

# Selma Area Food Bank

*"Helping Hands to Those in Need"*



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We continue to grow and broaden our foot print thanks to our loyal and faithful supporters. Hands larger than ours have been guiding and teaching us to remain faithful and steadfast. Without our faith and our donors the mission we strive to fulfill would be impossible. It was no coincidence we had 39 boats in our first ever bass tournament fundraiser and also 39 sponsor's to support the event. We are challenged each day to trust that our faith will prevail no matter the challenge. Thank you so much for your faith in the Food Bank and in our mission to help our neighbor's. –Jeff Harrison

## How You Can Help

AWARENESS: Help us spread the word about our services. We need to reach all agencies who help the needy.

FOOD DRIVE: Organize a food drive at your church, school or civic group.

Challenge other groups to help us beat hunger.

FOOD DONATIONS: When you clean out your cupboards, donate usable food items. Every little bit helps.

FINANCIAL: Remember, every dollar you donate enables us to distribute 13 pounds of nutritious food.

VOLUNTEER: We can always use the help of volunteers here at The Food Bank.

Food Drive



Be sure to check out our website at [www.selmafoodbank.com](http://www.selmafoodbank.com). You'll find different things that's been happening here at the Food Bank and also our item list of products we have one hand. For your convenience you can even click on our PayPal link and donate through PayPal.

## United States Postal Service Food Drive "STAMP OUT"

Every year the United States Postal hosts a food drive for our area. Each worker collects can goods from their regular delivery route. We are honored to be associated with this food drive, and it has been a pleasure seeing all the donations they collect. This year over 2,500 pounds of donations were collected to be distributed to our 4 county service area. The Selma Area Food Bank would like to thank every postal worker who went out of their way to collect food for the people that are in need. Thanks to everyone who donated food items, your help is greatly appreciated.



As the summer break grows near for our Selma City and Dallas County Schools, so does the concern for food insecurity. Most children are excited about sleeping in late and getting to go on family vacations but others have no idea where their next meal will come from. It is hard to believe there are children in our neighborhoods that will face hunger. This is the time of year, as a food bank, we collect as much extra food as possible to distribute to these families. When the school feeding programs end we fill in the gap. This additional food is purchased with donated dollars. Our budget is set to cover the pounds we plan to donate to our regular agencies but the need grows every year. These children need our help. If you are searching for a great way to help your community please consider donating to the Selma Area Food Bank. \$1 will secure 13 meals for needy families in Dallas, Marengo, Perry and Wilcox Counties. As always we appreciate every hard earned penny we receive from our donors. Bless you and without your help we could not continue distributing the pounds we have over the last 23 years.



### The Many Faces of Our Volunteers

Behind the scenes of most non-profit organizations are usually several loyal volunteers that are there when help is needed. There are so many ways to help out our local food bank. Once a month we pack brown bags for 276 elderly residents in Dallas county. It takes volunteers to put these together. Several thousand pounds of groceries are packaged and picked up by nine of our agencies. This process doesn't take long when there are enough volunteers working together. This month we had the pleasure of packing these bags with Mr. Hamilton's sixth grade class from Meadowview Christian School from Dallas County.



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Please be sure to like us on Facebook and also check out our website at [www.selmafoodbank.com](http://www.selmafoodbank.com). Our website and Facebook page will allow you to keep up with all of the exciting things happening here at the food bank. On the website you will find a digital copy of the newest newsletter as well as the food bank staff and food items on hand. Our Facebook page is full of pictures from things happening here at the food bank and also our agencies helping in the community.

The first annual fishing tournament was a great success this year. A total of 39 boats fished with us and we look forward to seeing you again next year on Saturday April 7, 2018.

**2017 Selma Food Bank Bass Tournament Results were:**

- \*1st Place Mike Norwood / Tate Boykin 17.44 pounds and 5.09 Big Fish
- \*2nd Place Rickie Knight / Mike Smedley 17.07 Pounds
- \*3rd Place Leon Wade / Trey Wade 14.84 Pounds
- \*4th Place Garrett White / William Ross 14.5 Pounds
- \*High School Winner Tyler Smith / Tyler Ward 4.54 Pounds



**“If you count all your assets, you always show a profit.”**

**“Life isn't fair, that's what makes it so interesting.”**

**“Strength doesn't come from what you can do. It comes from overcoming the things you once thought you couldn't.”**



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**The Selma Area Food Banks closing days for this quarter**

The Selma Area Food Bank will be closed for the following holidays during the second quarter.  
Tuesday July 4th in celebration of Independence Day  
We will reopen Wednesday July 5th at 8:00 a.m.

Please remember that every dollar donated will purchase thirteen pounds of food for the needy in our area. If you would like to make a donation, please use the enclosed self-addressed envelope. Please note that one hundred percent of the money you donate will be used to purchase food. Thank you for your support of our efforts to provide food to the people that cannot afford it.

Sincerely,

*Jeff Harrison*

Executive Director

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