



# AGENCY NEWSLETTER

April 2025



## Introducing the Partner Advisory Council

On February 28th, we conducted the inaugural meeting of our Partner Advisory Council. This long-awaited initiative has finally been realized, and we are absolutely delighted!

During the two-hour session, we shared laughs, got to know one another, and established the direction for the year ahead as we aim to expand our outreach and enhance our service to you, our agency partners. Each member has pledged to represent not only the interests of their programs but also the specific needs of their counties. Together, they will provide feedback and insights in a supportive environment for all partners across North Alabama. Discover more about the council members on their respective county pages!

*Pictured: Shirley Schofield (FBNA CEO), Renata Drake, Johnathan Creekmore, Richard Robbins, Betty Bellomy, Cassandra Boone, Joshua Matthews (FBNA COO) Front Row: Amanda Carter (Agency Relations Manager) and Kelly Nicholas (Agency Relations Coordinator)  
Not pictured: Dr. Kimberly Jackson*

### COUNTY SPOTLIGHTS!

This month, each County is featured with a special second page. Interested in discovering what's happening in other service areas? Visit our website to explore all the latest editions!

### TO DO:

Click Here to submit your monthly demographic report!

BY APRIL 15TH

#### This year...

#### We are bringing Hunger Summit directly to YOU!

We truly appreciate the fantastic turnout at September's agency partner conference, especially considering the challenging "hurricane" weather conditions! The engagement in the sessions was terrific and we were able to pass along a LOT of information! However, we felt there weren't enough chances to connect and hear YOUR insights.

We also recognize that traveling can be challenging for some. Therefore, this year, we are changing our approach by hosting "Mini Summits" across North Alabama. We intend to select four locations where we can bring together multiple counties for networking, learning, and fostering stronger partnerships.

#### preparing to launch!



Stay tuned for more information on when we plan to land near you!

#### THE HOTTEST ACCESSORY THIS SUMMER?

With temperatures on the rise, remembering to bring your Thermal Blankets for pickup is essential.

According to food safety regulations, temperature-sensitive food being transported for more than 30 minutes must remain cold during transit. This can be achieved with a refrigerated vehicle (note that air conditioning is not sufficient), coolers, or by using an insulated thermal blanket.

Looking for a blanket? Visit the Established Agency Center section of our website for links to purchase your own!

Please note that groups lacking proper temperature control tools will be prohibited from picking up refrigerated or frozen items!



### KUDOS

100% of Dekalb Agencies reported for February 2025!!

DEKALB

ALL THE COOLEST FOOD WILL HAVE ONE!

WELCOME  
TO Fabulous  
**COLBERT**  
ALABAMA



Number of Agencies: **11**

Number of Agencies who reported demographics for February: **10**

Longest Standing Active Agency: **468 Highland Park Church of Christ**

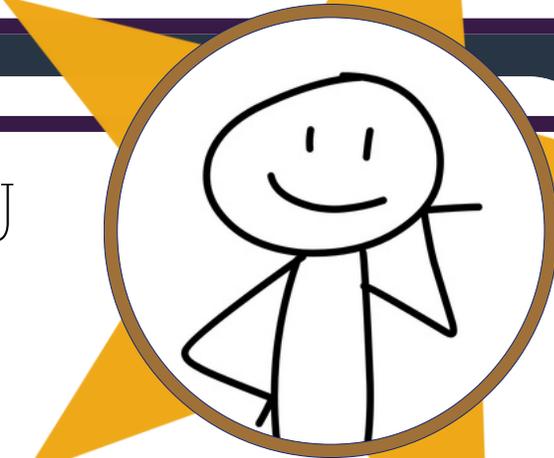
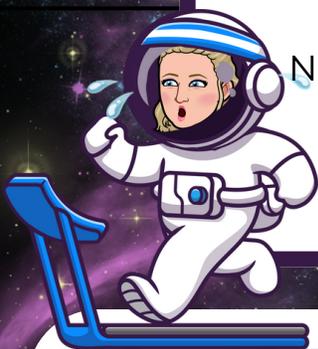
Number of Pounds Distributed in County for FY 2024: **2,447,818**

