



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

One of the first volunteer projects in the new world may well have been the Plymouth Colony's community food bank. And today, some few centuries later, the first and only food bank in Kansas has grown out of the vision of one community leader/volunteer with the courage and confidence to put his dream out there for others to follow. The rest is history.

Today, that simple beginning has expanded into a facility and programming that will, this year, disperse almost eight million pounds of food for HungerCare into a service area covering 86 Kansas counties. And what we do and how we do it will daily reflect the indispensable help of countless volunteers, all freely giving of themselves by adding time, energy and material resources to our KFB mission.

One very impressive example of KFB volunteer support is the 10,000 hours they gave in assembling the 150,000 food packets needed for last year's Backpack program. And there are, of course, dozens of other examples. We will celebrate them all as we observe Hunger Action Month, along with Feeding America and the other 200 or so organizations making up the nation's network of Food Banks. All together, we will put on a full-court press against hunger.

This battle will be waged under the campaign theme of "Give a Little, Feed a Lot." The goal is to mobilize the public to take real live action on behalf of the increasing number of people in dire need of food to eat. We're all for anything that will attract even more volunteers to our cause. And we believe Hunger Action Month will do just that.

It is my hope that you will join us in observing it during the days of September. Thanks to all.

—Brian Walker, President/CEO

### FIRST LADY'S FIRST VISIT

It was Stacy Parkinson's introduction to the Kansas Food Bank and she proved to be a thoughtful and very attentive guest throughout her visit. The Governor's wife paid special attention and even sampled the work carried out in the area dedicated for volunteers who spend the thousands of hours necessary to assemble the food packets needed to fill at least 5,000 backpacks every Friday of the 30+ weeks of the Kansas school year.

Her interest in "volunteer power" is understandable. The mission that brought her to Wichita—and to the tour that included the Food Bank—was to launch a service initiative to help promote volunteerism across the state. Her visit came one day before the official launch of Hunger Action Month. We believe the timing will be helpful to both events. And we are delighted in our First Lady's interest in volunteerism, a priority interest of the Food Bank.



First Lady Stacy Parkinson helps grade school kids sort backpack food supplies.



Brad Minear of JP Weigand (with family) was honored by the Food Bank.

### HOMES GIVING HOPE

is the fresh and innovative way in which Brad Minear expresses his faith by sharing the fruits of his labor with those facing the debilitating effects of chronic hunger. Brad, a sales representative for Weigand Real Estate, designates 5% of his commissions from clients buying or selling the property he represents to be donated to their choice among 10 charitable organizations. We are pleased and grateful to be chosen to make it on Brad's List.

The Food Bank recently received two checks totaling almost \$800 as our share of two of Brad's commissions. It is his earnest wish that this "Homes Giving Hope" program will encourage others to share in the rewards of their work. Second Helpings salutes this generous friend and true citizen.

**ON LABOR DAY** our newly-launched website NoMoreHungryKids.org will serve as the centerpiece of a campaign which provides ways for people to give time, money and voice to the cause of reducing child hunger; a problem which has been significantly increased since the downturn of the economy.



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