



Food Bank Rural Program

Hunger in rural areas isn't always as visible as in big cities, but it is a growing problem. To better address the issue of hunger in smaller communities of our 16-county coverage area the Food Bank of Lincoln has become involved in several new projects that we hope will be models for future endeavors.

Beatrice Mobile Pantry

The Food Bank of Lincoln cooperates with member agencies in several rural communities to sponsor mobile pantries at local sites. Every month the Food Bank takes a truckload of food to the Salvation Army in Beatrice, where volunteers from three local pantries pitch in to distribute supplies to families. People begin lining up with cars and bags early in the day for noontime distribution. This distribution is providing food for over 200 families each month.

Catholic Social Services (CSS) Rural Pantries

The Food Bank works with Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska to hold mobile pantries in 11 communities in our common service area counties. Distribution takes place every three months on a rotating basis at a variety of sites including Knights of Columbus, the 4-H building at a county fairground, a National Guard Armory and several Catholic parish halls.

CSS mobile pantry sites: Falls City, Wahoo, Tecumseh, Crete, David City, Auburn, Hebron, Fairbury, Ashland, Seward and Geneva.

Pre-packed bag distribution

The Food Bank delivers bags of grocery staples to Community Action Programs in underserved counties on a monthly basis. The bags are made up primarily of government commodity vegetables, fruits, proteins, cereals and juices, which can be quickly and easily distributed to families by program staff, which are struggling to meet increasing requests for assistance in this difficult economy.

Bag distributions occur in: Blue Valley Community Action of Jefferson County in Fairbury, Blue Valley Community Action of Fillmore County in Geneva, Lincoln Action Program of Saunders County in Wahoo and Blue Valley Community Action of Polk County in Osceola.