Total Number of households served for February 2025: **1,263**

Number of Agencies who have completed the Food Safety Test: **1**

**FOOD SAFETY FOR FOOD BANKING TEST**

**FOOD SAFETY MATERIAL**



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WELCOME  
TO Fabulous  
**CULLMAN**  
ALABAMA



Number of Agencies: **24**

Number of Agencies who reported demographics for February: **19**

Longest Standing Active Agency: **016 Childhaven, Inc.**

Number of Pounds Distributed in County for FY 2024: **1,048,505**

Total Number of households served for February 2025: **3,431**

Number of Agencies who have completed the Food Safety Test: **5**

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## Jonathan Creekmore

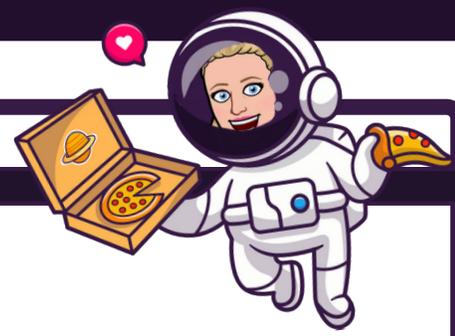
### The Link

Jonathan Creekmore, a native of Mississippi, has called Alabama home for approximately seven years.

He has been with The Link of Cullman County for about two years, contributing to both their Housing Program and Pantry, and currently serves as the Support Services Manager. A graduate in Journalism from Ole Miss, his favorite colors are obviously blue and red, while maroon ranks as his least favorite. He holds a master's degree from Memphis Theological Seminary, but in his free time enjoys reading, sports, and anime.

Jonathan is deeply passionate about supporting marginalized individuals in his community while working tirelessly to ensure food and shelter for those in economic distress.

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Number of Agencies: **10**

Number of Agencies who reported demographics for February: **10**

Longest Standing Active Agency: **150 Upper Sand Mountain Parish**

Number of Pounds Distributed in County for FY 2024: **497,890**

Total Number of households served for February 2025: **700**

Number of Agencies who have completed the Food Safety Test: **0**

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**CONGRATULATIONS DEKALB!  
OUR ONLY COUNTY TO HAVE 100% OF ACTIVE  
AGENCIES REPORT FEBRUARY  
DEMOGRAPHICS!!!**

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WELCOME  
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**FRANKLIN**  
ALABAMA



Number of Agencies: **6**

Number of Agencies who reported demographics for February: **5**

Longest Standing Active Agency: **461 Faith Mission Outreach**

Number of Pounds Distributed in County for FY 2024: **361,904**

Total Number of households served for February 2025: **744**

Number of Agencies who have completed the Food Safety Test: **0**

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Number of Agencies who reported demographics for February: **14**

Longest Standing Active Agency: **038 Nourish One Child**

Number of Pounds Distributed in County for FY 2024: **1,116,300**

Total Number of households served for February 2025: **2,328**

Number of Agencies who have completed the Food Safety Test: **1**

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## Betty Bellomy Jacob's Well Ministry



As the treasurer and a member of the inventory control team for Jacobs Well Ministry Food Pantry, located in northwest Jackson County, Betty has had a rewarding journey.

She began her involvement with JWM as a volunteer in 2013.

As the food pantry expanded and evolved, so did her responsibilities and passion for the mission. In 2015, JWM became incorporated to support this growth, and they later partnered with the Foodbank of North Alabama to become a USDA agency for the same purpose.

In August 2023, they started distributing food from their own facility in Skyline, Alabama. Currently, they serve around 300 families each month and also support the local school backpack program.

After retiring from the paid workforce in 2018, she now focuses on spending time with her seven grandchildren. As a Nana, she enjoys attending numerous ballgames and creating wonderful memories.

She is a member of Central Baptist Church and dedicates much of her time to volunteering with JWM. The small yet dedicated volunteer workforce at the pantry feels blessed to serve those in need within their community.

She eagerly anticipates collaborating with the Partners Advisory Council.

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WELCOME  
TO Fabulous  
LAUDERDALE  
ALABAMA



Number of Agencies: **19**

Number of Agencies who reported demographics for February: **16**

Longest Standing Active Agency: **441 Help Center**

Number of Pounds Distributed in County for FY 2024: **1,428,950**

Total Number of households served for February 2025: **2,829**

Number of Agencies who have completed the Food Safety Test: **1**

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## Dr. Kimberly Jackson

### Crossroads Community Outreach

I am the Founder and Executive Director of Crossroads Community Outreach, which was established in 2015. Hailing from Florence, AL, I am a proud mother of three, and my favorite color is purple. I earned both my undergraduate and advanced degrees in Political Science, Public Administration, and Christian Counseling from Ashford University, Higher Place Christian, and Samford University.

