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Feeding South Dakota

Agency Newsletter

June, 2010

Message from the Director....

New name...same service....

On May 12th, we officially changed our name from Community Food Banks of South Dakota to ***Feeding South Dakota***. We may have changed the look of our organization, but not our mission or our commitment to the fight against hunger. After many months of discussion we settled on Feeding South Dakota because we felt that we were rapidly becoming a hunger relief organization and needed a name to reflect that. As our mission is to feed the hungry people of South Dakota, our new name says it all. It is who we are and what we are doing.

Then on May 14th, we had the grand opening of our newest site. On a sun drenched day

with many of our friends and supporters present, we officially opened the Pierre Food Bank which is housed in the Charles H. Burke Memorial Distribution



Center. This facility will enable us to provide more central South Dakota agencies access to foods that will help them address the hunger needs in their communities. It will also provide an area facility that has the capacity to handle a variety of perishable and nonperishable food donations from local retailers, wholesalers, producers and

processors. These foods will then be made available to member agencies for distribution to people in need. None of this would have happened if not for the members of the Pierre food bank task force or the many gracious donors, most notably Delta Dental of South Dakota and the family of Charles H. Burke.

With each of these changes we feel that we are moving closer to the fulfillment of our mission to eliminate hunger in South Dakota, a goal that cannot be achieved without the support of our many member agencies.

Maw Hansen

WALMART COMMITS \$2 BILLION TO HELP END HUNGER IN THE US

Walmart and the Walmart Foundation announced a \$2 billion cash and in-kind commitment today, stepping up efforts to help end hunger in America. The new five-year initiative, "Fighting Hunger Together," includes four key components:

- **Donating more than 1.1 billion pounds of food** from Walmart stores, distribution centers and Sam's Club locations, valued at \$1.75 billion;
- **Grants totaling \$250 million** to support hunger relief organizations at the national, state and local levels;
- **Mobilizing Walmart associates and customers.** For example, Walmart's logistics team will lend their expertise to help food banks become more efficient in their operations; and
- **Collaboration with government, food manufacturers and other corporations** that are fighting hunger to increase impact and reach a greater number of families in need.

"Increasingly, we see opportunities to use our scale and reach to solve challenges in our communities. This is one of those times," said Eduardo Castro-Wright, Walmart's vice chairman. "By working together, we believe we can reach a day where no individual in this country has to go to bed hungry or worry if there will be food to put on the table tomorrow."

Last year, when high levels of unemployment placed greater demands on U.S. food banks, Walmart doubled its food donations, providing 81 million more pounds of food than the prior year. The company's contributions made up 45 percent of donations from retailers to Feeding America food banks. The company also helped to feed more than 93,000 children in 2009 through a donation to the Boys and Girls Club of America's summer feeding program.

For more information, including a state-by-state list of Walmart's planned food donations over the next five years or to find local volunteer opportunities, visit www.walmartgiving.com.



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Sioux Falls.....

Sportsman Against Hunger

This organization continues to be to be a very important resource for us in supplying high demand protein category product.

In 2009 Sportsman Against Hunger donated 97,000 lbs. of game meat and 5,929 pheasants through their programs.

Together these donations help Feeding South Dakota and our agencies to provide thousands of healthy meals for the needy in South Dakota.

The generosity of the hunters in South Dakota and the dedication of this organization have a significant and positive impact on feeding the hungry in our state.

Valley Queen Cheese

Valley Queen Cheese of Milbank, SD is preparing to make their third donation to us in June.

They have donated almost one hundred 40 lb. blocks of cheese to Feeding South Dakota this year already.

This product gets processed into smaller loafs and distributed through our food pantry or in some cases will be offered to our agencies who can handle the 40 lb. blocks.

Donor partners like them are hard to find in South Dakota since we are in what we call, a food manufacturing poor state, and appreciated very much.

Target Bank

Target Bank of Sioux Falls is hosting a food drive for the Sioux Falls Food Pantry in June.

They will be organizing contests between the banks different departments in order to add some fun and excitement to their efforts.

Each week they will target a different category of high demand items and collect only those items that week.

Thank you and have fun Target Bank!

Odds & Ends.....

Shopping Area

Effective immediately, the shopping area will not open until 8:00am and it continues to close at 4:00pm, Monday - Friday.

The Warehouse crew thanks you!

Agency Program

All Agency Programs are issued a program #. Please use this number when submitting orders as well as payments.

Thank you.

Dakotaland Shipments

Ship-outs will be every other month effective immediately. Orders will **NOT** be shipped this month.

TRUCK ROUTES

(150 LB MIN.)

Bunjer South & West
Tuesday, the 15th

Bunjer Huron
Wednesday, the 16th

Dakotaland
Orders held until next month

Winner
Monday, the 21st

Bunjer #2
Tuesday, the 22nd

Bunjer #1
Wednesday, the 23rd

CrossCountry
Your order will be delivered to you after all other truck routes have been delivered unless you provide a "deliver by" date on your order form.

