

Working Together

The Food Bank of North Alabama acts as a first responder in times of disaster. When a tornado or flood strikes, we draw upon our food supplies to deliver emergency food and water to residents directly impacted.

When the F-5 tornadoes struck in 2011, for example, we supplied over 3 million pounds of disaster-related food and water to residents and food programs across North Alabama.

This summer we responded again when the West Morgan-East Lawrence Water and Sewer Authority announced that their customers should not drink the water due to levels of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) in the system. Exposure to these chemicals may be associated with various types of cancer and developmental problems for fetuses and breast-fed infants.

In partnership with local Emergency Management Agencies, we were able to supply over eight sites in Lawrence and Morgan Counties with 10 tractor trailer loads of water where hundreds of residents picked up needed supplies. We also distributed another 3 tractor trailer loads to our partner food pantries serving residents in the impacted areas. In total, we helped provide over ½ million pounds of emergency water to residents during this time of uncertainty and distress. This tremendous response was only made possible by the generous support of donors like you and key corporate partners including Kroger, Publix Super Markets, Sam's Club, Whole Foods, Feeding America and Second Harvest of South Georgia.

"It was heartening to witness the outpouring of support and cooperation. We all worked together to ensure families dealing with a very stressful situation had clean water supplies," said Food Bank executive director, Kathryn Strickland. "We could not be more appreciative."

Amazing things happen because of donors like you!









