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FOOD BANK OF NORTH ALABAMA

Growing To Meet the Need

Even before COVID-19 swept in during the spring of 2020, the Food Bank of North Alabama was looking at how to best meet the growing need in our 11-county service area.

The pandemic, of course, brought a new wave of economic hardship to millions of people. In North Alabama, we have seen the need for food grow in every county of our coverage area. This just further crystalized our need to expand.

In Madison, the Food Bank has rented a new warehouse we're calling the Madison Annex, and in Florence, a space we're calling the Shoals Branch.

The Food Bank already has hosted the monthly Shoals Drop at its new location in Florence, and once fully operational, the location will serve feeding partners in the Colbert, Franklin, and Lauderdale counties, as well as some agencies in Lawrence and Limestone. The new location will prevent many of them from having to make regular three or four hour trips to Huntsville. The Food Bank's feeding partner agencies in the Shoals will spend less time procuring food and more time feeding the people they serve.

The Shoals Branch will also mean the Food Bank will be better equipped to grow their network of feeding partners in northwest Alabama and provide more direct service programs in the Shoals, such as mobile pantries.

The Shoals Branch also will free up transportation resources for the Food Bank, which then will be refocused toward better meeting the needs in the eastern part of North Alabama, including DeKalb, Jackson, and Marshall counties.

The Food Bank isn't currently expecting to use the Madison Annex for regular distributions, rather it will be used to increase storage capacity and ease logistics. The new warehouse space will provide flexibility, allowing the Food Bank to accept and move a greater amount of food.

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Florence warehouse



Vincent loading at
the new Florence warehouse



First food at Florence annex

Graham Arnold
Debby Kerner

Helpful Neighbors of Town Lakes
Nina Wesley

Henry Stutts
Ronald Loveless

Hopkins Family
Donn Hopkins

Hugh and Charlotte Ball
Angela Songy

In service to my Lord, Jesus Christ
Lawrence Marker

Interstate Billing Service
Rebecca Dodson

Jackson and Hirsch Family
Kenneth Hirsch

James Baumann
Lauren Krepis

Janet Kee
James Everitt

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Bonnie Simpkins

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Jesus Christ
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Martha Hardin

Jim and Valerie Chesney
Peter Del Presto

Joan, Scot, Daph, and Steve
Stephen and Susan Ellzey

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Joel McCaghren

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Mary Koelbl

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Phil and Melinda Holladay

Jolly and Becky McKenzie
Don and Jane McKenzie

Jon and Sonja Rossow
Steve Greentree
Christie Dunn

Jonathan and Noel Steward
Mr. and Mrs. William and Eilizabeth Martin

Joshua McCoy, Marcie Lewis, Maritza Kelley
Government Finance Officers
Association of AL (GFOA)

JT Anniversary
Nancy Harriman

Julia Pike; Kyle Staggs; JD Staggs; Evie Staggs
Melissa and Ryan Miller

Kara Dudek Teacoach
Kathryn Walters

Kay and Sam Lowry
Donna Castellano

Kaye Nielsen
Frances w West

Kevin and Jennifer Cook
Melissa Hankins

Kileigh Carson
Nona Perdue

Krista Burns
Jan Rogers

KT Bothwell
Maggie Patrick

Kykenkee
David Lindblad

Laurie and Mike
Elaine Atristain

Laurie and Mike O'Lena
Hugh Hausch

Laurie Wiggins
Ms. Lisa Wiggins

Lee Prout
Laura Oppenhimer

Legal Services of AL and the work they do for women and children
Susan Glandon

Lil
Lynda Hodges

Lionel and Nancy Dyck
Joshua Dyck

Loretta Bookout
Jean Langford

Lucy Russell
Becky Scheinert

Lula Moore
Tamekia Bougard

Lulu Layla Lloyd
Mrs. Pamela J. Lloyd

Madison County/Huntsville and Madison City School Teachers and Students
Jessica Williams

MAJ Thurman & Judy Self
Mary Bonilla

Margaret and George Coefer
Barbara Biles

Margaret Page and Valera Marsh
Richard and Cynthia Marsh

Mark Wiggins
Ms. Lisa Wiggins

Marriage of Thuy and Nisheeth Lynch
Ms. Ruby Garlen

Martin Flood
Teresa Lewis

Matt Ferrero
Jim Hoekenschneider

Melinda Robertson
Laura McGuffey

Michelle Greene
Laurie Nave

Mickey Bliden
Nancy Harriman

Mike and Cathy Ward
Judy and John Heacock

Miller Family
Kyle Staggs

Millicent "Gomaize" Williams - Ottley's Village, St. Kitts
Vastell Williams

Mom and Dad
Wendy Jeup

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Berns
Jennifer Chrissis

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Sayle
Karen Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williams
Ms. Barbara Wynne

My Buchanan Family
Anna Zelinsky

My Dad
Kenneth Pledger

My Friends and Family
Janet and Richard Hart

My Mama!
Jamie Johnson

My Mother, Sally Parsons
Michael Weir

My Sister
Thomas Rathz

My Sister and My Mother
Steve and Joyce Fedeczko

My sister, Wanda Sue White
Rachel Morgan

My son, Brian Kendall Kitchens
Sandra Bartels

My Wife
Madhu Manandhar

My wife, Melissa Edwards
Christopher Edwards

Nancy Harriman
Reba Mooror

Nisheeth and Thuy
Ruchi Singhal

Odra Priest
Charlie Priest

Pat and Karen Driskell
Jonathan Driskell

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Brenton Noel
Stuart Noel

Patsy West
Elyse Hall

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Pipier and Todd Spann
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C C Cayson

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Jason and Amber Pavlick

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Roseann Gomez

Rev Mark Adams
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Jason McCown

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James Goodwin

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David Gross

Robert Joe Wilder
Leah Wilder

Robert Simmons
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Melissa Shepherd

Roger Bunnell
Jennifer Bunnell

Ron and Gina Porter
Brandon French

Ruby Softley
Elbert Softley

Ruth Bader Ginsburg--May her memory be for blessing
Mitzi Adams

Sally Warden
Donna Castellano

Sander
Sherman Wilcox

Sandy, Pammy and Family
Nathan Veale

Sarah E. Waters
Jordan Waters Jr.

