

TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2010

I am pleased to report the promotion of Debi Kreutzman from Agency Relations Coordinator to Community Relations Manager. Debi joined us at the Food Bank in April of last year and quickly demonstrated an outstanding ability to establish good and solid relations with our agency partners as well as with her fellow employees.

During the time Debi has been with the Food Bank, she has proved to be an excellent administrator and a hard-working conscientious employee. The non-profit experience and passion for helping others that she brought to her job remains a big plus.

Patrick Hutchison, our new Agency Relations Coordinator is a cheerful, friendly 32-year old who describes himself as a "dedicated computer geek" and as someone hooked on helping others. Patrick has had his own computer since he was in first grade. While at Wichita State University, as both a student and an employee, he sharpened his I.T. skills to a high professional level. Patrick credits his librarian grandmother for his early on love of reading. His part-time work in a law office while in high school contributed to his practical work experience and to his appreciation of the importance of paying attention to details. "Being involved makes a difference," he says. And his strong desire to help people in need makes him a good fit for his new job.

My thanks to Debi for her contributions to the Food Bank's efforts. I also want to welcome Patrick to our KFB team and to wish him well in a very important job. —Brian Walker, President/CEO

KIDS FAST-TRACK FOOD FOR THE POOR. Even after serving families in the countryside of Benton for 135 years, the Palmyra Baptist Church and its 100-member congregation remain an energetic and dedicated force for reaching out to the poor and hungry.

A recent event was a 30-hour fast by Palmyra preteens (and others from youth groups from churches in the Benton, Furley, Whitewater and Potwin areas). The juice and water fast (inspired by a World Vision program) included 15 kids organized into four teams. During the fast, each performed volunteer work needed by nonprofits. Each team was given \$100 to purchase food for the KFB without knowing what items to buy —until a fistful of riddles were solved. Then the race was on to determine which team could use the most of their allotment without going over the top. There was a spirited competition and as Palmyra pastor Norman Tillotson said, "Everyone won." and KFB folks certainly agree.

A WINNING HAND was held by your Food Bank at the first Annual Charity Poker Run on the Kansas International Dragway on June 6. Our Poker Run cash winnings amounted to \$600 from entry fees and other payments from purchasing extra poker hands.

Food contributions were received at the dragway site as well as at the 11 locations of Bumper-to-Bumper Certified Service Centers in Wichita, El Dorado, Goddard, Rose Hill, Mulvane, Potwin, Newton, Park City, Derby and Valley Center. We were happy to learn that Jobber's Automotive Warehouse, a friend and neighbor in our old South Wichita facility, would be getting in the game with Stu Puls sitting in as a lead player. Everyone seemed to have a roaring good time as participants in their street-legal motorcycles and automobiles did their thing while Poker Run fans cheered them on.

All we can say to our Bumper-to-Bumper friends is let's shuffle up and deal again next year!



Kevin Enz accepts Poker Run check from Stu Puls.

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT: Main Street Ministries - A drive down Main Street in Hillsboro leads you to Main Street Ministries, a food pantry serving more than 200 residents of Marion County each month. Open on Saturdays, this small pantry relies heavily on the Kansas Food Bank to make sure they have enough food each month to distribute.

One of the highlights of the pantry distribution is the meat they are able to receive. Along with the regular canned staple items, Main Street Ministries makes sure each and every person accessing the pantry goes home with a package or two of frozen meat each visit. We are proud to have them as a pantry partner to help serve food-insecure Kansans. —Debi Kreutzman, KFB Community Relations Manager

HARVESTS FOR THE HUNGRY...

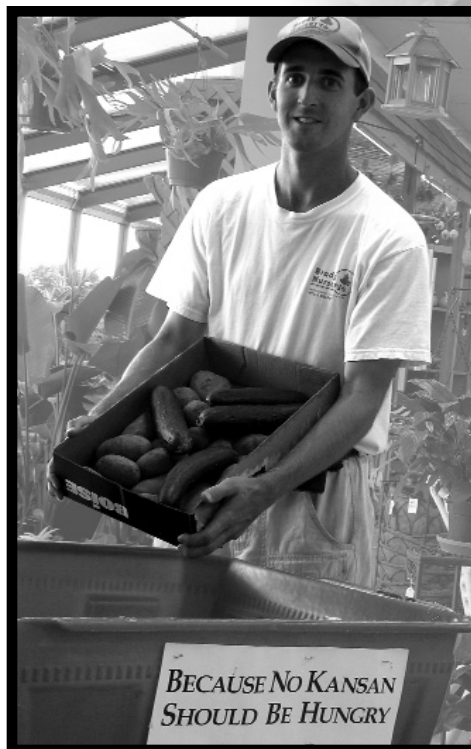
are now beginning in earnest as growing numbers of Plant-A-Row participants bring in fresh produce from gardens and fruit trees all around Sedgwick County. These very welcome contributions are for the benefit of the Food Bank's Hunger Relief Agency-partners and the thousands of food-insecure families they serve.

The annual inflow of fresh produce, according to KFB Operations Director Kevin Enz, now includes potatoes, cucumbers, summer squash and green onions, as well as apricots from the bountiful harvest of locally plentiful fruit now coming on. A deluge of tomatoes, Kevin hopes, will soon be forthcoming. Produce donations, he said, now stand at 15,186 pounds.

Second Helpings readers and their friends can leave their Plant-A-Row produce at locations listed below.

With our thanks, as always.

- **Kansas Food Bank**
1919 E. Douglas
- **Augusta Ace Home Center**
316 W. 7th Ave. (in Augusta)
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316 W. 7th Ave. (in Augusta)
- **Brady Nursery**
11200 W. Kellogg
- **Hillside Nursery**
2200 S. Hillside
- **Hillside Feed & Seed**
1805 S. Hillside
- **Johnson's Garden Centers**
802 N. Ridge Road
21st & Woodlawn and
2707 W. 13th St.
- **Valley Feed & Seed**
1903 S. Meridian.



Brady Nursery staff member, Kelby Schawe, with potatoes and cucumbers donated to the Plant-A-Row Program.

