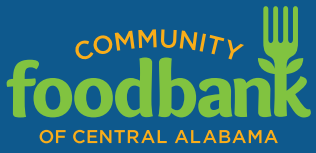


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**40**  
Hunger  
Heroes



# Feeding Central Alabama

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2022 Fall Newsletter



## Celebrating Hunger Action Month!



**hun-ger** he-ro (noun) 1. Anyone dedicated to solving hunger and food insecurity in central Alabama.

# 40 HUNGER HEROES

## Hunger Action Month

It's Hunger Action Month! Every September, we take time to reaffirm our dedication to solving hunger with the Feeding America network. It's a month to spread the word, take action on the hunger crisis and recognize those who are fighting hunger in our community. How will you participate?

### DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A HUNGER HERO?

Get involved with the Community Food Bank of Central Alabama! For more information, visit us online at [feedingal.org](http://feedingal.org).

- 1. AGENCY PARTNERS**  
The Community Food Bank is fortunate to partner with over 245 partner agencies across our 12-county footprint, including local churches, food pantries, etc.
- 2. AMERICA'S FIRST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**  
AmFirst supports the Food Bank through funds and with a summer food drive campaign.
- 3. CLAIRE BABINEAUX-FONTENOT**  
Claire currently serves as the CEO of Feeding America.
- 4. CASSIDY BONNER**  
Cassidy gives his time volunteering with us each month.
- 5. BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF MONTEVALLO**  
The Boys and Girls Club of Montevallo hosts a Mobile Pantry each month that serves over 100 households.
- 6. KENNETH BROWN**  
Kenneth Brown is the former Program Manager at Way of the Cross, one of our partner agencies.
- 7. JOSEPH S. BRUNO CHARITABLE FOUNDATION**  
Joe Bruno, of Bruno's Supermarkets, was one of our founders. The Bruno Foundation continues to support the Community Food Bank.
- 8. COMMUNITY FOOD BANK BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
The Board of Directors, both past and present, work to keep the organization moving and looking toward the future.
- 9. COMMUNITY FOOD BANK STAFF**  
The Community Food Bank staff, both past and present, work every day to meet our mission of feeding our neighbors in need.
- 10. COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER BIRMINGHAM**  
This organization, formerly called the Greater Birmingham Foundation, gave the initial seed money of \$100,000 for the Community Food Bank to open its doors in December of 1982.
- 11. DANIEL FOUNDATION OF ALABAMA**  
The Daniel Foundation has been a longstanding supporter of the Community Food Bank.
- 12. FEEDING ALABAMA**  
The Alabama Food Bank State Association leads advocacy efforts and raises awareness and funds for food insecurity in our state.
- 13. FIRST HORIZON BANK**  
First Horizon is a fantastic corporate partner providing funds and volunteers toward our mission.
- 14. LISA HIGGINBOTHAM**  
Lisa leads the efforts at Blazer Kitchen, the food pantry at UAB.
- 15. JIM JONES**  
Jim serves as the Director at Alabama Childhood Food Solutions, one of our partner agencies in Talladega County.
- 16. JUNIOR LEAGUE OF BIRMINGHAM**  
The incredible women of the Junior League of Birmingham volunteer each month to serve our neighbors facing food insecurity at the Tarrant Mobile Pantry.
- 17. MARY ALICE KLINE**  
Mary Alice currently serves as the President of the Community Food Bank Board of Directors.

# 40 HUNGER HEROES

- 18. PETE & SUE KNIGHT**

The Knights give their time and energy volunteering each week in the warehouse, and our garden has never looked better!
- 19. LEVITE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER**

The Levite Jewish Community Center is the site of a Mobile Pantry that serves over 200 households each month.
- 20. LARRY LOGAN**

Larry Logan is a former Executive Director at the Community Food Bank.
- 21. WENDY MALONE**

Wendy Malone is one of our wonderful recurring volunteers who spends her time and energy serving in our warehouse and at mobile pantry distributions.
- 22. MEAL MAKERS**

Meal Makers are donors who offer a monthly recurring gift online to support our mission.
- 23. JENNIFER MONDAY**

Jennifer is the Site Coordinator for our Moody Mobile Pantry, which feeds 300 households each month in St. Clair County.
- 24. AUDREY NORMAN**

Audrey is the Manager of the New Life Food Pantry, one of our partner agencies serving North Birmingham.
- 25. PIGGLY WIGGLY**

Piggy Wiggly's Holiday Campaign helps provide thousands of meals to our neighbors facing hunger each year.
- 26. PUBLIX**

Publix continuously supports our organization in a variety of ways, including providing funds, fresh produce and reclamation.
- 27. REGIONS BANK**

Regions supports our communities with funds and incredible associates who give their time volunteering throughout the year.
- 28. JENNY SALEM**

Jenny volunteers multiple days each month serving in our warehouse.
- 29. SHIPT**

