

~Bank Notes~

FOOD BANK OF EAST ALABAMA

October 2026



Serving Every Neighbor:

A Reminder for Our Faith-Based Partners

We want to take a moment to reaffirm something important with our faith-based agencies. We deeply value the heart, mission and outreach that your ministries bring to this work. Many of you see food assistance as an extension of your calling—and we honor that.

At the same time, our agreements with Feeding America and the USDA include specific **religious nondiscrimination requirements** that all partners must follow. These protections ensure that every neighbor can receive food with dignity—without pressure, preference, or even the perception that religious participation is expected. While not all agencies distribute USDA product, all agencies do receive food purchased with federally provided funds, which means that every partner agency is required to follow the standards outlined below:



Limitation on Unrelated Activities:

Activities unrelated to the distribution of TEFAP foods or meal service may be conducted at the distribution sites as long as:

- The person(s) conducting the activity makes clear that the activity is not part of USDA and is not endorsed by USDA. Impermissible activities include information not related to the food placed in or printed on bags or boxes.
- The person(s) conducting the activity makes clear that cooperation is not a condition of the receipt of the food. Cooperation includes contributing money, signing petitions, or conversing with the person(s).
- The activity is not conducted in a manner that disrupts the distribution of food or a meal.



What this means in practice:

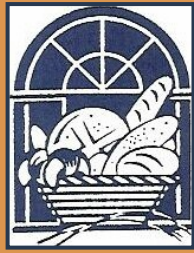
- Assistance cannot be tied to attending a service, listening to a prayer, or any religious activity—including where it might be subconsciously perceived by the recipient or implicitly implied through the setup or flow of the distribution.
- Households cannot be given preference based on church membership or participation. This means that church members may not receive food more frequently or in greater amounts than non-members; all households must be served according to the same eligibility and distribution standards.
- Religious materials cannot be placed inside or on USDA food bags or boxes.
- Faith-based activities may occur nearby, but they must be clearly separate and optional without interrupting the food distribution.



Many of you already do this beautifully—welcoming everyone with warmth, respect, and no strings attached. This reminder simply helps to ensure that all programs remain compliant and that everyone feels safe and respected when seeking help.

If you ever have a question regarding a practice at your agency meeting compliance requirements, please reach out. We are happy to help clarify anything that feels uncertain.

*Together
we make a
difference.*



Who to Call List

With more than 18 staff members at the Food Bank, it's sometimes hard for agency representatives to know who to call when they have a question, concern, or request. The following staff directory may be helpful in knowing who to ask for when you contact the Food Bank.

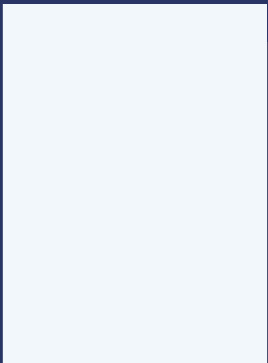


Administrative Assistant – Manna

eafborder@foodbankofeastalabama.com

Call Manna for:

- * Requesting an email/fax of the current food list
- * Questions about your account or order(s)
 - * Copies of statements & invoices



Warehouse Manager - James

jsimmons@foodbankofeastalabama.com

Call James for:

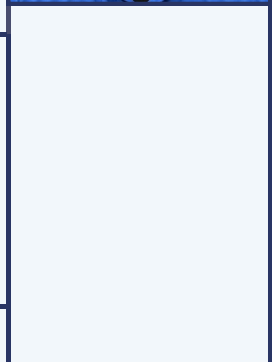
- * Reporting order discrepancies
- * Reporting issues with product quality
- * Reporting issues with pickup



Distribution Coordinator—Dan

Call Dan for:

- * Questions about the current inventory
- * Questions about specific items on the food list
- * Changing an already scheduled pick up day/time

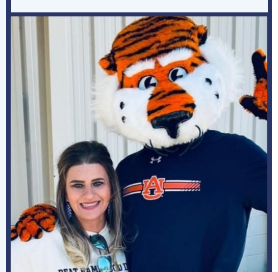


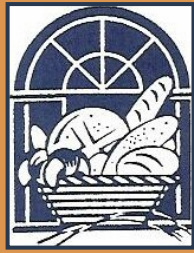
Inventory Coordinator—Crystal

cfuller@foodbankofeastalabama.com

Call Crystal for:

- * Problems with the product you received
 - * Concerns about food safety
 - * Recall information
- * Requests to be added to the regular email list





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Agency Coordinator—Barbara
bbeck@foodbankofeastalabama.com

Call Barbara for:

- * Record keeping requirements
- * Changes in your agency's programs
- * Changing authorized shoppers
- * Signing up for Shopper Orientation
- * Concerns related to your agency



Outreach Coordinator—Cindy
cluangkhot@foodbankofeastalabama.com

Call Cindy for:

- * Questions about mobile food pantries
 - * Volunteer opportunities
- * Interest in outreach resources for your agency



Office Manager—Karla
kdebrunner@foodbankofeastalabama.com

Call Karla for:

- * Questions about your bill



Operations Manager—Suzanne
srowland@foodbankofeastalabama.com

Call Suzanne for:

- * Scheduling deliveries
- * Deliveries running late
- * Picking up donations/food drive
 - * TANF questions



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18	19	20 Agency Shopper Orientation @ 8:45 am	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 [CLOSED] for inventory	31 



**Big Savings,
Bigger Impact**

August 2026

Number of Agencies Shopping:	109
Pounds Distributed:	446,255
Retail Value/FA (\$1.90 per lb.):	\$847,885
Food Bank SMF:	\$31,305
Savings to FBEA Agencies:	\$816,579



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.