

# 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.*



## Agency Luncheon

We want to thank everyone who took time to celebrate with us at our 2018 Annual Agency Appreciation Luncheon. We awarded **\$63,500** in grants to 143 member agencies. Overall total of **\$176,800** in grants awarded to members for 2018 through the generosity of Wingate Foundation, Ross Foundation, Total Medical Supply, Kroger, City of North Little Rock, Southern Stone Skipping Contest and Walmart.

We also hope you had a great holiday and appreciate all your work getting food to families who needed a little extra help getting through the season.

## A Note from Rhonda

Starting February 1, 2019 the Arkansas Foodbank will begin charging **\$15 per delivery for each order we deliver directly to agencies**. This was not an easy decision for leadership at the Arkansas Foodbank and we spent more than a month researching before making the decision. Several years ago we put a \$50 delivery fee in place, but were able to cover those fees with grants from funders. Over the past two years several of those grants have been eliminated or reduced causing us to look for other sources to absorb all of the delivery expenses. The \$15 is a small portion of the actual cost of deliveries to you, but will help us to continue to provide robust services and increased quality of food for those we serve.

Feel free to contact **Eric Shelby** at [eshelby@arkansasfoodbank.org](mailto:eshelby@arkansasfoodbank.org) with concerns and I thank you in advance for your understanding.

*Rhonda Sanders*

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## Important Monthly Report Information

### FRIENDLY REMINDER:

- *January– December 2018 must be submitted by Tuesday, January 15th 2019.* After this date, the system in agency express will shut down the 2018 reporting links and you will not be able to play any orders in 2019.
- Arkansas Foodbank shall also begin to collect information to better inform our programming for those who have served our country – tracking how many HOUSEHOLDS your agency served per month that has a veteran. Effective January 2019 agencies will be required to report this, if you do not serve any veterans still report, put 0 in the section.
- When reporting the age breakdown remember that it should EQUAL the total individuals served.
- For the first distribution in 2019, individuals and households are NEW, you should have 0 returning clients and 0 returning households.
- All USDA/ TEFAP agencies will receive a new survey gizmo link for the 2019 reports.
- We have attached an example of an In-Take Form you can use for your client intake. It can be customized for your agency. ***Remember not to collect and record personal identifiers such as social security and driver licenses numbers.***



Thank you to everyone for all the changes with reporting systems in the last two years. We were pleased to get feedback.

## Agency Out of the Box Pictures

When we visit our agencies during annual inspections, we see different initiatives that remind us all why we are committed to our communities. In most cases, you go the extra mile beyond providing food. Here are a few examples.

### Evergreen Community Pantry – Clark County

The Kiwanis of Clark County donated books and established this community library that is a hit at the pantry.



### Montgomery County Food Pantry – Montgomery County



The pantry sees a good number of clients who are homeless so they have a room dedicated to their needs. The food needs no preparation and in individual serving sizes. They also have a hygiene kit with travel size items (soap, toothpaste, etc).



## Hearty Cabbage Soup

Makes 9 servings



### Ingredients

- Cooking Spray
- 2 Carrots, diced
- 2 Celery stalks, diced
- 1 Onion, diced
- 1/2 cabbage, roughly chopped
- 1/2 lb lean turkey breakfast sausage, crumbled
- 40 oz fat-free, low sodium, chicken broth
- 14.5 oz can diced tomatoes
- 15.5 oz can Great Northern Beans, rinsed & drained
- 1/4 tsp ground black pepper
- 1/2 tsp 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.

We need your help!

Keep up the great work – and remember to send us your pantry/agency stories. You can email Shamim at:

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