

# Hooker fights Hunger

## Hooker Fights Hunger Turns Two

Time flies. The Hooker Fights Hunger Food Pantry opened its doors on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The support we have received from members of our community and our local businesses is amazing. Thank you all for the donations, food drives and volunteer hours! You are vital to our pantry program.

The pantry continues to grow. In many ways it runs as we envisioned it. But there have also been some changes and surprises, including the number of households who need assistance and qualify for our program. We are glad to be here for our neighbors who need help.

Our partnership with the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma is growing too. We are now on their delivery route and orders are delivered to our facility along with any perishable items available when the truck arrives. Our next step is to qualify for the federal TEFAP program (The Emergency Food Assistance Program). This program will give us access to commodities that we currently are not allowed to order from the food bank. The cost of food is increasing for us, and the commodities will help maximize the donations we receive. And so, we start our third year with TEFAP as our goal.



# What's Up

Summer 2022 newsletter



The HHS STUCO Food Drive was a big success. Students collected 4,772 pounds of food for the food pantry. Thank you STUCO and everyone who donated!



Members of HHS Basketball Team fill Christmas Angels Boxes

## Walmart Donates to Hooker Fights Hunger

This spring Hooker Fights Hunger received a very generous \$2,500 donation from Walmart Gives, granted as the result of a recommendation from the associates at the Guymon Walmart Supercenter. This gift is being used to help us provide food support to people in our area. Our local Walmart Supercenter is a great community partner, and we appreciate all the associates working there and their support of our food pantry program.

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## Inflation is Tough on Everyone

We are all finding that bags of groceries and tanks of gas cost more than they did last year. It's tough on budgets. With inflation soaring higher and higher, many individuals and families are struggling to make ends meet. Everything costs more, children are home for the summer, and there is not a summer lunch program at our school this year. To add to the problem, we live in an area where many people drive 20 miles or more to work. Our food pantry is seeing an increase in people who need help keeping food on the table while trying to pay their bills. With food insecurity on the rise, Hooker Fights Hunger is prepared to help fill the gap for people in our community.

Hooker Fights Hunger has also seen increases in food prices. We do our best to get food at the lowest cost possible, but we are paying more than we did a year ago. Supply chain problems are also making it difficult for us to find staple foods. We try to maximize our dollars and stock up when supplies are available, while stretching our inventory with low- or no-cost foods when they are available. The current economy is hard on us too.

## Seaboard Foods Helps Pantry

Our good friends at Seaboard Foods stopped by the pantry this spring with a donation of 50 cases of pork tenderloins. Meat is expensive and we aren't always able to afford to offer it, so the tenderloins are a welcome addition to our clients' food boxes. Thank you, Seaboard Foods, for the generous donation.



## Loves Gives to HFH

We are happy to report that the employees at our local Loves Travel Stop #46 recommended grants of \$500 each for 2021 and 2022 for the Hooker Fights Hunger food pantry. These very generous grants are so appreciated and will be used to purchase food for our pantry program. Thank you to our local Loves Travel Stop employees and to the Loves Family Foundation for your generous support.



### Pantry Distributions

As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Total Number of Households served: 174

Total number of people served: 523

Total number of distributions: 1,724

Total number of people served in distributions: 3,935

Total number of pounds of food distributed: 50,328

**“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.” -- Aesop**

# Friends of Hooker Fights Hunger

June 30, 2022

The Board of Directors of Hooker Fights Hunger thanks the businesses and individuals who have donated to our organization. Your support is vital to the success of our efforts to assist people in our local communities.

Seth Adams  
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# Let's Fight Hunger Together

## How You Can Help

**Donations:** Monetary donations are always appreciated. 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](http://www.hookerfightshunger.org). You can also donate with our PayPal QR Code or with AmazonSmile. See below for more information on these options.

Canned food donations are also welcome. You can drop off donations when the pantry is open, Wednesdays from 5 pm to 7 pm, or call (580) 324-3263 and we will make arrangements to meet you.

**Volunteering:** If you would like to volunteer to help fill food boxes and distribute food, we would love to have you! Email us at [info@hookerfightshunger.org](mailto:info@hookerfightshunger.org) or call Mary Beth at 580-522-1655 for more information.



### Giving to Hooker Fights Hunger is easy with PayPal

Just scan this barcode and enter the amount you want to donate. PayPal will make the donation to us using your PayPal account and email you a receipt. Giving made easy!



### Amazon Donates When You Shop

When you shop with Amazon using their AmazonSmile login, you can choose Hooker Fights Hunger as your preferred charity. Each time you purchase, the Amazon Foundation will make a donation to us. There is no cost to you.

For more information visit <https://smile.amazon.com/about>

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### If You Need Food

If you are in need of food assistance, contact us at 580-324-3263 or email [info@hookerfightshunger.org](mailto: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 2021 board of directors are: James Puyear, 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.