With over 25 years of experience in Corporate Administration, particularly in Human Resources and Accounting, I also bring 15 years of expertise in the non-profit sector. Crossroads is a divinely inspired initiative focused on assisting those in need, especially those facing homeless and individuals facing crises. Additionally, I run a for-profit venture, Dr. Jackson Consulting Firm, which supports the startup and operational needs of new non-profits and businesses. My goal is to foster greater awareness and support from city leaders for those dealing with homelessness and food insecurity, as well as to develop a more cohesive plan for service delivery in our community.

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WELCOME  
TO Fabulous  
LAWRENCE  
ALABAMA



Number of Agencies: **14**

Number of Agencies who reported demographics for February: **10**

Longest Standing Active Agency: **402 Foster Outreach Ministries**

Number of Pounds Distributed in County for FY 2024: **244,664**

Total Number of households served for February 2025: **662**

Number of Agencies who have completed the Food Safety Test: **2**

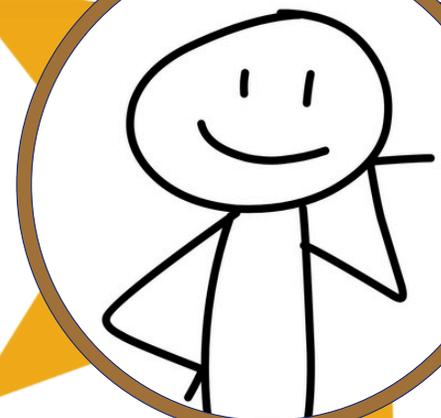
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LIMESTONE  
ALABAMA

Number of Agencies: **15**

Number of Agencies who reported demographics for February: **12**

Longest Standing Active Agency: **282 Christians Helping Others**

Number of Pounds Distributed in County for FY 2024: **526,476**

Total Number of households served for February 2025: **3,511**

Number of Agencies who have completed the Food Safety Test: **5**

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## Renata Drake

### Trinity SDA Church

Renata Drake serves as the Community Services Director at Trinity Seventh Day Adventist Church in Athens, AL. The Food Pantry is one of her cherished responsibilities. Renata is a retired Federal Government Executive and a retired Travel Agency entrepreneur. She relocated and retired in Alabama in 2007.

Renata's first duties with the pantry were behind the scenes preparing the reports in 2010. After casually mentioning her dream of running the pantry, Renata encouraged their Pastor's wife to accept the challenge and promised to be her assistant in 2014. The Pastor was then moved to another city and so went the pantry leader. More than true to her promise, Renata became the Food Pantry guru in 2016 running the pantry herself. Renata attended training and summits, collaborating with other agency partners, and even progressed to USDA partner in 2022.

On a more personal note, Renata's favorite color is Red. Why, she's unsure, but it could have been inherited. Her Mom said she would place her in a box with the Sunday cartoons and Renata would spend hours folding & rearranging the bright red paper. Her wardrobe is 80% red. Recently she had the nerve to purchase her first red car.

She believes that "serving on the Partner Advisory Council will provide an excellent opportunity to work toward eliminating food insecurities and food hunger in Limestone County."



MEET YOUR PAC REPRESENTATIVE



Did you know that a pair of WHITE squirrels makes their home in the trees near the Huntsville warehouse? They are the cutest little neighbors, and we enjoy spotting them (thankfully, not inside the warehouse!). Drive safely and keep an eye out for our little buddy "FINNEY" and their family!



