

2014 Annual Report

Building bridges from hunger to hope



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From the Executive Director...



I could not be more pleased with the direction of the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas during 2014. Our dedicated staff, volunteers, donors, and the partner hunger relief organizations we serve came together during the year to make significant strides toward ending hunger across our region. In fact, over the past five years, the Food Bank has increased our annual distribution an average of 13% each year. With an estimated need of 4.6 million pounds distributed annually, the Food Bank is ever expanding in our efforts to bridge the meal gap in north central Arkansas.

In addition, the Food Bank continues to provide specific training to those we serve through our Move Up 2 Independence Initiative. Courses include Shopping Matters, Cooking Matters, and Getting Ahead in a Just Getting by World (life skills courses). These courses are designed to prepare individuals for Ready2Work classes through a partnership with Arkansas State University in Mtn. Home.

Ultimately, our goal is to meet the immediate need of food insecure residents of north central Arkansas through bridging the meal gap annually. And, in addition, offer individuals the tools necessary to care for their family's needs in the future.

The Food Bank of North Central Arkansas has a longstanding commitment to assisting those in need, and recognizes strong financial stewardship as a core value on which our organization is built.

After over three decades of service, the Food Bank has a vibrant and growing future of service to nine counties of north central Arkansas. We are honored by our community's commitment to our cause, and grateful for the accolades we received during 2014, being named Best of the Twin Lakes for Best Charitable Organization and Best Community Event (for Bridge Bash).

Sincerely,

Jeff Quick, Executive Director

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2014 Staff & Board of Directors

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“ The day hunger disappears, the world will see the greatest spiritual explosion humanity has ever seen. ”

Federico Garcia Lorca

2014 Financial Activity

Revenues

Contributions	\$444,587.00
Non-cash Contributions	\$2,268,015.00
Grant Income	\$147,794.00
Shared Maintenance Fees	\$424,506.00
Sales - Thrift Store	\$61,980.00
Sales - Seed Shop	\$105.00
USDA Commodity Reimbursements	\$21,638.00
Interest Income	\$10,999.00
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED REVENUES	\$3,379,624.00

Expenses

Program Expenses	\$2,988,198.00
Administrative Expenses	\$39,329.00
Fundraising Expenses	\$181,615.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,209,142.00

Beginning of Year Net Assets **\$957,816.00**

End of Year Net Assets **\$1,226,767.00**

“ Hunger is not an issue of charity, it is an issue of justice. ”
Jacques Diouf

2014 Partner Hunger Relief Organizations

Agape Food Room
Alpha House
Arkansas Baptist Boys Ranch
Ash Flat Church of Christ Food Pantry
Ash Flat Senior Center
Baxter House Adult Center
Bread of Life Soup Kitchen
Bull Shoals Food Pantry
Calico Rock Community Care Program
Children's Charity Ministry
Christ's Food Pantry
Community of Christ Food Pantry & Back Pack
Cotter Back Pack Program
Day Springs Behavioral Health Services Marshall
Day Springs Behavioral Health Services Mtn. Home
1st Baptist Church Cherokee Village Food Pantry
1st Baptist Church Henderson Food Pantry
1st Baptist Church Mammoth Spring Food Pantry
1st Baptist Church Valley Springs Food Pantry
1st UMC Back Pack Program Mtn. Home
1st UMC Summer Feeding Program Mtn. Home
Fulton County Council on Aging
Gamma House
Good Neighbor Community Food Cupboard
Gospel Truth Church Food Pantry
Hardy Food Room
Holy Cross Lutheran Church Food Pantry
Horseshoe Bend Christian Comm. Outreach Mission
House of Hope
JC Youth Ministries
Lead Hill Back Pack Program
Manna House
Melbourne UMC Back Pack Program
Mercy Mall Harrison
Mercy Mall Mtn. Home
Mountain Home Food Basket
Mountain View Back Pack Buddies
Mountain View Lunch Box Program
New Hope Church Food Pantry
New Song Baptist Church Food Pantry
Newton County Christian Food Room
Norfolk Area Youth Center
Norfolk Community Care Program
Norfolk UMW Back Pack Program
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Oxford Baptist Church Food Pantry
Ozark Baptist Food Pantry
Ozark Center of Hope
Ozark Christian Ministries Food Pantry
Pregnancy Resource Center of Mtn. Home
Redeemer Lutheran Church Food Pantry
Salem Summer Feeding Program
Salvation Army
Serenity, Inc. Mtn. Home
Serenity, Inc. Yellville
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Souls Harbor Food Pantry
Stone County Abuse Prevention
Stone County Community Food Ministry
Wesley Kitchen
West Baxter County Food Room
Yellville Area Food Closet Association
Yellville Summit Back Pack Program
Zion's Light Baptist Church Food Pantry