Sarah French, Devin, Derrick and Destinee
Terry S French-Rice

Sarah Jordan Allen , Stanley Ferguson
Sandra West

Sarina and Jud Babcock
Judy Satterfield

School Cafeteria Workers and Teachers
Jessica Williams

Scott Bowman
Katherine Eubanks

Sharyn Meade
Helen Taylor

Sheri and Mike Pinto
Judy Satterfield

Stan Pylant
Becky Shores

Stephanie Pinto
Judy Satterfield

Stephanie Sherman
Donna Castellano

Steven Berger
Keith Schmidt

Susan Szczepanski
Triste and Lawrence Brooks

Susan Wehmeier at API/APP
Thomas Nassif

Teena Tucker
Mary Frances Tucker

Teresa Adams
Emily Adams

The Reynolds Family
Tom Davis

The Howards, Kozars, Ishmaels, Wrights, Raynors, Robinsons and Nichols
Calla Banks

Those who placed boxes of food at my door when I was a kid.
Gina Bradley

Tiffin Motorhomes, Inc.
Gary Testa

Tim Lanier
Victoria Vest

Tina Hunt Ward
James Ward

Tom and Carolyn Sexton family
Wade Sexton

Vernon B. and Mary R. David
James David

Virginia Griffith
Judith Tor

Virginia McMahan
US Tracy McMahan

Wendy Yang and Richard Myers
Mr. John E. Yang

Willa Castle
Kim McCarty Castle

Yarbrough/Reinartz Family
Mr. Kevin Yarbrough

Zubin and Emily Dutia
Anne Dutia

In Memory of ...

Franklin Lee Cox
Katrina Weir

Amanda Elaine Dutton
Robert Fuerst

Amanda Wilson, Levi Wilson, Percy Powers, Ruth Wilson Malone
Jimmie Malone

Amie Katherine Elliott
Allan and Kathy Elliott

Ann Wallace Carter
Phyllis Neal
Kristal Rossi
Melissa Vann

Special Recognition Donations *(continued from page 3)*

In Memory of ...

Ardonia of the Scottsboro Bridge Club
Leon and Pat Galecki

Ben Williamson
Hoyt E. Williamson Jr.

Betty Jean Lawson
Mr. Dennis Fry

Betty Jo Coan
Samuel Holliday

Bridget Dietz
Kurtis Dietz

Bud Slagle
Eugene Matthews

Burl Chandler
Katrina Weir

Camille Vaughan
Maggie Little

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Clay and Pride sherrill

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Frances Bateman

Mihail Dimofte
John Wass

Mother of Donna Lamb
William and Karin Confer

Mother of Jeff Smith
Sarah McAbee

My father, Terrell Alexander Miller
Yolanda McLain

**My Grandmothers who lived through
the Great Depression**
Julie Lockwood

My mother, Althea Sumner
Sandra L. Joplin

My Parents and Husband
Diane Castillo

My sister, Dinah Cooks
Ann Marshall

My Sister, Hilda Linton
Mary L. Summerlin

**My sweet wife, Sheryl Stiles who passed
away in early April**
Mark Stiles

Parents Paul and Lydia Norrell
Martha Norrell

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Jan Rogers

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Sibyl Wilkinson**
Katrina Weir

Ruth and Maurice Jones, Decatur
Theresa Jones

**SGT Cameron Meddock; Army Ranger
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Nicholas Tylka

Steve Manley
Katrina Weir

Thomas Allen Pretty
Satah Smith

**Those who have passed away from
COVID-19**
Selina Chan

Tim E. Simmons
Kate Moschak

Tom Pretty
Janet Campbell
Phoebe Pate
Jane Stott Campbell

Tony Richards, Former Principal
Plainview School

Vanitha
K Shanmugan

Veda Hodges
Leon and Pat Galecki

Virginia Corley
Mary Spears

William Vita
Charles and Cynthia Neidhardt

Wini Beason
Charles and Cynthia Neidhardt

Winston Clay Walker
Mr. and Mrs. William Johnston Jr.

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Food moves fast at the Food Bank of North Alabama. It's rare that anything – even shelf stable items – is kept for over a month or two before it's in the hands of partner food pantries or directly to someone facing food insecurity. However, the Food Bank's previous space limitations meant some opportunities for large food donations from Federal programs had to be turned down. With the new space, the Food Bank will be able to have the flexibility to accept more donations and move more food strategically to underserved areas.

Overall this is necessary growth for the Food Bank of North Alabama, which has been at its current location since the 1990s and has begun to outgrow that space.

While the Food Bank set records throughout 2020 with the amount of food distributed – averaging over 1 million pounds of food every month since March – we still are unable to reach everyone who is experiencing food insecurity. However, with these expansions, the Food Bank expects to be closer than ever to accomplishing that goal.