

FALL 2011

Feed The Need

The quarterly newsletter of Mid-South Food Bank



**MID-SOUTH
FOOD
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FEEDING THE NEED

Agency Conference

Childhood Hunger

**Agency Spotlight:
Nettleton F.A.I.T.H.
Food Pantry**

It Starts with Food



Mid-South Food Bank is in dire need of food. I don't know how else to say it. We should be distributing more than one million pounds of food every month to even come close to meeting the need in our 31-county service area, but we haven't hit that benchmark this year. It's not because we don't have the warehouse, the trucks or the people to do it – it's because we don't have the food.

Inventory in our warehouse is down by almost two million pounds over last year. The donations from the food industry are way down and monetary donations to purchase food are also down. We're so grateful to those who responded to the news reports of our situation. We are also thankful for Operation Feed, which raised 36,000 pounds and \$444,000, but more than half the money raised was spent before it even came in because we needed to get food out to the people of the Mid-South who were hungry or uncertain about whether they would be able to eat the next day.

Many of the people who rely on help from the Food Bank and our partner food pantries and other agencies are people who once relied on two incomes, but now are down to one. With only one income, they still make too much money to qualify for food stamps or any federal assistance, so our food pantries are their only source of help.

We are facing a crisis and we need your continued support. Whether you can help with a donation or with a food drive, we thank you so much.



Estella H. Mayhue-Greer
President & CEO



Our Caring Community

I was surprised, but not shocked, when I found out that rates of philanthropic giving in Memphis are consistently above those of the national average. We live in a generous, caring community. I saw that last year when the Food Bank put out the call for turkeys the week before Thanksgiving and more than 2,500 were donated within four days.

I'm hoping the community is listening now as Mid-South Food Bank faces a significant shortage in both donated food and money to purchase food. As we enter Fall, the season when giving traditionally increases, we hope all our good friends and generous supporters will look deep into their hearts and make a contribution to help in the fight against hunger. Recent studies on food insecurity show that one in four children in the Mid-South lives in a food insecure household. That is unacceptable. Every child deserves enough healthy food to grow and thrive, to perform well in school and to become a healthy, responsible adult.

So as we enter the season of giving, please remember Mid-South Food Bank. Our hungry neighbors will thank you!



Lane Southern Whitehead
Board Chairman

New Study Shows More Children at Risk of Hunger

A new study by Feeding America shows children are struggling with hunger in every county in America. In the 31 counties served by Mid-South Food Bank, 25.7 percent of all children live with food insecurity. That's 136,180 children in west Tennessee, north Mississippi and east Arkansas. The rate of childhood hunger in the Mid-South is higher than the overall rate of 19.9 percent of all residents.

The study, *Map the Meal Gap: Child Food Insecurity 2011*, shows that one-third of all children in the U.S. are struggling with food



insecurity. The prevalence and consequences of child food insecurity are well documented. Hunger begins to impact young children before they are born. A pregnant woman who is poorly nourished does not gain adequate weight during pregnancy and her baby is more likely to be premature and underweight. Undernourishment and hunger affect the brain architecture of infants and very young children, setting the stage for a lifetime of

underachievement. School-age children and teens who do not get enough healthy food to eat do not perform well in school, are more likely to have behavioral and social problems and have trouble adjusting as they grow into adulthood. Hunger also impairs the immune systems so food-insecure children are more prone to illness and their recovery takes longer.

A significant proportion of food insecure children are likely not eligible for federal child nutrition programs, including SNAP (food stamps) or WIC (Women, Infants, Children) because they live in a household with income over the threshold to qualify. These households have few options for obtaining food assistance outside of charitable feeding programs such as those provided by Mid-South Food Bank partner agencies.



Mid-South Food Bank partners with 60 youth programs. They range from day care centers and after-school programs to Boys & Girls Clubs and residential programs. Mid-South Food Bank provides after school snacks and full meals, including those served at four Kids Cafes, where children receive a free, hot meal twice a week. The food is served to them by volunteers and they may have as many helpings as they want. The Food for Kids Backpack Program provides a backpack filled with wholesome food for children who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches to take home to have food to eat over the weekend. There are currently 15 backpack programs in the Mid-South.



Childhood hunger is preventable and unnecessary in the United States. The federally-funded nutrition assistance infrastructure is important because nutrition assistance programs provide first-line defense against child hunger, if adequately funded.

Good nutrition is just like a good antibiotic in preventing illness. SNAP (food stamps), WIC, the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs, Child and Adult Care Food Program, TEFAP and other public nutrition assistance programs are good medicine. However, the dose is often not strong enough and the prescription is not for a long time period. In addition, many families cannot overcome the barriers to access these programs that are crucial for good health. The Food Bank provides an added dose of nutrition.

