

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2011

Have you ever wondered what our schedule looks like here at the Kansas Food Bank?

First, there are several activities that happen daily at the food bank:

- Volunteers pack Food 4 Kids packets to serve over 6,400 children a week, in more than 100 school districts across the state
- Drivers pick up donations at local retailers; this is food that would otherwise have been destroyed
- Warehouse staff pull and pack orders for all of the agencies
- Agencies in and around Wichita come in to pick up their orders
- Trucks from all over the country deliver product to us that must be inventoried and processed
- We answer numerous phone calls directing people to pantries for food assistance

During the first six working days of the month our delivery team of staff and volunteers deliver Food 4 Kids packets to Sedgwick County and surrounding areas. The rest of the month, our rural delivery driver spends nine days on the road delivering the remaining Food 4 Kids packets and orders to our agencies over our 85 county service area.

Then, at the end of the month, we do a quick inventory and everything starts over again! Who knew so much goes on here as we strive to meet the needs of food insecure Kansans, providing all or part of a meal to 32,000 of those in need each and every week!

Sincerely,
Brian Walker, President / CEO

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT - One of our largest partner pantries in Wichita has a new home and a new concept in their distribution method. Catholic Charities has moved their pantry to its new location on South Hillside. With that move came a significant change in how they distribute food. They have moved to a client choice model. That means, their guests choose items of their liking rather than just receive a pre-packed bag of food. Based on household size, the client goes thru the pantry which is designed like a mini grocery store and they are given a list of how many of each category of food they can receive. So rather than always getting corn and green beans, the client can select from canned tomatoes or carrots or spinach or whatever else is in the category. This method of distribution is a win-win scenario not only for the client but the pantry as well. We are so proud that Catholic Charities is one of our hunger care partners! They are open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday as well as the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 9 a.m. to noon.



SPRING BREAK - the Focus on Children and Food Needs

Lunch! - For the first time this year, Wichita children who rely on free and reduced meals at school will have a place to eat lunch. **Partners for Wichita** has teamed up with us to provide meals at seven locations throughout the city. Shelf stable meals will be offered March 15 – March 23. This is just one more way we are addressing child hunger and the needs that exist.



Break 4 Kids Food Box! - And for the second consecutive year, **Communities in Schools** has invited us to join forces with them so they can distribute food boxes to children whose families are served by CIS. We have a complete list of items needed on our website at: www.kansasfoodbank.org

