



A TRIBUTE TO OUR AGENCIES, STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS

A team with a great mission

When I welcome new agencies (churches and other non-profits) at our monthly new agency orientations, I start by telling them a basic truth about our relationship. Without them the Food Bank would be a warehouse full of food with no practical way to get that food to the hungry and without us, a large majority of our agencies would not be able to afford to have a meaningful food outreach. ***And that makes us a team with a great mission.***

That mission—to address food-insecurity—is the glue that holds us together and forms a common bond between many people of diverse backgrounds, religious beliefs, and economic status. If you want to see the different races working together, come to the Food Bank. It is the most “people helping people” thing I’ve ever been a part of and it is a very big reason why we now have so many talented long-term staff members who could have long ago found a higher paying job. It is also a big reason why we never have a problem finding dedicated and capable Board Members that want to join our team and contribute to our mission in so many ways.

We work together with our agencies in many ways to get food to those in need. Some organizations have another charitable goal as their primary mission; however, feeding the people they are helping is paramount to achieving their ultimate mission and partnering with the Food Bank allows them very significant savings in food costs that they can then use towards their primary mission. For many other agencies, their primary charitable mission is providing food for those in need—and using the Food Bank allows them to provide a greatly increased outreach with their available funds. Whether it is through food pantries, meals at on-site locations, or helping with the execution of special programs like the mobile food pantry, backpacks in schools, and senior box programs; our agency people are our “boots on the ground” troops. Without them, victory in this war on hunger would be out of reach.

When you see our agencies at work, you also see a multitude of genuine human-interest stories unfolding and many unsung heroes in action.

February is Heart Month

Be good to your heart by:

- Choosing a diet low in fat, saturated fat and cholesterol
- Including plenty of whole grain foods, fruits and vegetables in your meals
- Eating at least two servings of fish each week
- Balancing the number of calories you eat with the number you use each day to maintain your weight.
- Limiting intake of salt and alcohol.

AGENCY MONITORING VISITS

The safety of the products we distribute and the respect to those we serve are of utmost importance to us. The visits to your agency have a two-fold purpose:

1. To provide an opportunity for interaction at your agency site to learn more about your outreach
1. To identify any potential problems and assist in solving them. The visit at your agency site enables the Food Bank to assure donors that we have a good system of protecting, accounting for, and distributing the food they donate to us.

Feedback from our agencies is also very important to us, so we sincerely appreciate all of your suggestions, needs, or concerns being raised either during the monitoring visit or throughout the year. To assure that your agency is ready for your yearly monitor visit, please make sure that you have current forms in place, the “In Justice for All” poster displayed, and that food is stored properly. On-site food programs will need to make sure the kitchen and food storage areas are well-maintained.

Up-Coming Monitor Visits for these agencies will be scheduled by Barbara Beck:

- Alabama Care Network Southeast
 - Canaan A.M.E. Church
 - Calvary Assembly of God
 - Community Life Church
- EAMH—Newhouse Group Home
- EAMH—Northpointe East
 - Forgiven Ministries
 - From Under the Tree
- House of Restoration Church
 - Lanett SDA Church
- Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church
 - New Nelius Baptist Church
 - Purpose Baptist Church
 - The Bridge
- Turnaround Christian Center

The Food Bank has an assortment of baby formula available for distribution. All cans are within good dates for consumption. If your agency could use some of this product for distribution through your program, please contact our Distribution staff. There is no charge on this formula.



Refrigerator Storage Chart

Always store ready-to-eat foods on the top shelf! Arrange other shelves by cooking temperature (highest cooking temperature on the bottom).

Ready-to-Eat Foods (Top Shelf)

Lowest Cooking Temperature

135°F (57°C)

Any food that will be hot held that is not in other categories

145°F (63°C)

Whole seafood; beef, pork, veal, lamb (steaks and chops); roasts; eggs that will be served immediately