Shipt helps ensure children in our communities have access to healthy foods each summer, and their team members volunteer often.
- 30. BOB SIMS**

Bob is one of our fantastic volunteers who spends multiple days each week serving in our warehouse.
- 31. STARBUCKS**

Starbucks supports our organization with funds, food and volunteer efforts.
- 32. KATHRYN STRICKLAND**

Kathryn, former Community Food Bank Executive Director, now serves as the Chief Network Officer of Feeding America.
- 33. MIKE THOMPSON**

Mike is a corporate leader in our community with a heart for serving our neighbors experiencing food insecurity.
- 34. COMMISSIONER SHEILA TYSON**

Jefferson County Commissioner Tyson works tirelessly to ensure our communities are taken care of.
- 35. UNITED WAY**

In 1982, the United Way of Central Alabama worked alongside the Greater Birmingham Foundation and a small group of committed volunteers to open the Community Food Bank's doors.
- 36. VESTAVIA HIGH SCHOOL LIFE SKILLS CLASS**

Vestavia High School brings a group of students, with varying disabilities, each week to serve in our warehouse.
- 37. VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers are critical to fulfilling our mission, as they give time and energy that help change the lives of neighbors facing food insecurity throughout our communities.
- 38. WALMART**

Walmart supports the Community Food Bank in many ways, including its Fight Hunger. Spark Change campaign, monetary funds and reclamation.
- 39. NICOLE WILLIAMS**

Nicole leads the Community Food Bank as the Interim Executive Director and works each day to further our mission to feed our neighbors in central Alabama.
- 40. DAVID WOOD**

David, the former CEO of Wood Fruitticher Grocery Co. Inc., is one of the original founders of the Community Food Bank and still serves on the Board of Directors.

## A Message from the Interim Executive Director

**It's fall, y'all!** As we enter this season and celebrate 40 years of service at the Community Food Bank, I'm overwhelmed with gratitude. **Thank you for your support this past year.** Trust me, it hasn't gone unnoticed. Whether you've donated, volunteered with us, hosted a food drive or anything in between, your contributions are deeply appreciated.

I hope you'll enjoy this special edition of our seasonal newsletter. In it, we're highlighting 40 Hunger Heroes for our 40th anniversary. These Hunger Heroes range from volunteers to partner agencies to warehouse team members and more. The one thing they all have in common? **They're dedicated to solving hunger in central Alabama.**

And I know you are, too. Please join us as we prepare for the work ahead and move toward our vision for the future this Hunger Action Month. If you'd like to learn more about how to get involved, I invite you to visit [feedingal.org/hungeractionmonth](http://feedingal.org/hungeractionmonth). Together, we can make a difference for our neighbors in need!

*With gratitude,*



Nicole Williams  
Interim Executive Director  
Community Food Bank of Central Alabama

# 40 Distributions for 40 Years!

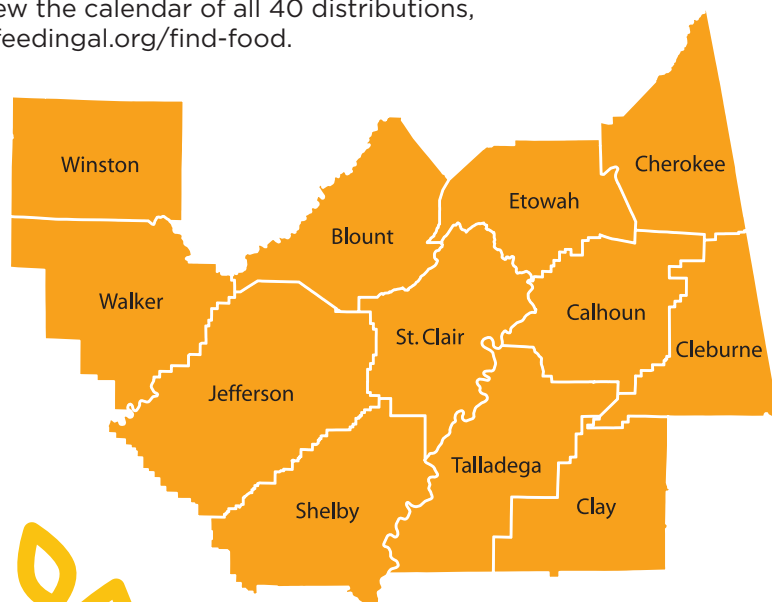


**In honor of our 40th Anniversary, we're thrilled to be hosting 40 distributions throughout our 12-county service area in September!**

Whether it's a mobile pantry distribution at an elementary school in Jefferson County or a senior grocery program at a local church in Clay County, our goal is to serve as many of our neighbors facing hunger as possible each month.

40 distributions. Hundreds of individuals and families served. Thousands of meals distributed. Together, we can solve hunger.

To view the calendar of all 40 distributions, visit [feedingal.org/find-food](http://feedingal.org/find-food).



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