

# HAPPENINGS

WHAT'S NEW AT THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK OF EASTERN OKLAHOMA

## Giving Spirits

Join honorary ambassadors Lorri & Pat Quinn and Jean & Mike Quinn for a one-of-a-kind whiskey tasting experience benefiting the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma on Friday, Nov. 6, 2015.



The main event is the Grand Tasting, during which guests can sample a collection of fine spirits from a variety of distillers, organized by world regions for best comparison. We will offer a variety of breakout sessions, focusing on the nuance and craft of whiskey-making, designed to appeal to both novices and experts. Local chefs will demonstrate the art of cooking with spirits.

For the connoisseur, the event will also offer a limited access VIP Tasting, guided by master distillers and showcase rare and exceptional whiskies from some of the most elite distilleries.

Giving Spirits will benefit the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma and your participation will help to provide meals for those in need in our community. For every dollar raised, the Food Bank can provide four meals.

[Click here](#) to purchase tickets or for more information. To learn about sponsoring Giving Spirits, contact Heidi Ewing at [hewing@okfoodbank.org](mailto:hewing@okfoodbank.org) or 918-935-4544.

## Whiskey Dinner at 624 Kitchen & Catering

Join us for a unique dining experience on Friday, January 15, 2016, from esteemed Chef Justin Thompson benefiting the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma.

Enjoy a specially curated, Justin Thompson four-course dinner paired with a hand-crafted whiskey cocktail from each of the four JTR Group Restaurants.

[Click here to donate!](#)

Your donations make a difference!  
Every \$1 provides 4 meals.

## Turkey Day 5K & Fun Run



The Turkey Day 5K & Fun Run is an opportunity to join the fight against hunger by raising funds and awareness of the issue in our community. Because for too many of our neighbors, Thanksgiving is just another day to worry about how they'll put food on the table. Join us on the Guthrie Green Thursday morning, November 26.

[Click here](#) to register. For more information contact Heidi Ewing at 918-936-4544 or [hewing@okfoodbank.org](mailto:hewing@okfoodbank.org).

To volunteer on race day, contact Adam Baker at 918-936-4545 or [abaker@okfoodbank.org](mailto:abaker@okfoodbank.org)

## Holiday Greeting Cards



Seating is limited, [click here](#) to reserve your seat. For more information contact Heidi Ewing at 918-936-4544 or

[hewing@okfoodbank.org](mailto:hewing@okfoodbank.org).

## Thank you

With every \$1 donated the Food Bank can provide 4 meals to the community. This means that every donation makes a significant impact.



Thank you to our friends at Bank of America, who recently awarded the Food Bank a \$25,000 grant. Their donation will provide 100,000 meals to those struggling with hunger in eastern Oklahoma. For more information on grants, contact Fran Bevel at [fbevel@okfoodbank.org](mailto:fbevel@okfoodbank.org) or 918-936-45509.



Led by social justice committee chair, Barbara Waxman, Temple Israel ran their annual campaign during the High Holiday season, to address hunger in the community. They were able to collect food and funds raising over 217,000 meals for hungry Oklahomans. Thank you Temple Israel for fighting hunger in our community.



## Looking for that perfect gift this holiday season?

Celebrate your friends, family or business associates, while sharing the gift of food with people in need.

The Food Bank offers four beautiful and unique Holiday Greeting Cards. Each card will go to your selected honoree(s) bearing a message with the giver's name.

For every one dollar you give, we can provide four meals this holiday season and beyond. These cards are truly a gift that keeps on giving throughout the year.

[Click here](#) to find out more about our Holiday Card Program. Contact Katy Dorais at [kdorais@okfoodbank.org](mailto:kdorais@okfoodbank.org) or 918-936-4506 for more information or if you have any questions.

## Fill the Plate

*will you help*  
**FILL THE PLATE?**

Where do you go when you're hungry, to your kitchen, the grocery store or your favorite restaurant? For the one in six Oklahomans who struggle with hunger, these might not be options and therefore, their plate remains empty. The continued support of our donors puts food on the tables of families, stocks pantries for senior citizens and provides healthy snacks for children. And now, your donations can help fill even more plates and help those struggling with hunger in our community.

Thanks to the generosity of the George Kaiser Family Foundation we will have a 'Fill the Plate' matching grant for gifts

### Family Night at the Food Bank.

November 3  
6-8 p.m.



This great family activity involves volunteers sorting and repackaging donated food items and is held on the first Tuesday evening each month. Reservations are required and are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Volunteers as young as eight years of age are welcome when accompanied by an adult volunteer.

RSVP to Family Night at the Food Bank by contacting Kate Pelizzoni at [kpelizzoni@okfoodbank.org](mailto:kpelizzoni@okfoodbank.org) or 918-936-4512.

### Everyone can volunteer at the Food Bank!



We love seeing new faces at the Food Bank and have a variety of opportunities for groups, families and individuals.

Last year, our volunteers provided more 45,540 service hours at the Food Bank. Our opportunities range from sorting and repackaging donated food for our Partner Programs, preparing more than 6,000 sacks of food for our [Food for Kids](#) Backpack Program each week, helping at special Food Bank [events](#), assisting in the [Culinary Center](#) and more.

Interested in helping? Please contact [abaker@okfoodbank.org](mailto:abaker@okfoodbank.org) or 918-936-4545 to schedule a time in advance. Our opportunities cater to a range of ages and abilities. Contact Adam Baker for more information and eligibility.

from new, increased or lapsed donors. Gifts will be matched dollar-for-dollar, up to \$150,000 through the end of 2015. Fill the Plate will officially kick off on December 1.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for new donors, as well as existing donors who wish to increase their contribution to the Food Bank, and we are so grateful to GKFF for their generosity of matching donations again this year," said Eileen Bradshaw, executive director of the Food Bank.

*Fighting Hunger, Feeding Hope*

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