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A major milestone has been hit here at your Kansas Food Bank. We are so thrilled to announce that as of March 29th a Hunger Relief Partner has been secured and served in all 85 counties that we cover. It has been a long, hard road but one that we feel so worth the trip.

Over the past 9 months, we have worked diligently to ensure each and every county has access to the Kansas Food Bank. Whether that partner is a food pantry, soup kitchen, shelter, mobile drop site, Food 4 Kids School or SNAP Outreach location, we have successfully made an impact in ensuring No Kansan Goes Hungry.

The connections we have made will be everlasting. They are connections that will help us continue to fulfill our mission. They are connections with people just like us who would and will do whatever it takes to make sure our hungry friends and neighbors have access to food.

Our hunger care partners make us proud and we could not do what we do without them. They are an extension of us and we are honored to work with each and every one of them. And now we can proudly say, all 85 counties are served and will continue to be served!

Sincerely, Brian Walker, President / CEO

ALL 85 of our counties are now covered!



AGENCY SPOTLIGHT - KETCH (Kansas Elks Training Center for the Handicapped) is our featured agency this month. Their focus is to help Kansans with disabilities live and work in our community. Their programs are designed to meet the unique needs of adults with developmental disabilities whether it be daily life skills training, development of vocational skills, or assistance with in-home activities at one of their 29 sites throughout Wichita. We are honored to be able to help provide them

with nutritional food sources to assist their clients with healthy food choices.

MEET OUR NEW SEMI - We have just put into service our new semi, greatly expanding our capacity for long-haul deliveries around the state. Our new truck has a sleeper cabin that will enable the Food Bank to combine routes to maximize time on the road. In addition, the new truck has some great money saving features that will help make our fleet more efficient. We're very excited to have this new truck on the road, meeting the need in all 85 of our Kansas counties!







SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, May 12th marks the 20th anniversary of the NALC (National Association of Letter Carriers) food drive. Be sure and watch your mailbox for donation bags so you can conveniently donate non-perishable goods to your Kansas Food Bank! This is our biggest food drive of the year, and helps us get through the lean summer months to ensure we have an adequate supply of food for our Hunger Relief Partners.



HELP US OUTNUMBER HUNGER - Through Feeding America's new partnership, when you buy participating General Mills products, you can enter the code on the box online and your Kansas Food Bank will receive a donation worth 5 meals! Look for the Outnumber Hunger logo on products at the store, then go online at **www.outnumberhunger.com** and enter those item numbers. Giving couldn't be easier!



FOOD BANK FUN FACT - Have you ever wondered exactly how many individual milk cartons are distributed via the Food 4 Kids program? So far this school year we have distributed 317,188 cartons of shelf stable milk, with April and May to go!