Pick-up Appointments

Please provide at least 3 business days notice to your requested appointment day and time. If you prefer, you can request a call back to schedule your appointment. The last pick-up appointment is 3:30pm everyday. There are no pick-up appointments available on Thursday mornings.

This month, there will also be NO pick-up appointments available Tuesday the 1st, Wednesday the 2nd and Friday the 4th from noon until closing.

In-Town Deliveries

There are NO in-town deliveries on Mondays and Thursdays.

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Rapid City.....

RAPID CITY JOURNAL —The food bank has a new name, but its mission to end hunger is ongoing. And like many local nonprofit agencies, the needs don't end when the weather warms up. "The biggest thing with spring and summer is that there are no food drives like there are around the holiday time," said Monica Leitheiser, director of the food bank, now known as Feeding South Dakota. "Holiday time, you're always thinking of sharing and giving, but our pantry is still as busy as it was in the winter." The food bank has a long history of fighting hunger in Rapid City. It started as the Black Hills Regional Food Bank in 1983, moving to its current building at 814 N. Maple Ave. in 1995. In 1997, it became an affiliate of Feeding America, the nation's largest charitable hunger relief organization. It might sound familiar to TV watchers: Celebrity chef Curtis Stone raised money for Feeding America as he tried to impress Donald Trump on NBC's "Celebrity Apprentice." Then in 2004, it merged with the Sioux Falls food bank to become Community Food Banks of South Dakota. "Combined, we could address hunger needs all across the state," Leitheiser said. The new name, Feeding South Dakota, suits its mission and goals, and puts the new food bank under its umbrella while keeping the organizations' connection to Feeding America. That affiliation gives Feeding South Dakota access to surplus food donated by large corporations such as Kellogg's, Kraft and General Mills, Leitheiser said. "We coordinate the trucking and they get us semis of food." They'll need all that food: The organization's pantry serves individual families in need; its food bank distributes food to nonprofit agencies that provide meals and emergency food boxes to the needy; and its backpack program provides food to schoolchildren who would otherwise be at risk of going hungry. "We're up to 1,610 backpacks at 22 schools," Leitheiser said. "We have a rotating menu, and everybody gets the same thing." Workers and volunteers have two more Fridays in the school year to distribute the backpacks in Rapid City schools. According to feedback from school principals, those who received the food have improved their attendance, along with test scores and attitudes. "I think it has made a difference," Leitheiser said. Volunteers pack the backpacks on Wednesdays, which takes about two, fast-paced hours. "Everybody loves doing it," Leitheiser said, "so if anybody is looking for projects for next year ... we're always looking for big groups, since we need at least 25 or more per session." And they plan to start fundraising this summer so that they can continue the program, which costs about \$3.75 per child per week. For more information or to volunteer, contact Leitheiser at monica@sdfoodbanks.org or 348-2689, or go to www.sdfoodbanks.org. Watch for the new Feeding South Dakota name in the window, although that big sign out front probably isn't going anywhere anytime soon, she said.

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Pierre.....

Good Things Happening in Central South Dakota!

On May 14, 2010 Feeding South Dakota had a ribbon cutting at their new site in Pierre SD. This 8,000 square foot facility has been in the making for over a year. Now it's a reality. The site is open on a limited basis offering dry goods. On May 28th concrete was poured for the walk in cooler and walk in freezer. Once the coolers are installed the site will be 100% ready to serve the many agencies throughout central South Dakota. Stop in and meet Bernie and Russ and get a grand tour. This site will be offering a Menu and will have a shopping area as well. The senior box program is being established and should be ready July 1st.

We looking forward to serving central South Dakota in our on going efforts to stamp out hunger in our state.

Bernie Jassmann



Community Awareness Day, May 15, 2010



Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting, May 14, 2010

Agency Spotlight

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What type of program is your organization and how many do you serve?

St. Joseph's Indian School is a religious educational, non-profit organization, founded by the Congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Heart. It has served the Lakota people since 1923 and incorporated as a non-profit organization in South Dakota in 1925. St. Joseph's Indian School opened its doors in 1927 and continues to foster the spiritual, educational, physical, and personal growth of Lakota, Nakota, and Dakota children of all religious denominations. St. Joseph's is funded by voluntary donations. St. Joseph's is a Residential School and teaches and houses up to 220 children. St. Joseph's also has Summer Camps for children from Lower Brule and Crow Creek Reservations and a Summer Program for other St. Joseph students.

How do you utilize Feeding South Dakota?

St. Joseph's uses the Food Bank to supplement our School Lunch Program, meals in the Residential Homes, snacks for Summer Camps and for emergency food items for those in need.

Join our online community

- Visit our NEW website at www.feedingsouthdakota.org



- Become a fan on Facebook;
www.facebook.com
search "Feeding South Dakota"



South Dakota Statistical Brief

Food insecurity rate	10.3%
Child food insecurity rate	14.9 %
Under 5 rate	12.7 %
Population	804,194
Poverty rate	11.1 %
Child poverty rate	20.0 %
Unemployment rate	4.7 %

For every \$1 donated, Feeding America helps provide 7 meals to men, women and children facing hunger in our country.

(taken from www.feedingamerica.org)