Kids Helping Kids/ Harvest for the Hungry

AACFB hosted the annual 2019 Kids Helping Kids/Harvest for the Hungry Food Drive Awards Ceremony in January. This is the largest annual food drive held for AACFB, and we thank all the students, parents, teachers and staff—along with a special thank you to the U.S. Naval Academy (for participating in this food drive) - thanks to you all the AACFB received over 150,000 pounds of food that will help your neighbors in need in Anne Arundel County!

Making the Holidays Bright

The AACFB held two holiday events in December. One at Chrysalis House in Crownsville with special guest Yumi Hogan, First Lady of Maryland. We are so proud of the amazing women at Chrysalis House and in awe of the wonderful programs Chrysalis House provides.

AACFB also went to the Boys and Girls Club in Meade Village to distribute Christmas gifts. AACFB Board Co-Chair, Pam Harrison and her husband John helped to distribute the gifts.

AACFB provided toys and gifts - largely thanks to our special donors - Woodland Beach Volunteer Fire Department (represented by Chief Howlin), Wegmans of Crofton (represented by Patrick O’Reilly, Service Manager) and Target Department Stores.

Our holiday gift program also assisted families through the Anne Arundel County Public Schools, making the holiday a little brighter for some families—which puts a smile on the staff’s faces too!

“If a person needs food, they need everything.” - Bruce Michalec
Volunteer Spotlight - Dave Petrillo

AACFB is so fortunate to have the best volunteers, we can’t help but brag!

This month, we want to recognize Dave Petrillo.

Dave retired from BB&T Wealth Management in 2013, and began his volunteer job as a driver with AACFB in October of 2014.

Dave’s smile and kind nature has endeared him to many—especially the Ginger Cove community who request Dave each year to pick up from their annual food drive.

Dave and his wife reside in Annapolis. They are also involved with Backpack Buddies—helping and giving where and when they can.

Questions about volunteering with AACFB?
Contact Angel Woodall at angel@aafoodbank.org or call 410-923-4255

Hunger Takes No Holiday

School will be out before you know it, and that means almost 30,000 children in Anne Arundel County that depend on the FARM (Free and Reduces Meal) program during the school year will not have access to those breakfast and lunch meals.

The AACFB Backpack Buddy program is currently assisting children with nutritious food for weekends and holidays when they are not in school. We need your help to gather more food that is needed now for these children and their families.

The need at our pantries grows during this time of year, as donations dwindle—but we still need to fulfill those needs. Holding a food drive to collect canned or dry goods that can supplement families at your place of business, neighborhood, club or association truly helps AACFB keep enough food on hand - especially during summer break.

We are in most in need of:

- Canned Meats (tuna, chicken, Spam, etc.)
- Canned Meals (Chef Boyardee, etc.)
- Canned Soups
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Ramen Noodles
- Healthy Snacks (breakfast bars, fruit cups, etc.)
- Cereal/Oatmeal

For more information on how to start a food drive for AACFB, please contact Mary Thomas at 410-923-4255 or mary@aafoodbank.org
Did You Know?

Did you know that the Anne Arundel County Food Bank is the **only organization** of our kind in the whole state of Maryland that does everything completely **FREE**? No membership fees, processing fees, no charge for services - we just want to be sure that everyone in Anne Arundel County has what they need.

Don't be fooled by other agencies that claim to be a "local" food bank or say they are holding a "local" food drive - we are the **ONLY** food bank in Anne Arundel County, and Anne Arundel County is our only priority! When you give to other agencies, that money or food is NOT staying in Anne Arundel County. *We are NOT the Maryland Food Bank and do not receive any of the donations given to them.*

For every dollar donated to AACFB, 96 cents goes right back into our programs, and therefore back into Anne Arundel County. We distribute to pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, group homes and more. We are much more than just a food bank - we have a medical loan program, backpack buddies, senior, baby and pet pantries and more! Check out our website www.aafoodbank.org for more information on our programs, how to volunteer, or donate. #GiveWhereYouLive

**Member Agency Spotlight - Life of Victory**

Life of Victory Community Church in Glen Burnie, led by Pastor La Nae Kirwan, is one of our most active member agencies. Life of Victory hosts a food pantry, baby pantry, pet pantry, senior pantry and clothing pantry. They are a staple in their neighborhood, and recently, with the help of Del. Mark Chang, moved into a larger building (while staying in their neighborhood) so they could do even more!

Pastor La Nae, and her volunteers at Life of Victory, always go the extra mile to help those in need in their community. Along with their pantries, they serve hot meals on Thursday evenings, hold periodic pop-up giveaways, a Christmas shop, and more!

Thank you Pastor La Nae and Life of Victory for being such a caring, giving and loving beacon of hope in your community!

For more information on how to start an AACFB pantry, please contact Angie Slattery at 410-923-4255 or angie@aafoodbank.org
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 shop online? 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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