Food assistance organizations such as Mid-South Food Bank seek to ensure that no child falls through the cracks by complementing and supporting the public nutrition infrastructure to address the serious health problem of child hunger. Working together, in mutually supportive partnership, public and private food assistance systems can prevent and eradicate the unnecessary health problem of childhood hunger.

Childhood hunger and food insecurity are serious problems in the Mid-South and around the country. Feeding America and Mid-South Food Bank are working to find more ways to provide wholesome food to children so that they can grow and become healthy adults.

Operation Feed Provides Food and Funds to Fill Empty Shelves

The 2011 Operation Feed workplace campaign raised more than 36,000 pounds of food and \$444,000 to benefit Mid-South Food Bank. There were 74 participating companies who held bake sales, auctions, car washes and a variety of other events to get employees fired up about collecting food and money for the Food Bank.

Operation Feed is an annual employee-driven food and funds drive held each summer, which is a time of greater need for food assistance because children are out of school. Operation Feed is Mid-South Food Bank's largest food and funds drive of the year and all the money raised is used to purchase food.

Operation Feed companies earn points for their donation, according to a point value system based on greatest need at Mid-South Food Bank. The highest points go to money, followed by protein products, dried beans, canned vegetables and fruit. The points are added up and awards given according to company size.



Winners of the 2011 Operation Feed Awards. Back row: Drew Phillips and Ian Lemmonds, Commercial Appeal; Janet Mathis, FedEx. Front: Ellen Hudgens, Bank of Bartlett; Barbara Butler, United Way of the Mid-South

2011 Operation Feed winners:

- 1 – 24 employees: Haizlip Studio
- 25 – 99 employees: United Way of the Mid-South
- 100 – 299 employees: Bank of Bartlett
- 300 – 999 employees: The Commercial Appeal
- 1,000 – 4,999 employees: AutoZone
- 5,000 plus employees: FedEx

Most Creative Campaign: AutoZone, for their characters Phillip D. Bag and Phyllis A. Sack, who got engaged this year and received lots of food and funds for the Food Bank as their wedding gifts.

Shelby County Government retained the Mayor's Award, beating out Memphis City Government in a close race.

Thank You to All Operation Feed Participation

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| Amedisys Hospice Services | JC Penny's |
| AmeriPride Linen and Apparel Services | Kroger |
| Arnoult and Associates, Inc. | Landau Uniforms |
| AutoZone | Looney Ricks Kiss Architects |
| BancorpSouth | MATA |
| Bank of America | Magna Bank |
| Bank of Bartlett | Medical Education & Research Institute |
| Better Business Bureau | Memphis Grizzlies |
| Baptist Memorial Hospital-Memphis | Memphs Light Gas and Water |
| Blue Cross Blue Shield | Memphis Urban League |
| Brown Baptist Church | Memphis Surgery Center |
| Buttler Snow Law Firm | Memphis Panthers Sports |
| Cargill Corn Milling | Methodist Lebonheur Healthcare |
| Cargill Cotton | Mid-South Food Bank |
| Cargill, Inc. | Motion Industries |
| Chuck Hutton Toyota | Mt. Moriah Baptist Church |
| Clay and Land Insurance | NewSouth Capital Management |
| City of Memphis | Northwest Mississippi Regional |
| Coca-Cola Bottling Company | Medical Center |
| Clear Channel Radio | NSA, The Makers of Juice Plus |
| Comcast | Parkway Realty Services |
| Computer Support Services Corporation | Pfizer, Inc. |
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| Cummins Mid-South | Sams Club |
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| Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis | and Research Institute |
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| Friends For Life | Speciality Rehabilitation Center |
| First Bank | The Commercial Appeal |
| Fox 13 | Trust One Bank |
| G. A. Robinson Land Company, LLC | United Way of the Mid-South |
| GTX | Union University |
| Hairzlip Studio | VO2 Network |
| International Paper | Wal-Mart |
| IRS | Youth Villages: Dogwood Campus |
| Johnson and Johnson | Yuletide Office Solutions |



AutoZone's Phillip D. Bag and Phyllis A. Sack announced their engagement this year and received gifts of food and money donations to Mid-South Food Bank. Their nuptials earned AutoZone the award for Most Creative Campaign.

Join the Fun and Help Feed Hungry People at the 1st Annual Run to Fight Hunger

**Saturday, October 1, 2011,
Gold Strike Resort & Casino**

The Run to Fight Hunger is Mid-South Food Bank's first ever fundraising event in north Mississippi. It features both a five-mile run and a two-mile fun run/walk. Serious runners, casual runners and walkers, groups and families are welcome! Our goal is to raise 50,000 meals from this event so we hope all our friends will join us on October 1 at Gold Strike Casino Resort.

