



FOOD BANK OF NORTH ALABAMA

AGENCY NEWSLETTER

MAY 2025

CHURCH OR 501(c)(3)?

As you know, one of the key advantages of being an agency partner with the Food Bank of North Alabama is the access to resources provided through our collaboration with Feeding America. This partnership enables us to maintain vital relationships with national donors, which are essential for addressing the hunger in our

communities. To ensure compliance with Feeding America, it is imperative that we only collaborate with eligible organizations. According to the contract between Feeding America and FBNA, organizations eligible to distribute Donated Products must fall into one of the following categories: a Public Charity or a Church. **The term 'Public Charity' refers to a nonprofit organization that is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code and classified as a public charity under Section 509(a)(1) or (a)(2) of the Code.**

When agencies apply for partnership, they are required to provide documentation to verify their eligibility. If this status is ever revoked, the agencies will immediately be deemed ineligible for partnership until the issue is resolved.

Currently, we are conducting our midyear file audit with a focus on verifying the qualifying status of all our agencies, particularly those that were onboarded under a 501(c)(3). We have already identified a few organizations that have had their status auto-revoked by the IRS, often due to administrative oversights where the necessary tax documentation was not submitted for three consecutive years. In such cases, we promptly inform the organization of their suspended status and provide the necessary solutions to resolve the issue quickly, minimizing any service disruptions.

If you are uncertain about how to verify your 501(c)(3) status, conduct a search on the IRS website: <https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos>



-CLOSED-

THE WAREHOUSE AND FOOD BANK WILL BE CLOSED

**MONDAY
MAY 26**

**IN OBSERVATION
OF
MEMORIAL DAY**

**MONTHLY
REPORTING LINK**

Shout out to the 120 groups who successfully submitted all their reports on time for our first quarter (calendar...not fiscal)!

**SUBMIT APRIL BY
CLICKING BELOW!**



HERE TODAY, STILL HERE TOMORROW!

We understand that the changes currently taking place in our country may raise concerns regarding their potential impact on our operations and overarching mission. First and foremost, we want to reassure you that, just as we have been dedicated to this work for the past 40 years, **we remain fully committed** to continuing our efforts until we are no longer needed.

The two programs that were discontinued were initiatives from the COVID era that ended sooner than anticipated, but overall, federal programs are not disappearing! While we are currently experiencing a reduction in the food supplied through these federal programs, we remain optimistic that this situation is temporary. The Food Bank of North Alabama is not a political entity; we exist to serve ALL our neighbors and collaborate with anyone interested in ensuring their success. Federal programs comprise only a portion of our food distribution sources, as we have a wide variety of funding and food avenues! **We are here to stay, and WE HAVE A PLAN! :)**

Please remember that this situation is changing quickly, so our general staff may not always possess the most up-to-date information. **If you have any questions or need further details, we encourage you to reach out to our CEO, Shirley Schofield, or our COO, Joshua Matthews.** They will provide the most current information and will be happy to address your inquiries or concerns!

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

We deeply appreciate your feedback and regularly integrate it into our decision-making processes, especially regarding its influence on our most valued asset: you, our agency partners.

We would be grateful for your thoughts on a few key topics:

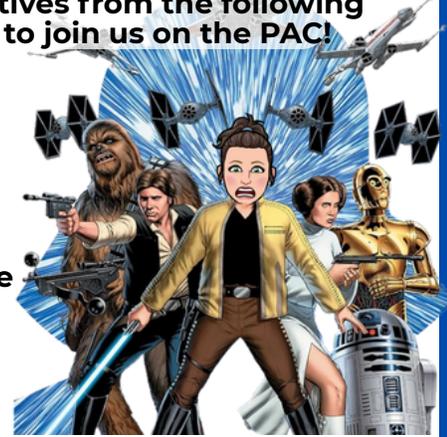
- Subjects you would like to see featured at our Mini Summits this year
- Your perspective on the benefits of partnering with the FBNA
- Insights you wish you had when you first became a partner

You can find these surveys under the ***NEW*** Agency Input Poll Section on our Agency Zone website!



We are actively seeking representatives from the following counties to join us on the PAC!

- Colbert
- Dekalb
- Franklin
- Lawrence
- Morgan



Our next meeting is scheduled for June. If you're interested in learning more about what it means to be a PAC representative, please reach out to Amanda via email!

community-recruitment



We are very excited about our latest community engagement focus that allows us to be out in our service areas connecting with not only our existing agency partners, but other amazing individuals and organizations dedicated to tackling food insecurity! It's crucial to put faces to names and build genuine relationships that drive impactful change. By networking and engaging in meaningful conversations, we're uncovering existing food assistance programs eager to stretch their budgets and maximize resources in these underserved areas. Together, we can brainstorm creative solutions and collaborate to ensure our neighbors have access to the nourishment they deserve. If you know of a group we should reach out to, let us know!

OTHER WAYS TO STAY IN TOUCH

You can continue to support the Food Bank by following us on social media and sharing! Spreading the word helps us to make neighbors aware on how they can aid us in the fight against hunger, as well as where to find assistance if they need it!

INSTAGRAM



instagram: foodbankal

FACEBOOK



facebook.com/FBofNA

Summer Feeding: Meeting a Need

According to Feeding America, summer hunger significantly impacts millions of children in the US who rely on school meal programs, with an estimated 22 million experiencing food insecurity during the summer months. This is because many of these children lose access to free or reduced-price school meals during the summer break, leading to a gap in their nutrition.

This summer, many of our schools have decided to step up and partner with FBNA to provide take-home meals for students within their districts. This leads to food access in locations convenient and familiar to the families we serve.



FBNA Staff Fun:



Leading-up to "May the Fourth," an exciting game unfolded in the FBNA breakroom 'StarFruit Wars'. Employees aligned with different sides in various Star Wars matchups. In a surprising turn of events (thanks to the efforts of a dedicated campaign team), **Salacious B. Crumb** transformed from a mere write-in candidate to serious contender. He emerged victorious over 32 competitors, eventually culminating in an intense final showdown against the beloved Wookiee, Chewbacca. Ultimately, mischief and mayhem reigned supreme in the quest for the GALaxy Apple, with Salacious claiming the championship title!