

Agency Scoop

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Agency Scoop, Arkansas Foodbank Member Newsletter, is your inside scoop for exclusive dates, information and stories from Arkansas Foodbank members. Distributed monthly, this is our primary contact to distribute information that applies specifically to our members.

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As part of our mission, we have staff that focuses on hunger and poverty advocacy efforts. The Arkansas Foodbank Advocacy team works with our state and national colleagues to educate public officials in our 33 county service area about the impact of food insecurity in our communities and to identify policy solutions to help put families on the road to health. Mobilizing state and federal lawmakers to support legislative solutions for hunger relief is a critical part of our work.

Now we would like your help. The Foodbank is looking to create an Advocacy Committee made up of representatives from our partner agencies – food pantries, schools, shelters, soup kitchens etc. This committee will work along Foodbank staff, board members and other stakeholders to engage and mobilize your elected officials and your community around important policy issues that impact the people you serve. It is important to note that successful advocacy can be achieved without being partisan or political.

Hunger is solvable and everyone is part of the solution. Families, churches, food banks, businesses, communities, and governments working together can ensure all families have the resources and nutrition needed to succeed.

If you are interested in joining the advocacy committee or receiving updates about import policy issues regarding food assistance programs, please email **Anna-Lee Pittman at apittman@arkansasfoodbank.org**

Advocate with us. Together we are united to fight hunger.

Please read this newsletter carefully and feel free to contact us at 501-569-8121 if you have questions.

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FOODBANK UNIVERSITY – Upcoming sessions

Below are the sessions coming up the next few months. Refreshments will be served at all Foodbank University workshops. See you there!

To RSVP for our Arkansas Foodbank University session(s) please contact Taryn at thudson@arkansasfoodbank.org or 501-569-44328.

DATE	TIME	TOPIC	LOCATION
July 25th	9am – 11am	Retail Pick-Up Workshop	Arkansas Foodbank 4301 W. 65TH St. Little Rock, AR 72209
August 3rd	8am - 5pm	ServSafe Certification	Arkansas Foodbank 4301 W. 65th Street Little Rock, AR 72209
August 16th	9am – 11am	USDA Civil Rights Training	University of AR Pine Bluff SJ Parker 1890 Ext Complex Pine Bluff, AR
September 6th	10am - 1pm	USDA Civil Rights Training Retail Pick- Up & Grant Writing	Lighthouse Church 167 Hwy 278 Bypass Warren, AR 71671

2017 WARREN DELIVERY SCHEDULE

July 13, 20, 27

August 3, 10, 31

September 14, 21, 28

October 12, 19, 26

November 2, 9, 16

December 7, 14, 21

PANTRY NEWS - JERICHO WAY

Congratulations to our member Jericho Way that was awarded a \$250 Visa gift card through KARK's "Pay It Forward" initiative. The award will cover two months of shelter costs for one of their clients.



KARK 4 News

June 27 at 10:25pm · 🌐

Jericho Way is non-profit organization that serves people without a home, giving them a place do laundry, shower, have a hot meal or use a computer.



Pay it 4Ward: Jericho Way's Mandy Davis

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Save the Date

October 24, 2017

The Annual Agency Appreciation Luncheon will be held at the Arkansas Foodbank campus in Little Rock.



Food Drive Idea

Trinity Church in Hot Springs, created a great visual for their church to be reminded of the food needs for their pantry as well as a very practical way to collect food.

They took four old pallets and joined them together to create a collection bin. They added a wood bottom and caster wheels making it mobile. With a cute painted sign for the bin and a chalk board sign above they now have a constant reminder to the current needs as listed and easily updated on the chalk board.

This functional and cute bin with chalk board sign has increased their food donations as well as increased their members awareness of a very vital ministry in their church. Share your ideas with us by emailing sokolloh@arkansasfoodbank.org.



Important Dates

Be sure to mark your calendar

Agency Express will be unavailable Friday, August 4 from 2 pm through Monday, August 7th at 8 am. Please note:

Orders for pick-up or delivery on Monday, August 7th need to be submitted by 5pm Thursday, August 3.

Orders for pick-up or delivery on Tuesday, August 8th need to be submitted by 1 pm Friday, August the 4th.

If you have any questions please contact:

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