

~Bank Notes~

FOOD BANK OF EAST ALABAMA

Dear Friends,

January 2026

Our combined efforts this past year have touched thousands of lives with needed food assistance. Distributing food to 20,290 of our neighbors each month is a **HUGE** task.

How does all of this happen? First of all, it is the hard work of all of you in selecting food for your agency and in getting the food to people in need. We have an amazing network of agencies, and **you** agency representatives are truly our **V.I.P.s—Very Important People!**

Then there's our volunteers: 22,380 hours and counting this year. Without them, what would we possibly do? We've said it before and it remains true—volunteers make it happen! Under Tony's careful supervision, these folks sort, box, and prepare food for distribution.

Next, it's the generosity of everyone making monetary donations. These financial gifts are literally the grease that enables the wheels to turn. It takes a staff of truck drivers, warehouse workers, order entry clerks, inventory managers, food solicitors, and volunteer coordinators—and yes, management—to pull off assisting thousands of people every year. Every single donor and every single dollar makes a difference. Just like the poor widow in the Bible who was able to put only two small coins into the collection basket of the temple, her gift went a long way and was precious in God's sight.

That brings me to my final point: every human being is precious in God's sight. Each of us is worth being treated by others with respect and care, sometimes with tough love but always with kindness. Everyone who participates in the great outpouring of help for the needy (that truly **IS** our Food Bank network) participates in God's love, seeing as He sees.

May God bless each and every one of you and your family in the New Year.





The following agencies are due for their monitor visits:

- Christ Methodist Church of Auburn Church
- East Alabama Mental Health Programs
- Eufaula Church of God in Christ
- Five Points Community Development Corp.
- God's Congregation Holiness Church
- Greater Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church
- Greater Faith Deliverance
- House of Love and Mercy
- Kiddye Tubbs
- Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
- Open Door Fellowship United
- Tabernacle of Praise Church
- The Exodus Ranch
- Wedowee Soup Kitchen

The following Food Bank and USDA paperwork will be reviewed at your visit:

- Eligibility Criteria Forms (Food Pantry)
- Daily Menus (Onsite and Residential Feeding Programs)
- Backpack Program Distribution Log

All feeding programs are responsible for the following forms:

- Copy of each agency invoice
- USDA Physical Inventory Forms
- Temperature Records (dry, refrigerator, and freezer)
 - Trash Log
 - "And Justice For All" Poster
- Discrimination Complaint Procedure
 - Civil Rights Complaint Form
 - Civil Rights Assurance Statement

Non-Discrimination Forms for Faith Based Agencies:

- Beneficiary Rights Form and Beneficiary Referral Form

Dates to remember:

January 1st: closed for New Year's Day
January 19th: closed for MLK, Jr. Day
January 20th: Agency Orientation*

*The next two agency orientations will be January 20th and February 17th. Please be here by 8:45 am so orientation can start promptly.

If you are late, you will have to reschedule.

JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 [CLOSED] For New Year's	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 [CLOSED] For MLK Day	20 Agency Orientation @ 8:45 am	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 [CLOSED] For inventory	31



Our Agencies Spend Less & Give More

November 2025

Number of Agencies Shopping:	140
Pounds Distributed:	468,217
Retail Value per FA (\$1.92 per lb.):	\$889,612
Food Bank SMF:	\$30,647
Savings to FBEA Agencies:	\$858,965

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If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Civil Rights Assurance

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, no person shall, on 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.