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The enclosed KFB Annual Report documents the 8.59 million pounds of food for hunger relief distributed by your Food Bank during its 2009/2010 fiscal year. This new record amount reflects an increase of more than a million pounds over the previous fiscal year. It also represents twice the total distribution capability of the Food Bank's last facility before we began operations in our present Cargill Cares Complex.

Because of our present distribution capability, we were able to serve all orders for food during the year with capacity to spare for new record years still to come. This reserve capacity has also given us the backup needed to strengthen and extend our distribution network of independent hunger-relief agencies wherever we can, however we can.

That distribution network now includes more than 200 food pantries as well as about 300 Kansas elementary and middle school participants in the KFB Food 4 Kids Backpack program. Our list of these partners is now growing steadily from our ongoing recruitment efforts.

We could not live up to our mission without their service as indispensable links to food-insecure and hungry Kansans. Nor could we do our work without the generosity, help and encouragement from those who provide the food and funds to establish a strong and reliable resource for all in need of emergency hunger relief.

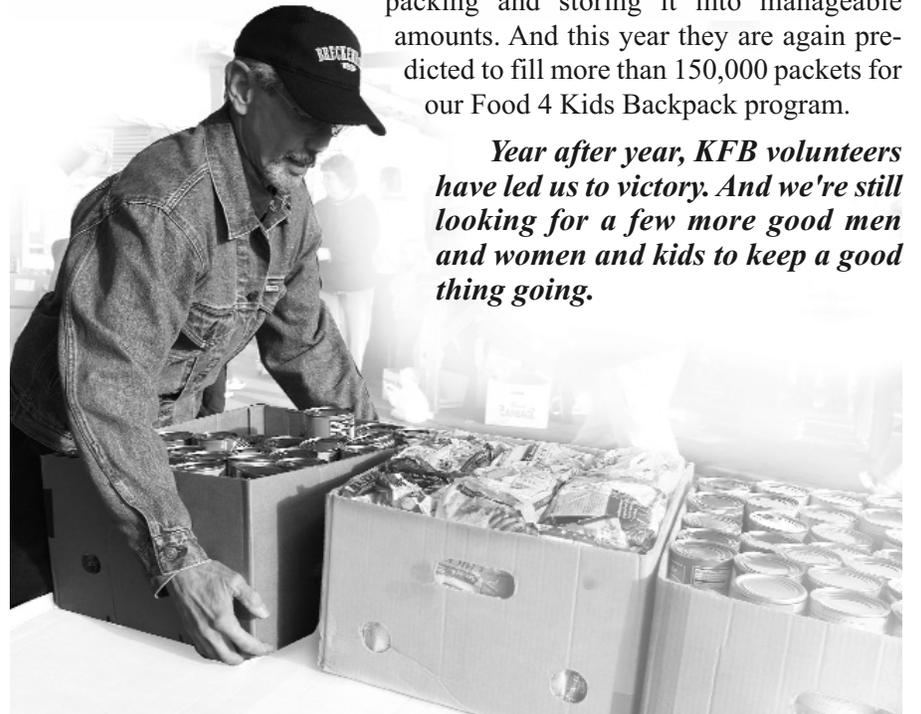
These friends and supporters of the Food Bank include our corporate contributors, community Food Drive organizers, individual givers, employee group contributors, foundations and community service organizations. Over the history of the Food Bank, they have been a constant source of help and encouragement. They are and always will be a part of the Food Bank team.

For all who have helped the Food Bank become what it is and what it hopes to be, let me extend holiday greetings in the words of Tiny Tim in A Christmas Carol, "God bless us every one."

—Brian Walker, President/CEO

KFB'S VICTORIOUS VOLUNTEERS are an essential part of our frontline in the war against hunger in Kansas. During last year alone, 5,345 volunteers added 24,052 hours of their time, talents and work experience to our own work force of eighteen full and part-time employees. Clearly, we could not have done what we were called on to do without their help.

They help out in the office, adding hours of effort where they are most needed. They whittle down mountains of food in the warehouse, sorting and packing and storing it into manageable amounts. And this year they are again predicted to fill more than 150,000 packets for our Food 4 Kids Backpack program.



Year after year, KFB volunteers have led us to victory. And we're still looking for a few more good men and women and kids to keep a good thing going.

MONEY MATTERS, no matter how small the contribution. A gift of \$5 will fill a backpack with food for a Kansas kid and help save that child from a long weekend of sad and debilitating hunger. And a grant of thousands of dollars will add thousands of pounds of food to our inventory for hunger relief. All year long, contributions of all sizes, in cash or in food, go into the "bank" and right out again.

During the last fiscal year, contributions from food drives, corporate gifts, foundation grants and countless personal donations allowed us to stock the shelves of our partners in 500 hunger-relief sites across the 85 Kansas counties we serve.

We often receive expressions of gratitude from them, like this one: "I grew up in the '30s. It was a sad and terrible time. What a wonderful thing you are doing. I don't have a lot, but I want to share everything I can." A check was enclosed with that note. Words like those make our day and give our work special meaning.

TURKEY TALK We recently were given more than 2,400 frozen turkeys from our always-generous friends at Cargill. Our job was to make the turkeys available to our hunger-relief partners. During the first distribution at a pantry in south Wichita, I was asked by a man with a little girl in tow to deliver a message to Cargill. I was obviously chosen as the message delivery person because of my KFB connections, but I was happy to deliver what turned out to be a warm, thoughtful and heartfelt thank you.

“Will you please tell the people at Cargill thank you from me and my family,” he said. “I did not know how I would be able to afford Thanksgiving this year. Times are really tough right now. But I want you to know how grateful I am to you and the kind folks at Cargill for my turkey. You made it possible for my family to have a real Thanksgiving dinner.”



It was all I could do to hold back the tears. When you walk the lines at the pantries as I do, true poverty becomes something you see up close and personal. I know that everyone there that night appreciated the gift of food they received. And I know his thank you was meant to include all of our Food Bank friends and all my fellow employees. He was clearly that kind of person.

—Debi Kreutzman
Community Relations Manager

ROLLIN' RIGHT ALONG. That's a quick and correct assessment of this year's KFB Food 4 Kids Backpack program so far. The totals now show 5,497 Kansas elementary and middle school students are picking up Backpacks of food every Friday in 326 schools, in 88 school districts—an increase of 550 students, 25 schools and four school districts since the term ended last May. New Backpack schools include Lost Springs, Cheney, Altoona, Lebo, Holyrood, Clafin and Wilson.

An article in the *Garden City Telegram* concerning the coming of our KFB Backpack Program to Garden City schools told a heartwarming story of how the event was carried off by 14 senior high school volunteers. The fabulous 14 picked up the first 136 Food 4 Kids backpacks, loaded them into their vehicles and delivered them right to the doors of 13 participating Garden City schools. One volunteer expressed what could have been said by any one of the other volunteers. “It is good,” he said. “It is very, very good,” and all those at the Food Bank who continue to proudly nurture the program strongly agree.



*Happy Holidays to you and yours
from the Kansas Food Bank*