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Every now and then someone who doesn't know the KFB as well as you do will suffer a slip of the lip and call us the "Wichita Food Bank."

During our very early years that name may well have been a more fitting description than the one provided by our charter. The period in which our operations were "all about Wichita, all the time" ended in the early '90s when we began efforts to expand KFB hunger relief into less populated areas of our 73,000 sq. mile area service area with local area links in Garden City, Independence and Salina.

Since then, these early efforts have grown into a system that now works extremely well for 20 communities that supply pantries in all directions outside the Wichita-Sedgwick County trade area.

Working within the concept of our long established Rural Delivery Program, these drop off sites provide supplies for local area food pantries once each month throughout the year were established for designated communities in rural areas of our State. The system is now a well-spaced, still evolving checkerboard of HungerCare help for the nearly 100 food pantries depending on it all through the year.

The complementary system in Wichita serves hundreds of pantries that get their food directly at the Food Bank headquarters. All in all, a total of more than 7.4 million pounds of food was distributed during our last fiscal year, two-thirds of it in the Greater Wichita area, and one-third in the rural areas of our State.

This information is presented so you and all our other friends will be on the same page with us to explain who we are, what we do and how we do it. It's your story to tell. Your support helped make us what we are today:

The KANSAS FOOD BANK

Let's keep it going—together.

—Brian Walker, President/CEO

WHAT DOES LONG HURTFUL HUNGER FEEL LIKE? No one knows better than those who have been captured on the battlefield and held as prisoners of war by their enemies in camps where starvation-level meals were most often the order of the day.

At the October meeting of the Air Capital Chapter of the American Ex-prisoners of War, the chapter expressed its special feelings of how it feels to be punished by near starvation in hostile prison camps by presenting a \$500 contribution to KFB Programs Manager Larry Gunkel who accepted it on behalf of the Food Bank. Chapter Commander John Mock stipulated that the gift was to go to the Laid-off Workers Fund. "As ex-prisoners of war, we know what it is like to be hungry," commented Commander Mock.

Our special salute to heroes who know how hurtful hunger can be.

CONGREGATING ON OUR BEHALF. AGAIN! It's old news to us that our friends at University Congregational Church have unusually large and generous hearts. They have congregated on our behalf many times. By now we know the drill, and we love and appreciate it more and more each time it comes our way.

Their current gift raised at a "Come Together" brunch held at the church totaled \$2,704, until added to a Macy's Matching Grant. That doubled that contribution to \$5,408 which will provide 37,856 meals to those who would otherwise have missed that many. To UCC members Mimi Leo and Georgia Nix who put it on, and to all others who participated, we send deep and joyful gratitude, both from the Food Bank and on behalf of all those who will be warmed and strengthened by meals saved just for them.

DILLONS' DOES IT AGAIN! Just when we think we've seen Dillons' best ideas for helping us help the hungry, another great Dillons' program pops up. This year their annual "Bringing Hope to the Table" campaign features the promotion and sales of a sturdy and very eye-catching reusable bag imprinted with the words, "I am bringing hope to the table." Thus, the bag becomes a walking ad to further raise awareness of the need for hunger relief.



The bags are sold at a modest price with a portion of the proceeds going to the Food Bank and our mission to help those struggling to keep food on the table, and hope alive. Bags will be available beginning November 9 at all Wichita area Dillons' stores as well as Dillons' stores in El Dorado, Mulvane and Newton. And, oh, yes, these bags will reduce the use of plastic ones! Good going, Dillons'. You've done it again.

New website ready and waiting! Polly Basore, our Development and Community Relations Director, has announced that our newly upgraded website is up and running. It is designed to help those who need a comprehensive and easily accessible source for information useful to all who are interested in being a participant in the Fight Against Hunger. The website provides answers to such questions as where to drop off food for ongoing campaigns and how to organize your own food drive and answers to many, many more questions you might have are all ready and waiting. Just click on www.kansasfoodbank.org.

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CAN-DO ARCHITECTURE ON DISPLAY

The Kansas Food Bank CANstruction event is an annual display of sculptures made of cans of food, which are later donated to the Food Bank. The four sculptures were on display until Nov 18, at the Towne East Mall.