“ There are people
in the world so hungry,
that God cannot
appear to them except in
the form of bread. ”

Mahatma Gandhi

Our Programs

Our Core Distribution Program of the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas is the acquisition, processing and distribution of food. During 2014, the Food Bank acquired, processed and distributed approximately 2.3 million pounds of food. During 2013, our Core Distribution Program reached the capacity of our current facility. Warehouse space, cold storage and processing space has been maximized. Lack of space and the 'right kind' of space is now challenging this core program.

The USDA Commodity Distribution Program is a collaborative effort between the Food Bank, the United States Department of Agriculture, and nineteen partner hunger relief organizations across our service area. During 2014, the Food Bank distributed over \$2.2 million worth of food to clients who qualify for this program.

Our Partner Hunger Relief Organization Program is the primary program of the Food Bank. Sixty-four non-profits, schools, and churches working with the Food Bank helped distribute food to an estimated 38,000 people during the year across our nine county service area. The Food Bank's service area includes Baxter, Boone, Fulton, Izard, Marion, Newton, Searcy, Sharp, and Stone counties of Arkansas.

Our Move Up 2 Independence Initiative is the education arm of the Food Bank with such programs as Getting Ahead in a Just Getting by World, Cooking Matters, and Cooking Matters at the Store. These educational opportunities provide Food Bank clients with the resources and education to enable them to succeed while engaging our community leaders as mentors. These programs are designed to teach our neighbors how to set goals for their future while undergirding them with a strong foundation of practical skills and relationships to ensure success. These courses go hand in hand with our Core Distribution Program providing long term solutions while providing immediate access to food.

The Norfolk Community Care Program is a multi-faceted program incorporating a Food Pantry, Thrift Store, and Heirloom Seed Shop on the campus of the Food Bank. The Thrift Store provided over \$61,000 in revenues to the Food Bank during 2014 enabling the Food Bank to distribute an estimated 305,000 meals. The Food Pantry serves approximately one hundred and fifty families each month.

Our Back Pack Program provides hungry children with essential food for the weekends. The program is designed to be discreet and nutritious. Our back packs are filled with items that are easily opened and prepared by children. Agencies served by the Food Bank provide back packs in the communities of Alpena, Berryville, Bruno-Pyatt, Cherokee Village, Clinton, Cotter, Deer, Eureka Springs, Flippin, Harrison, Highland, Jasper, Lead Hill, Marshall, Melbourne, Mountain Home, Mountain View, Norfolk, Oark, Salem, Shirley, St. Joe, Van Buren, Western Grove and Yellville.

Sharing Your Resources

Volunteers

During 2014 volunteers gave more than 10,000 hours of service to the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas. This gift of time and talent represents a gift of over \$230,000.00 to our organization. Volunteers make it possible for us to provide five meals with each dollar donated and ensure that we spend 93.5 cents of each donated dollar on our program of food distribution and education.

General Donations

Financial contributions are made to the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas in a variety of ways. Individuals respond to our direct mail requests, give online at foodbanknca.org, or mail their donations directly to the Food Bank at PO Box 128 Norfolk, AR 72658. As a 501(c)3 organization, the Food Bank depends solely on the donations and grants of individuals, civic/religious organizations, corporate sponsors, and foundations. Typically these gifts are given to the general fund which operates our core food distribution program, however some donors specify programs to benefit from their gift.

Planned Giving

Offering donors who have grown in their relationship and commitment to the Food Bank the opportunity to make a planned gift to the organization is essential to our sustainability. These gifts are primarily in the form of a trust, will or insurance; but may also be in the form of cash or donations of assets such as real estate, stocks, charitable gift annuities/trusts. Planned gifts can be mutually beneficial to the Food Bank and the donor, providing tax benefits and/or lifetime income for the giver while at the same time undergirding the sustainability of the Food Bank. Donors can be confident, knowing that the mission of the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas will continue beyond their lifetime. These gifts ensure the future of the organization and can become a catalyst for gifts from others.

Our goal is to assist individuals with their planned giving in a way that makes the process both simple and best suited to the wishes of each donor. Our staff or Board of Directors would be honored to assist you as you decide how to Build Bridges from Hunger to Hope through a planned gift to the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas.

“ Poverty is not an accident. Like slavery and apartheid, it is man-made and can be removed by the actions of human beings. ”

Nelson Mandela

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