Entry fees are \$35 per person, \$55 for two-person teams and \$250 for team of 10. The entry fee includes a Run to Fight Hunger t-shirt, goodie bag, food and beverages. Plus, runners and walkers who collect pledges for \$75 or more

receive a CoolMax Jersey. Gold Strike Casino Resort is offering a special Run to Fight Hunger Deluxe Package of \$120 for Friday night before the Run featuring a deluxe hotel room, two dinner vouchers, 15% discount for Gold Strike retail stores and one \$35 entry fee.

Go to our web site, www.midsouthfoodbank.org, for more information and a link to the registration form. Check the box on the registration form to secure your Run to Fight Hunger Deluxe package, or contact David Stephens, 901-497-1153 or dstephens@midsouthfoodbank.org.



Time to Make Your List for 2011 Holiday Cards and Cookie Letters



Mid-South Food Bank's holiday cards and cookie letters are always a popular way to send greetings to friends, family and business associates while helping to provide food to those in need in our community. For a minimum of \$10 each, you can have Mid-South Food Bank personalize and send our unique holiday card, designed by artist Eddie Tucker. Simply send us your list and payment.

Or send the famous Mid-South Food Bank Cookie Letter. For a minimum \$50 donation for each letter, the people on your list will receive a box of gourmet cookies enclosed with a letter from Food Bank President & CEO Estella Mayhue-Greer. The letter explains that, knowing the recipient has a full pantry already, food items such as turkeys, hams and vegetables have been given to Food Bank member agencies in the recipient's name to feed hungry and needy people during the holidays. All except the cookies, which your friends keep, along with holiday good wishes from you and Mid-South Food Bank.



For more information or to place an order, contact Cobi Gray, senior manager of development, at 901-373-0419 or go to www.midsouthfoodbank.org and click on the holiday card/cookie letter link. Order early to make sure your holiday cards and cookie letters are delivered on time!

Southern Leadership Council Looks at Hunger in the South

The Southern Legislative Conference 2011 meeting took place in Memphis recently with delegates from 15 Southern states. The Southern Legislative Council was formed to foster and encourage intergovernmental cooperation among its 15-member states. One of the focus areas for this year's conference was regional hunger. Mid-South Food Bank President & CEO Estella Mayhue-Greer was the moderator for a Facing Hunger in the South panel discussion. The panel featured Emily Engelhard, director of social policy research and analysis at Feeding America, Nicole Robinson, vice president of Kraft Foods Foundation, Tomme Beevas, director of community involvement at Cargill and Julie Gehrki, senior director of the Walmart Foundation. The session provided an overview of

food insecurity, using Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap study.

Delegates to the conference participated in "Take Action Against Hunger" by filling bags with soy and rice meals to be distributed through Mid-South Food Bank charitable feeding programs.



Rep. Lois DeBerry, D-Memphis, (center) joins in the "Take Action Against Hunger" food packing event at the Southern Legislative Conference.

Annual Food Bank Partner Agency Conference Recognizes Success and Dedication

Mid-South Food Bank's annual agency conference, held at Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church featured workshops on nutrition, safe food handling, a best practices roundtable and a cooking demonstration using products typically offered to agencies by the Food Bank. More than 240 agency representatives from across Mid-South Food Bank's 31-county service area attended.

Attendees praised the conference and said they appreciate the opportunity to come together with other Food Bank agencies. The conference opened with Estella Mayhue Greer, who gave a "State of the Food Bank" address.

The keynote speaker was Robert Ferguson, nationally known author of *Diet Free for Life* and the *DietFreeLife* web site. Mr. Ferguson's appearance was made possible by United Healthcare.

A highlight of the conference is always the Awards Luncheon. Tippah County Good Samaritan Center, North Branch, won the Feed the Need Award for Agency of the Year. The Good Samaritan Center goes beyond supplying food for their clients. They work with them to help them apply for SNAP benefits, and by providing recipes and other techniques help them make the most of the food they have. They partner with local agencies for assistance with nursing and homemaker care, and for vision and dental care.

Bread of Life Ministries, First United Methodist Church, Tipton County, TN, won Pantry of the Year. Serving more than 1,000 households with a volunteer base of 200 people, Bread of Life also partners with community groups to provide free health screenings, a coat closet and other services in addition to distributing 175,389 pound of food.

