

Fighting Hunger. Feeding Hope.

ASHBB'S mission is to collect and distribute food to our 501(c)(3) nonprofit member organizations in the 10-county Big Bend region of Florida that provide food to people in need and to educate and inform the public about hunger's problems and solutions.

Working Together— Serving Others

Contributed by Pat Thomas of Feed My Sheep

Working together is what it's all about when it comes to serving others. Recently, volunteers from **St. Francis Episcopal Church** and **Gray Memorial United Methodist Church** packed over 80 Thanksgiving grocery bags for distribution to families in the area. Thanks to the generosity of Gray Memorial, St. Francis was able to add small pumpkins (just the right size for pies and table decorations) to go with the hams, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes and other Thanksgiving fare in the bags.

Much of this food came from the Food Bank program of **America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend**. The Food Bank is one of the core programs of ASHBB, which distributes items from the Food Bank through a network of over 120 partner agencies – each with its own way to feed the hungry.

St. Francis is one of these partners, reaching out to those in need through its program, *Feed My Sheep*. By combining resources and working together with other agencies like America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend and Gray Memorial, St. Francis is able to provide a bag of groceries to over 160 families each month.



Suzanne Harrell, Pat Thomas, Amanda Heggins (St. Francis); Cheryl Phoenix (Director of Second Harvest) and Helen Luke (Gray Memorial) in the center.



Bob Rackleff, Leon County Board of Leon Commissioners Chairman, and Jennifer C. Roberts.

2009 Excellence in Volunteer Management Award

On November 18, 2009, Jennifer C. Roberts received the 2009 Excellence In Volunteer Management Award from VolunteerLeon. She has served as Director of Community Outreach with America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend for over two years, and has steadily grown key aspects of her position since that time. As the Volunteer Coordinator, she has developed policies and procedures to effectively utilize volunteers in all aspects of the agency. She has increased the number of volunteers to over 700, who donated almost 6,000 hours of time last year

alone. "I'm pleasantly surprised and pleased to have been presented with this award. It's amazing the impact that individual's actions can make when we all work together," reflected Ms. Roberts.

Jennifer is also responsible for coordinating the food drives for America's Second Harvest, which has increased substantially under her direction. Last year the amount of food collected from food drives doubled from the previous year to over 300,000 pounds of food, the equivalent of 200,000 meals!

While doing these things, Jennifer also coordinated the first Hunger Study done by ASHBB this past spring. This study is done once every four years by food banks across the country, and allows them to gain insight into the local needs of the clients they serve. Jennifer coordinated this important research, which included training and scheduling volunteers to visit 28 sites and interview nearly 300 clients on their basic needs, collecting and reviewing all the data, and submitting it to the national research company for compilation. Great Job, Jennifer!

Thank You!!!

Fall 2009 Food Drives

A.M.W.A.T. Moving & Storage
ACS FL Healthy Kids Contract
Agency for Health Care Admin.
Agency for Workforce Innovation
American Guaranty Fund
Bond Elementary School
Cole Bros. Circus
Crossbridge Christian Church
Curves of Tallahassee
Deloitte
Earl Bacon Agency
Envision Credit Union
Farmers & Merchants Bank
Florida Bank
Florida Commerce
Florida Department of Highway
Safety and Motor Vehicles
Florida Div. of Vocational Rehab.

Florida State University School
Fringe Benefits Management Co.
FSU University Club Members
FSU S.I.F.E.
FSU WarChant
Gandy Printers
Gateway at Seminole Suites
Gold's Gyms
Gulf Winds Track Club
HP Enterprise Services
Hotel Duval
Golden Lighting
Legal Admin. Assoc. of Tallahassee
Leon County Schools/ T& IS
Leon High School SGA
Meridian Place Apartments
Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC
Municipal Code Corporation

Opus Broadcasting
Polos on Park Apartments
Premier Banks
Regal Miracle 5 Theater
SAIL High School
Spriggs Boutique
Southeastern Community Blood
StarMetro
Tallahassee Community Chorus
TCC- Campus Life
TCC- Human Resources
Department
VISIT Florida
W.T. Moore Elementary
Wakulla High School Interact Club
Weight Watchers
Women of Weems
Women's World



...and a heartfelt thank you to the many other wonderful individuals, families, businesses and community members too numerous to list who also supported America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend.