



What's Up

May, 2020 newsletter

Your donations at work

During this critical time, and with our facility under construction, Hooker Fights Hunger has been working from a temporary warehouse. More than 1,000 pounds of food have been delivered to 40 households, serving a total of 110 area residents who are facing food insecurity. Deliveries include both the Emergency Food Boxes provided by The Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma and food purchased at Mills' Ideal Foods in Hooker.

Thank you to everyone who has donated! We are blessed to have the support of generous people who care about our community. 100% of the donations we have received are being used to purchase food. With your help we are making a difference in the lives of people in Hooker and our surrounding communities.



Under Construction

West Highway 54 is getting a facelift as construction moves forward on a new building owned by Puyear Contractors LLC. That's very exciting for Hooker Fights Hunger, because the new building will be home to our food pantry. Puyear Contractors is general contractor on the construction and will also manage the building when completed. That allows Hooker Fights Hunger to use the donations it receives for the purchase of food and supplies. Along with the financial benefit, the facility is designed for efficient handling of food deliveries and distribution. That will mean less physical labor and preparation time getting food boxes ready. Our volunteers are already looking forward to that!

Look for news about our Grand Opening in our next newsletter!

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Coming Up Next

Hooker Fights Hunger will apply to partner with the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma. The food bank is a wonderful resource, not only for low-cost and no-cost food, but also for education and access to other programs to assist those facing food insecurity. Our organization has already benefited from their guidance and expertise.

When the food pantry opens, most clients will come to the pantry to pick up food. Volunteers will be available at regularly scheduled times to assist with food distribution, new clients, and to provide information about other assistance that may be available. Delivery will still be available on an as-needed basis.

Other Projects

There were several projects being discussed with Hooker Schools earlier this year. We are pleased that the school decided to continue their lunch program through the summer. With their lunches available, the program we offered to provide through the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma was not needed. The school backpack program is another food bank program that is currently under review for the upcoming school year.

Hooker Fights Hunger is on the waiting list at the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma to provide Senior commodity food boxes. This no-cost program is federally funded, and currently there are no openings for new distributions.



DID YOU KNOW?

A food pantry can purchase food in bulk at extremely low cost. When you donate a dollar, you're able to put more meals on the tables of families than if you donated food you'd purchased at the store.

How to Help

Donations: Monetary donations are always welcome. Because we are a 501(c)(3) organization, your donation may be tax deductible. Mail your donation to Hooker Fights Hunger, PO Box 395, Hooker OK 73945, or donate online at www.hookerfightshunger.org. We will begin accepting canned food donations when our food pantry opens.

Volunteering: If you would like to volunteer to help fill food boxes and distribute food when our pantry opens, we would love to have you! Email us at info@hookerfightshunger.org or call 580-522-1655 for more information.

If You Need Help

If you are in need of food assistance, contact us at 580-522-1655 or email info@hookerfightshunger.org. Help is available to anyone who lives in Hooker, Tyrone, Baker, Adams, Hardesty, Optima or Straight. No proof of income or citizenship is needed. Contact us today, and someone from our organization will reach out to you as soon as possible.

Hooker Fights Hunger is a non-profit 501(c)(3) company located in Hooker Oklahoma. Our 2020 board of directors are: Raymond Holbert, President; Velma Smothermon, Vice-President; Mary Beth Puyear, Treasurer. We are a volunteer-based organization. No board member, advisor, administrator, or associate is compensated for their service.

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