The Outstanding Performance award went to Moscow United Methodist Church Community Food Pantry, Moscow, TN. Earlier this year, they hosted a "Hunger Summit," bringing together local government, faith-based, civic and social services agencies to take a comprehensive look at how better to serve their

community. They partner with more than 50 area schools, churches and businesses to meet the needs of low-income residents of Fayette County.

Boys & Girls Club of Northwest Mississippi, Batesville, was recognized as the Youth Serving Program of the Year. The Club has a snack program, Food for Kids Backpack Program and hosts a Kids Cafe. Many of the youth in this largely rural area of Panola County live in food insecure households and the food they receive at the Club is important in maintaining good health so that the children can achieve in academics, character and life skills.



Food Bank VP of Programs Tonya Bradley with Elaine McAfee, pantry director, accepting the Feed the Need Award for Agency of the Year for Tippah County Good Samaritan Center, North Branch, which is located in Walnut, MS.

This was the first Agency Conference for Tonya Bradley, who joined the Food Bank in August as vice president of programs. "Mid-South Food Bank's Agency Conference is a great way to share information with our member agencies, present timely workshops and spend time together to talk about our mutual goal of feeding hungry people in the Mid-South. We appreciate all of our agencies for the role they play in helping to Feed the Need."

Mid-South Food Bank currently serves 218 agencies with 327 feeding programs in 31 counties. These agencies include food pantries, soup kitchens,

shelters, youth programs, senior programs, rehabilitation centers, residential centers and day cares. All of them must be 501(c)(3) charities or a church, have an ongoing feeding program and must adhere to the Food Bank's guidelines. The majority of Food Bank partner agencies are faith-based, housed in churches or church-owned buildings. There is usually a church staff person who is involved in the agency, but the majority of the work is performed by volunteers.

Mid-South Food Bank is grateful to the men and women who give their time so generously by volunteering at our agencies. The yearly conference is also the time for Food Bank staff and board to thank these wonderful people who are on the front lines in the fight against hunger.



Students Against Hunger Gear Up for the 2011 Student Food Drive

Students collect food
November 1 – December 2

The Student Food Drive gives area high school students a chance to demonstrate that young people care about the fight against hunger in the Mid-South. Sponsored by Kroger, WMC-TV and Paragon Bank, the Student Food Drive also provides students with lessons about philanthropy and volunteering they will carry throughout their lives.

The students and faculties plan school events and contests to promote the food drive, food can also be donated by the public and dropped off at any participating school or at the Food Bank. A list of participating schools will be posted on the Food Bank web site and on the Students Against Hunger Facebook page.

Coming in December: Action News 5 Holiday Food Drive

Wednesday, December 7, is the big day for collecting food and funds at six locations around the Mid-South with the WMC-TV Action News 5 personalities leading the way. Last year's drive raised 69,000 pounds of food plus more than \$33,000 in cash contributions, which was used to purchase even more food.



2011 Action News 5 Holiday Food Drive drop-off locations

- Mid-South Food Bank, 239 S. Dudley, Memphis, 38104
- Kroger, 951 Hwy 51 North, Covington, 38019
- Kroger, 7251 Interstate Blvd., Horn Lake, 38637
- Kroger, 7735 Farmington Blvd., Germantown, 38138
- Wal-Mart, 8400 Hwy 64, Bartlett, 38135
- Wal-Mart, 798 W. Service Road, West Memphis, 72301

Gigi's Cupcakes Shows Their Support for the Food Bank

Food Bank president Estella Mayhue-Greer's meeting with Marilyn Weber of Gigi's Cupcakes earlier this year yielded a sweet surprise when Ms. Weber, with her husband and daughters, came for a tour. After the tour, they presented Estella with a check for \$20,000 to support the Food Bank's mission.

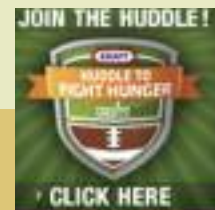


Ms. Weber said the Food Bank's message of food insecurity was the key. "It is not just about the hungry homeless people," she said. "It is about those who are struggling to make ends meet—those people who can't come into Gigi's to buy cupcakes."

Mid-South Food Bank is grateful to Gigi's Cupcakes and all our supporters who understand and support our mission.

New Food for Kids Backpack Program Begins in Jackson, TN

The Boys & Girls Club of Jackson, Tennessee is the site of the new Food for Kids Backpack Program, sponsored by a grant from Proctor and Gamble through Feeding America. There are 155 children enrolled in the program, which provides a backpack filled with wholesome food for each child to take home every Friday during the school year. There is enough food in the backpack for the child to have a healthy meal three times a day for the two-day weekend. Sabrina Anderson, executive director of the Boys & Girls Club of Jackson said, "The Backpack Program is going to fill in the gaps for our families. Our kids are really looking forward to the start date as well as the P & G employees who will be volunteering."