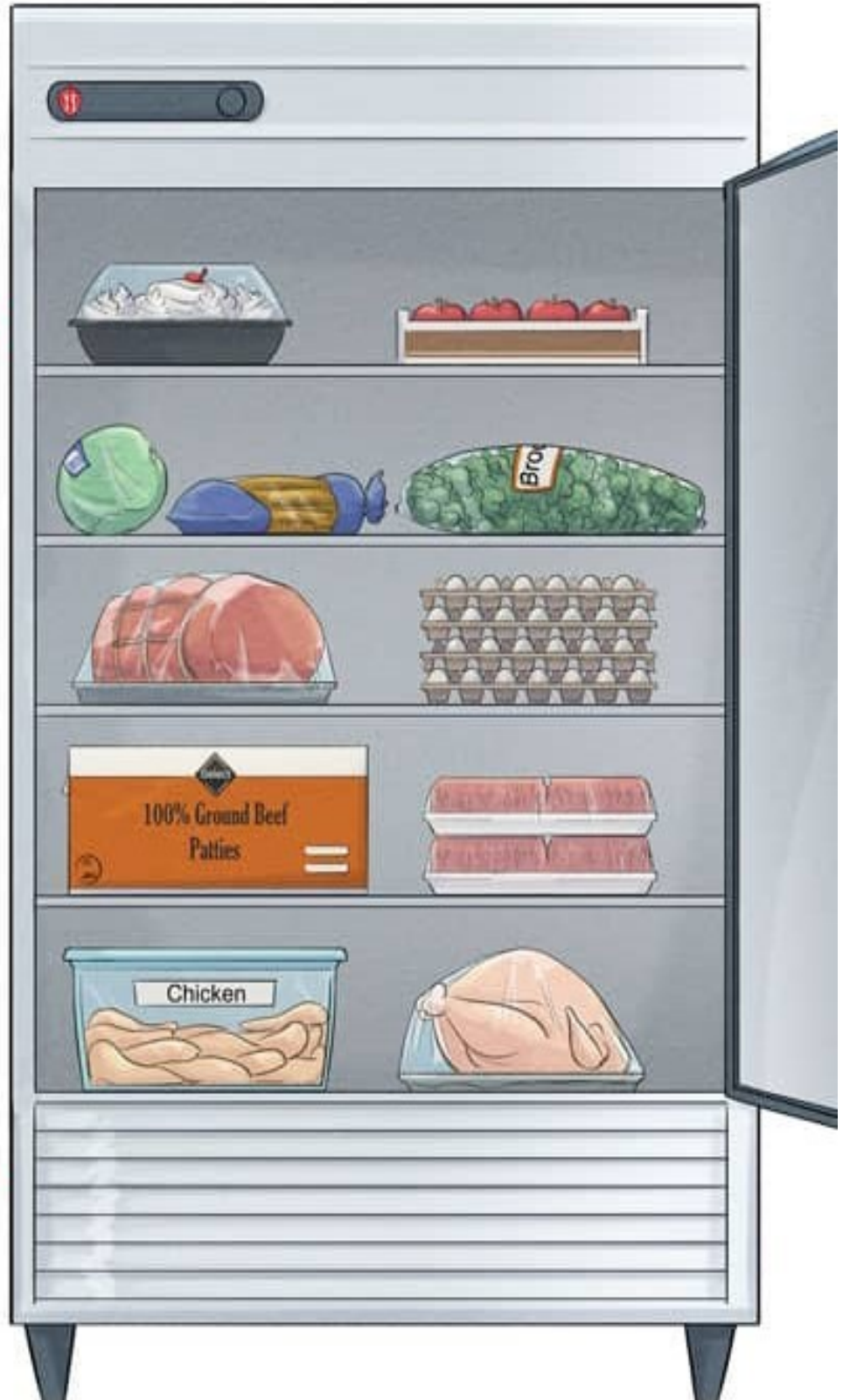
155°F (68°C)

Ground, injected, marinated, or tenderized meats; eggs that will be hot held

165°F (74°C)

All poultry (chicken, turkey, duck, fowl); stuffing made with foods that require temperature control; dishes with previously cooked foods (casseroles)

Highest Cooking Temperature



FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 FOOD PROJECT
9	10	11	12 BOARD MEETING	13	14	15
16	CLOSED 17 PRESIDENTS DAY	18 AGENCY ORIENTATION	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 INVENTORY	

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🔍 **Falling in Love With Savings** ✕

December 2024

Number of Agencies Shopping	118
Pounds Distributed	546642
Retail Value per FA (\$1.93 per lb)	\$1,055,019.06
Food Bank SMF Cost	\$31,244
Savings to FBEA Agencies	\$1,023,775

"It is the heart that does the giving; the fingers only let go."

Civil Rights Assurance

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, no person shall, the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied, or otherwise subject to discrimination under this program.