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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.

Feeding Children After School Gets Out



Children are often looking for a meal and a safe place to go after their school day ends. Through The Child and Adult Care Feeding Program (CACFP), the Arkansas Foodbank sponsors programs that provide meals to children in after-school programs. On a typical day in our 33 county coverage area, 90,000 children will go to bed hungry. Children

without proper nutrition have difficulty concentrating in school, experience tardiness and are more prone to chronic illness that can hinder proper growth development. By providing nutritious meals and snacks, the CACFP helps start children on the right path for success.

This past summer from June 5th – August 4th (2017) our summer feeding program served 12, 751 meals to an average daily attendance of 177 children in Ashley, Ouachita and Phillips County. Through our Kids Café (after school feeding program) we currently have ten sites in Ashley, Drew, Desha, Hot Springs, Jefferson, Ouachita and Pulaski County.

- Kids enjoy meals and snacks after school.
- Children also receive nutrition education and hands-on instruction to help create healthy lifestyles.
- In the summer, the number of children served doubles as we convert to the Summer Food Service Program.
- Kids Cafe is one of the nation's largest nutrition education programs providing children with the nourishment they may not get at home.
- The success of the local program has been overwhelming. The Arkansas Foodbank has expanded into other locations.

If you'd like to find out more information on how your agency could participate please contact the **Food for Kids Director Yolanda Williams** at ywilliams@arkansasfoodbank.org or 501-565-8121.

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

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FINANCE NOTICE: 2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES TO BE BILLED ON JULY 1 FOR ALL AGENCIES

In 2018 all agency membership dues will be billed on July 1 regardless of inspection date. This should eliminate the confusion around when to pay dues and also simplify the process for organizations with multiple agency numbers that are inspected at different times.

The finance team will have a table at the Annual Agency Appreciation luncheon on October 24th to answer questions about this change. You can also contact **Greg Furr at gfurr@arkansasfoodbank.org or 501-569-4334** with questions.

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 501-569-4328.

| DATE | TIME | TOPIC | LOCATION |
|--------------|-------------|----------------------------|--|
| October 19th | 9am – 11am | USDA Civil Rights Training | Arkansas Foodbank 4301 W 65th Street Little Rock, AR 72209 |
| November 7th | 10am - 12pm | Succession Planning | Foodbank of the Delta 586 Phillips 241 Rd Lexa, AR 72355 |
| November 9th | 8am – 5pm | ServSafe | Arkansas Foodbank 4301 W 65th Street Little Rock, AR 72209 |

PANTRY SPOTLIGHT - STEWPOT



Ed Stanfield has served with the Stewpot for 15 years. He just celebrated his 86th Birthday. On the first Wednesday of each month he picks up day old desserts for their clients from the local Community Bakery and three years ago when it got too expensive to serve milk, Ed started picking up 3 gallons of milk and taking it to the Stewpot. Ed will be retiring from volunteering at the end of the year.

We know that volunteers are at the core of your agencies operations – they keep the doors open, records kept, food bagged, clients served and floors swept. Take a moment to appreciate them. All the best, Ed!

2017 WARREN DELIVERY SCHEDULE

September 14, 21, 28

October 12, 19, 26

November 2, 9, 16

December 7, 14, 21



Beep! Beep!



SAFETY TIP

Please make sure to stay clear of all vehicles, lift gates, pallet jacks and moving product when the Arkansas Foodbank truck and staff make a delivery at your agency.



Hearty Cabbage Soup - serves 9



Ingredients

- Cooking spray
- 2 carrots, diced
- 2 celery stalks, diced
- 1 onion, diced
- ½ cabbage, roughly chopped
- ½ pound lean turkey breakfast sausage, crumbled
- 40 ounces fat-free, low-sodium chicken broth
- 14.5 ounce can diced tomatoes
- 15.5 ounce can Great Northern beans, rinsed and drained
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
- ½ teaspoon dried oregano

How to prepare

1. Spray a large soup pot with cooking spray. Add celery, onion, and carrots. Sauté over medium-high heat for 3 minutes or until onions are clear. Remove from pan and set aside.
2. Add turkey sausage and cook until brown, about 6-7 minutes. Return sautéed vegetables to pan and mix.
3. Add remaining ingredients and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 30 minutes.



Friendly Reminder

CALL BEFORE ORDERING

Please remember to call and schedule an appointment **BEFORE** placing an order in Agency Express. Failure to do so will result in the order being rejected. To schedule your appointment call us at 501-565-8121.

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