Number of Agencies: **88**

Number of Agencies who reported demographics for February: **63**

Longest Standing Active Agency: **025 Downtown Rescue Mission**

Number of Pounds Distributed in County for FY 2024: **6,087,754**

Total Number of households served for February 2025: **23,163**

Number of Agencies who have completed the Food Safety Test: **12**

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## Cassandra Boone

Madison County 310 Board

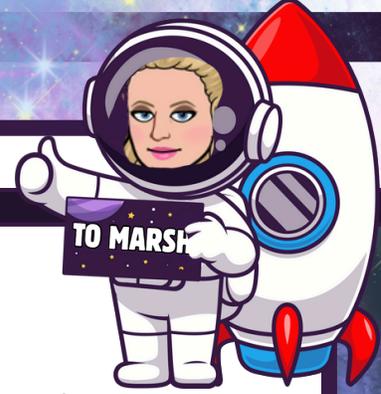
My name is Cassandra Boone, and I have proudly worked with the Madison County 310 board for the past eight years. Our organization offers services to individuals in Madison County with intellectual disabilities. For those we support who live at home and require assistance, we provide periodic food boxes, including special ones for the holidays.

From a young age, I have always been passionate about helping others in any way I can. The population I serve is often underserved and lacks adequate community support without our services. I appreciate all colors, but my favorites are purples, blues, and pinks; there's something about these hues that resonates deeply with me. My aspiration is to be a voice for those who are unheard and to help them access the resources they need.



# MEET YOUR PAG REPRESENTATIVE

WELCOME  
TO Fabulous  
MARSHALL  
ALABAMA



Number of Agencies: **11**

Number of Agencies who reported demographics for February: **8**

Longest Standing Active Agency: **288 Arab Christian Center**

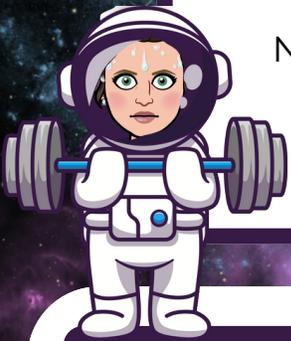
Number of Pounds Distributed in County for FY 2024: **551,888**

Total Number of households served for February 2025: **4,557**

Number of Agencies who have completed the Food Safety Test: **0**

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## Richard Robbins

### Arab Christian Center

Richard Robbins is the food ministry coordinator at Arab Christian Center. With 22 years of experience in the program, he is excited that under his leadership the agency has recently become a partner with the USDA.

In his PAC role, Richard sees himself as having two main responsibilities: first, to communicate information and ideas to the food bank staff; second, serve as a key contact for non-profits and churches interested in developing food provisioning initiatives within their organizations.

He believes that, as a PAC representative, he can help identify organizations engaged in food provisions that may not yet be aware of the resources offered by the food bank. Additionally, he will act as a liaison for current agencies to ensure compliance and to clarify the importance of submitting essential records. Richard is convinced that fostering a communication network among entities in Marshall County will enhance the effective use of available resources.



MEET-YOUR-PAC-REPRESENTATIVE

WELCOME  
TO Fabulous  
**MORGAN**  
ALABAMA

Number of Agencies: **24**

Number of Agencies who reported demographics for February: **19**

Longest Standing Active Agency: **137 Salvation Army - Decatur**

Number of Pounds Distributed in County for FY 2024: **874,042**

Total Number of households served for February 2025: **2,435**

Number of Agencies who have completed the Food Safety Test: **4**

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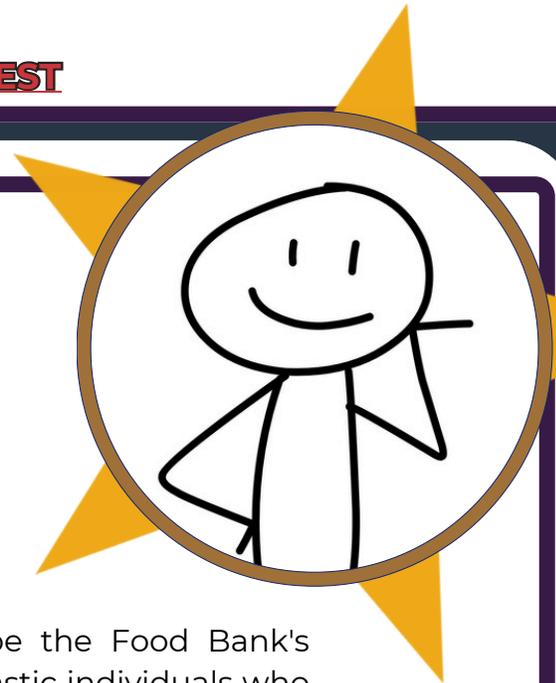
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