

Nourishing News

June 2016

From food drives and volunteering, to events and everything in between, members of our community have shown their generosity countless times and in very original ways. At the Food Bank, we are grateful for the efforts of those in our community, and we welcome the creativity and compassion of those who help us in our mission to alleviate hunger.

It's Easy to Fight Hunger!

Text **HUNGER** to **80077** to make a \$10 donation and provide 40 meals to our neighbors in need.

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A \$75,000 Matching Grant for a Hunger-Free Summer

Summer is a perfect time for children to play outside with friends and take delight in summer activities. Children who are hungry find it hard to enjoy these activities and often experience developmental setbacks.

Through a generous \$75,000 matching grant from The Helmerich Trust, donations to Hunger-Free Summer feeding programs will get matched dollar

for dollar. Multiply your donation to feed hungry Oklahoma children. [Click here](#) to support a Hunger-Free Summer. Help send our children back to school in the fall ready to learn.

Food Bank Receives Partner of the Year Award

Partners in Education, an organization with the goal of connecting schools with businesses and organizations to increase the quality of education, awarded the Food Bank the prestigious Partner of the Year Award. The Food Bank is the first partner to be nominated by two schools, Memorial High School and Penn Elementary.

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**John McCarthy and
Karen Martin**



Eastern Oklahoma Orthopedic Center has a Heart for the Hungry

EEOC employees have a passion for helping others. "We wanted to give back to the community, and started volunteering with the Food Bank in mid-2014," said EEOC's C.J. Wright. "Bringing staff together, who often don't see each other, in order to improve the community we serve, has proven to be

an invaluable tool for our staff. It has been truly rewarding to see such an amazing group of people continually want to do more for their community and others." For more information on Heart for the Hungry or corporate involvement, contact Heather Palacios at hpalacios@okfoodbank.org or call 918-936-4551.

Online Registration for Food Bank Volunteers

We are pleased to announce that volunteers can now register completely online. [Click here](#) to view our real-time calendar with available shifts. You can then register immediately. For additional information on volunteering at the Food Bank, contact Adam Baker at 918-936-4545 or abaker@okfoodbank.org.



Mobile Pantry at Claremore DAV

Veteran Outreach

In addition to the Mobile Eatery providing hot lunches and a food pantry to veterans at Tulsa's Coffee Bunker, the Food Bank is now beginning to assist veterans in rural communities. In partnership with the Oklahoma Disabled American Veterans (DAV), our Mobile Pantry will distribute fresh produce and bakery items to area veterans in need, with hopes of expanding across eastern Oklahoma. If you would like to support veterans programs contact us at development@okfoodbank.org.

Hunger Story

We recently met a woman at one of our Mobile Eatery food truck distributions who wished to remain anonymous. She told us how she was recently laid off as a machinist and shortly thereafter her car died. "The bus system makes it hard to fill out applications and interview. I have to get up at 4:45 a.m. to catch the bus just to go to Labor Ready."

[Click here to read the rest of the story.](#)





Stamp Out Hunger

Thank you to the letter carriers for participating in the Stamp Out Hunger food drive. Summer is a critical time of year in meeting the needs of hungry students on summer vacation. It is also a time when the Food Bank supply is in need of replenishing. Seeing the hardship in their communities, the letter carriers take part in this national food drive in local partnership with Reaso's, who hosted in-store food and fund drives, hundreds of volunteers and many generous supporters. Thank you.

Thank you to HANSON

For a third successful year, Hanson brought the Hop Jam festival to the Brady district of downtown. Accompanying their personal success, is the Hanson brothers focused awareness of those in our community who are struggling, particularly those with hunger issues. Once again, the festival donated proceeds from a raffled, custom-crafted Hop Jam guitar to the Food Bank. The guitar was modeled after the Hop Jam logo, fashioned by the Fab Lab and signed by the event's artists and brewers. Thank you Hanson.



L/R: Taylor, Zac and Isaac Hanson.



Battle of the Bands

Not only was Battle of the Bands an exciting, music-filled event, not only did it raise food and funds for the Food Bank, but it also enabled the Junior Ambassadors, a group of high-school students committed to social justice, the opportunity to get involved in fighting hunger. We'd like to thank the Junior Ambassadors for another great concert with fourteen bands and singer-songwriters competing for prizes in two categories.

If you would like to fight hunger with the Junior Ambassadors during the 2016-17 school year, send us an email to development@okfoodbank.org.

Upcoming Dates:

Family Night, First Tuesday of the month - June 7 & July 5

Bring the whole family and help those in need with enjoyable volunteer activities in the product recovery room. Volunteers as young as eight years of age are welcome when accompanied by an adult. RSVP to kpelizzoni@okfoodbank.org or 918-936-4512.

Food For Thought Luncheon, Wednesday, June 8 & July 13

Please join us for an informal educational luncheon and tour with our executive director, Eileen Bradshaw. Food for Thought is on the second Wednesday of each month from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend. RSVP to Heather Palacios at hpalacios@okfoodbank.org or 918-936-4551.

Cafe Olé Food for Kids, June 15 & July 20

Cafe Olé will donate 15% of all restaurant sales each third Wednesday from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Proceeds benefit Food for Kids programming at the Food Bank. Cafe Olé is located at 3509 S. Peoria on the east side of the Consortium. Visit cafeolebrookside.com for more.

Fifteenth and Home 3rd Anniversary Celebration, July 2

Many great items will get raffled and all proceeds benefit the Food Bank. Join us July 2 from 4 to 6 p.m and enjoy live music and amazing food provided by Smoke. Fifteenth and Home is located at 1512 E. 15th St.

For more information about ongoing Food Bank events [click here.](#)

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