



FOOD BANK OF NORTH ALABAMA

AGENCY NEWSLETTER

November 2025



HOLIDAY BOXES

As we navigate an unprecedented rise in need—driven by ongoing uncertainty around federal assistance programs, unresolved furloughs, and delayed pay—we’ve made the decision to distribute Holiday Boxes with increased intentionality. **Due to funding requirements, holiday boxes may only be distributed to households with one or more children.**

Therefore, to ensure the greatest impact for households with children across our service area, allocations have been made to agency partners based on a weighted set of criteria. These include the average number of households with children served, as reported in your demographic data over the past six months, along with other relevant contextual factors. As a result, not all agency partners will be eligible to distribute Holiday Boxes at this time.

Agency partners who have received an allocation were notified via email no later than November 6.

We recognize that mistakes can happen. If you believe your agency may have been inadvertently overlooked, please feel free to email Amanda to discuss your eligibility.

For partners who have received boxes and wish to request additional inventory, we ask for your patience. We will not respond to inquiries about additional boxes until the current inventory has been fully distributed. You are welcome to email Amanda to express interest, but please note that these requests will be held until further notice.

Our goal is not to exclude, but to ensure that this valuable resource reaches households with children who need it most—where they are already being served. We appreciate your understanding and continued partnership during this critical time.

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The Warehouse and Food Bank will be closed

**Tuesday, November 11
Thursday, November 27
Friday, November 28**

Monthly Reporting

October Demographic Report is due by November 15th.



We know how much is already being asked of you as the community’s needs continue to grow—and we don’t take lightly the request we’re about to make.

Included with this newsletter is the NEW Anonymous Neighbor Survey, which we introduced at the Hunger Summit.

We’re asking for your support in facilitating its completion by food assistance recipients.

As always, we remain committed to only asking for what serves a meaningful purpose. This is no exception. These surveys are part of Feeding America’s Neighbor Area Assessment, a collaborative effort to better understand our service area directly from the people we serve. The insights gathered will help us evaluate how well we’re meeting community needs and identify opportunities for improvement.

If possible, we ask each group to collect at least 30 completed surveys and submit to Agency Relations by Dec. 5th. We understand that for smaller programs this may be a stretch—please submit what you can. Surveys can be submitted to our front desk, placed in the labeled blue bin in the Huntsville Agency waiting area, or scanned and emailed to our Agency Relations team.

We often talk about poundage and demographics, but this survey gives those numbers a voice. It’s a chance to see our programs through the eyes of the neighbors receiving support, and to ensure their experiences guide our future efforts.

If you have any questions, please reach out to our Agency Relations department. Thank you for your continued partnership and dedication.



NEIGHBOR SURVEY

We want to say
THANK YOU!

For stepping up, for asking: “How can we help... more?”, for meeting needs with compassion and kindness.

Your generosity makes this work possible—we truly couldn’t do it without you.

Thank you.

