AACFB Chosen as Non-Profit of the Year

The Anne Arundel County Food Bank was recently selected as the 2019 Non-Profit of the Year by the Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce.

AACFB was deeply honored to be recognized by the Anne Arundel County Chamber at their 2019 Business Hall of Fame Dinner in Annapolis.

Centimark Completes New AACFB Roof

Over the past two years the AACFB struggled with multiple leaks from an antiquated roof and the lack of a long-term lease to warrant the necessary repairs.

With tremendous community support, the AACFB was able to secure a 15-year lease, and has just completed the necessary roof repairs.

Centimark did a terrific job, they worked hard with a dedicated crew to make sure the project was done well, and with minimal interruption to AACFB and our member agencies.

We now have a safe (and dry) warehouse, thanks to the efforts of Senator Ed Reilly and Delegate Heather Bagnall who sponsored a Capital Bond, and Deerbrook Trust, who matched the funds to complete the project, and the coverage of our situation by the Capital-Gazette newspaper. We thank you all!

“We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It is easy to say it’s not my child, not my community, not my problem. Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes.”

- Fred Rogers

“If a person needs food, they need everything.” - Bruce Michalec
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Dylan’s donations will help many people in Anne Arundel County. The AACFB has 168 service programs that served 177,000 unique individuals in FY19. Dylan’s donations will directly help those programs.

Thank you Dylan, you are a true inspiration!

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**AACFB Receives Impact 100 Grant**

It is with great pride that we announce that the AACFB was selected as the recipient of the 2019 Impact 100 Greater Chesapeake grant.

IMPACT 100 Greater Chesapeake is an organization of women committed to improving their community by providing substantial grants to nonprofit organizations in Anne Arundel County. They give out one grant per year. There are five categories, then a winner is chosen from each category, and those five winners compete for the one grant given.

AACFB wrote this grant for a new truck (to be able to pick up and deliver more than double the fresh produce we currently provide) as well as USDA sealable storage containers to protect our donated food. We had stiff competition from some very deserving groups, but we are so excited to be able to start this new project!

Thank you to Impact 100 Greater Chesapeake for this wonderful opportunity to reach more in need in Anne Arundel County!

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**Two Very Special Young Men**

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**Jacob Eisenhardt** raised almost $500 as part of his Bar Mitzvah. Jacob chose our Backpack Buddies Program for his project to help students in need in Anne Arundel County with food when school is not open.

Last year the Backpack Buddies program grew almost 30% reaching 6,400 students weekly. With over 29,000 students in Anne Arundel County receiving free and reduced meals at school, the number of students we reach will continue to grow.

Thank you Jacob! Your donation will help support these students and allow the AACFB to reach more students in need.

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For more information on how to start a food drive for AACFB, please contact Mary Thomas at 410-923-4255 or mary@aafoodbank.org
Soaring with the Ravens

The AACFB was host to United Way of Central Maryland volunteers participating in the Ravens’ Huddle for 100 - a community wide day of service, asking volunteers to donate 100 minutes of their time.

AACFB was surprised with a visit from Raven’s cheerleaders, Poe (the mascot) and the Ravens’ band! But that was not all - during the project of sorting holiday gifts that will be given out in December, Ravens players Ben Powers and James Hurst came to AACFB to volunteer their time with the group!

Thank you to the Ravens, United Way of Central Maryland, and all the wonderful volunteers who made a difference today!

A Happy Holiday For All

The holidays are upon us, and that means requests are coming in to the AACFB for turkeys and Thanksgiving meal items. As of November 1st, we have received requests for more than 700 turkeys for our on-site feeding programs, pantries, and events to feed those in need.

We have commitments from some organizations to donate turkeys, but we need more to make sure every family has a holiday meal.

Donations will be accepted at AACFB Monday through Friday, 9am until noon, or 1pm until 3pm. All donations are tax-deductible and receipts will be given. Online donations can be made at aafoodbank.org just note online that the donation is for turkeys.

If you have any questions about donations to AACFB, please call 410-923-4255 or email request@aafoodbank.org

AACFB Baby Pantries

After Food Link (an organization that provided baby essentials in Anne Arundel County) shut their doors in May 2018, the AACFB began to open baby pantries to ensure families with infants and toddlers had a resource for continuum of services. In FY19 this program assisted 1,000 households, or 2,711 individuals.

AACFB is finding that we are constantly in need of size 3, 4, 5 and 6 diapers for our baby pantries that distribute all over Anne Arundel County.

The AACFB welcomes donations of the needed sizes of diapers. Monetary donations can be made through our website (processed through PayPal) - please note online that the donation is for diapers.
We are able to do what we do, because of the help we receive from you.

Want to support AACFB and our mission? While you are shopping for the holidays online, check out smile.amazon.com. We are a listed charity with Amazon Smile. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, and select the Anne Arundel County Food Bank as your charity, a portion of your purchase will be donated to AACFB.

Online donations can be made on our website—www.aafoodbank.org.

96 cents out of every dollar donated to AACFB goes to help those in need in Anne Arundel County.

Hunger Hurts. Thank you for supporting the AACFB!

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