



TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012

In the midst of this year's holiday season, all 22 members of the KFB Employee Team gathered for a Christmas luncheon and a group photo. It was a warm and relaxed event shared by those who represent the First Line of Defense against unintended hunger in the 85 Kansas counties we serve. The common thread that holds us all together is the sense that what we do every working day of the year has good and positive consequences in the lives of thousands of Kansas men, women and children who would otherwise suffer the risk of going hungry too often for a healthy and productive future.

We are not alone on this mission. We expect great numbers to help us along the way to a hunger-free Kansas. As in the past, they will give time, energy and extra effort to the hours they can contribute to our cause. And they will do real work that must be done. In doing so, they will add their on-the-job resources to those of our own KFB employee team. The combined volunteer and KFB team configuration will produce a greater overall effort to end chronic hunger among those most likely to suffer its sad and painful outcomes.

Those who join us may engage in large ongoing projects, such as assembling the tens of thousands of food packets for our Food 4 Kids Backpack program, or sharing in important work routines in the warehouse or office. Both individuals and groups are welcomed. Those who join us will be considered Food Bank First Team members. And your work will make a difference.

Happy New Year! —Brian Walker, President/CEO

COMMUNITY COMMENTARY - During the year just ended and the one before it, the Food Bank has fixed a very strong focus on efforts in Kansas to both expand and deepen involvement and acceptance in each of the 85 counties covered in our franchise. How is it going? Success is now in our sights. Here's some of the buzz reporting our ongoing work across the state.

PANTRIES ON THE MOVE - At the request of the Chanute Community Foundation, a second mobile pantry distribution in Chanute was held in conjunction with the Chanute Community Foundation and Fire Escape Coffeehouse. We served 458 families and distributed 12,382 pounds of product. Our mobile Pantries are really getting out there.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE - Along with a donation, we received the following note: "The Kansas Food Bank is a way to directly help people in my community. There are hungry people all over the world, but I first want to help those here in Wichita. Often we overlook those right beside us."

AND HERE'S ANOTHER ONE FROM A DONOR: "There was a time when I needed help and you were there. So I want to help you help others. I wish I was able to help more."

Thank you to all our donors and the volunteers who help make what we do possible.

THANK YOU FROM THE KFB STAFF Front Row: Kevin Enz, Brian Walker. Stairs (Bottom-Upward): Debi Kreutzman, Patrick Hutchison, Joan Church, Lynette Ritterling, Alan Boravetz, John McCarthy, Robert Crump, Denise Gunkel, Larry Gunkel, Jamie Korf, Jim Killgore, Henry King, Eric Grochowsky, Andrew Loucks, Eric Lewis, Tracey Bethely, Bo Keys, Robert Barker, Richard Bockoverand Don Florence