Kraft Huddle to Fight Hunger is Now on Facebook

Log in to your Facebook page, then at facebook.com/KraftFightHunger, "like" the page and enter your zip code to show your support for Mid-South Food Bank. There are many ways to "Hit the Field" with a trivia quiz, recipes and a chance to win a trip to the 2011 Fight Hunger Bowl. With every "like," and every time you play the 2-Minute Drill trivia quiz, Mid-South Food Bank gets a meal, so be sure to share it with all your friends.

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Tributes, May 26 – August 23, 2011

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Estella Mayhue-Greer
Doris Thomas Hill
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Agency Spotlight: F.A.I.T.H. Food Pantry, Nettleton, Mississippi

By Marolyn Hester, Executive Director

In early 1999, a small group of people from local churches in and around Nettleton, Mississippi conducted a survey of the public schools' free lunch program and other local feeding programs to assess the need for food assistance in the community. We found that the schools were feeding more than 60 percent of their students.

We sent a newsletter to local churches explaining the mission and asking for donations and committed volunteers. Interested churches, individuals and civic organizations gave donations totaling \$881. With 55 volunteers and a small house to store the food, we stepped out in faith to open the Nettleton F.A.I.T.H. Food Pantry. F.A.I.T.H. stands for Food Available In This House.

I was there on the first day, October 16, 1999. We served 93 families with family members totaling 251. From then through December of last year, a total of 69,857 households have been served, with family member totaling 159,605. In 2010, 456,317 pounds of food was distributed.

As the Pantry grew, the original 600-square foot house gave way to a larger facility in 2006, thanks to a grants from the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation and a donation of two acres of land from the City of Nettleton. Other grants and donations came from various sources to make significant improvements to our facility to make sorting, packing and distribute food more efficient. We also upgraded our record keeping with a computer program, designed by board member Angie Wright, which reduces the waiting time for checking in clients and allows us to keep accurate records of all clients and how food is being distributed.

Mid-South Food Bank recently donated a small, refrigerated truck to help facilitate our pick-ups of perishable food from local retailers. We pick up donations at two Walmart stores and at Sam's Club six days a week. The retail pick-up program helps us tremendously, allowing us to change our business model to add a twice-weekly produce distribution to our regular monthly distribution of food and other groceries.

In addition to the produce distributions, the retail pick-ups give us more bakery and dairy items for our regular distribution. We have also been able to increase the amount of meat we are able to distribute to clients, which is something they really appreciate. We have seen a steady increase in clients, so this new source of donated food has been wonderful.



Marolyn Hester in the cooler with some of the produce the truck donated by Mid-South Food Bank allows her to collect from local retail stores.

F.A.I.T.H. Pantry client Virginia Sanders says she really appreciates the healthy food she receives. She is raising her two great-grandchildren, 16-month old Addison and four year old Joseph. She told me she tries to make sure they eat three good meals a day, with vegetables and milk. But healthy food costs more. Her \$120 in food stamps doesn't go too far. After she pays her other bills, she says there's just too much month left at the end of the money. She's glad the Pantry is here to help.

At a recent Saturday food distribution, I watched the crowd dwindle. We opened at eight and it was almost ten. People started lining up at six o'clock in the morning. We had already served 602 households. But our day will not end when the last client is served. As soon as we close, we head to Walmart to pick up what they have for us and start working on it for the next week.

F.A.I.T.H. Food Pantry is striving to be an agent of God's love and extend help in a way he extends His love and help to all people. Anything that comes from God is perfect and adequate above anything else.



Food Pantry client Virginia Sanders with her great-grandchildren Addison and Joseph

2011 Upcoming Events

For event information, contact David Stephens,
901-497-1153 dstephens@midsouthfoodbank.org

Run to Fight Hunger

Saturday, October 1, 9:00 a.m.
Gold Strike Casino Resort

Student Food Drive

November 1 – December 2

Action News 5 Holiday Food Drive

Wednesday, December 7

Distribution as of August 31, 2011:
6,607,542 pounds



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Family Dollar Stores opened its 7,000th store, which just happened to be in Memphis. To celebrate the milestone, Family Dollar donated \$7,000 to Mid-South Food Bank and included a food drive as part of their grand opening celebration.



Walmart gave Mid-South Food Bank's agency shopping area an "extreme makeover" with shelving, a fresh coat of paint and a thorough cleaning. All the work was done by local Walmart associates, shown in the group photo with Mid-South Food Bank employees.