed Tallahassee!” fundraising campaign continues in hopes of raising \$10,000! 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!

