



TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2007

Incorporated in 1886, Greensburg has been on the Kansas road map ever since there has been one. All that changed in the darkening hours of a Friday evening on May 4 when a broad-track tornado took a savage mile-wide swipe across Greensburg and blew it off the map.

Even as the first responders put boots on the ground in the devastated area, your Food Bank and other members of the Kansas Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) were preparing to do what we might be called on to do in the aftermath of the actual search and rescue efforts.

By Monday, we and other VOAD members were meeting on site to chart our own courses to help in the stabilization of the disaster area and to provide the immediate and specific needs of workers on the ground as well as victims remaining in the disaster area. There was no one VOAD member in charge. We simply carried on a common sense networking relationship, all focused on getting first-needed things done first.

The first thing for us was to provide a mobile food distribution system from which to supply other disaster agencies responsible for feeding workers and other victims remaining on site. A 53-foot refrigerated Food Bank semi-truck trailer was stocked by us and moved around to prearranged sites in Haviland and Pratt. Seventeen truck trips have been made since May 8 to supply feeding agencies.

We also solicited public donations of work gloves, rakes, shovels, tarps, trash bags, cleaning supplies and personal care items that were temporarily stored at the Food Bank before trucking to appropriate drop-off sites in the Greensburg area as needed. Our work to get things where they are most urgently needed continues. With the support and encouragement of Food Bank friends like you, we have made a difference in Greensburg while we continue to make a difference in the lives of the poor and hungry all across Kansas all year long.

—Brian Walker, President/CEO

TORNADOS, FLOODS AND HUNGER have all been on busy U.S. House of Representatives Jerry Moran's plate the past few weeks.

Rep. Moran, who represents District 1 in Kansas, visited the Kansas Food Bank on June 1st. Rep. Moran, as co-chair of the House Hunger Caucus and a member of the Agriculture Committee, was eager to discuss hunger and hunger related issues of our state. We appreciate Rep. Moran's support and interest in the fight against hunger in Kansas.



Brian Walker with representative Jerry Moran, who visited the Kansas Food Bank recently.

COMPASSION KNOWS NO BORDERS when it comes to those in need of help in the wake of the Greensburg tornado. Disaster supplies for Greensburg survivors received at this date came from a dozen states stretching from border to border and coast to coast of our nation.

They packed supplies in horse trailers, motor homes and a variety of SUVs and family cars. They drove cross-country and dropped in from bordering states. They loaded their gifts into backseats and trunks and top carriers. Some shipped them by common carrier. The compassion keeps flowing in. It's a very healing thing from generous neighbors all over America.

HUNGER AWARENESS DAY 2007

was observed on June 5 all over America and by an open house program at your Kansas Food Bank. During our observance, we provided tours of the facility as well as informational displays designed to increase awareness of the facts of hunger, such as "Over 17 million households in the nation are food-insecure" and "Over 13 million children suffer food-insecurity."

The turnout by friends and supporters of the Food Bank as well as members of the news media expressed their approval of the event. We were pleased to host it. Greater Awareness of Hunger helps our cause.



OLE! A RED HOT PROMOTION ON HUNGER AWARENESS DAY brings in two and one half tons of nonperishable food donations to the Food Bank.

Thanks to our fine friends at the three Chipotle Mexican Grills in Wichita, we were designated the recipient of a special Chipotle promotion that invited Chipotle diners to exchange nonperishable food donations to the Food Bank for selected items on the Chipotle menu free of charge.

It was a one-day deal, designating June 5 as the day the exchanges were to be made. It was a great way to observe Hunger Awareness Day 2007 and a very fine addition to our Food Bank inventory. Gracias!



JUNE 12 2007, EDITION #23

If you're new, we welcome you!

1919 E. Douglas, Wichita, KS 67211 Tel: 316-265-4421
Fax: 316-265-9747 E-mail: foodbankinfo@kansasfoodbank.org
Website: kansasfoodbank.org