



What's Up

October 2020 newsletter

The First Six Months

Since we received our first food shipment in April, Hooker Fights Hunger volunteers have been busy enrolling clients, distributing food and fine-tuning operations to help our new pantry run as efficiently as possible. We have met many wonderful people, made new friendships, and have received the support of some very generous people and businesses. Everyone involved with our organization is incredibly grateful, and we are happy with the program's success so far.

Our partnership with the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma has taken a little longer than expected. The pantry has been approved and we will attend training on October 29th. Our first food bank order should be placed in November. Throughout this process the RFBO has continued to send us emergency food boxes to help provide food for us to distribute. We have also been purchasing from Mills Ideal Foods to keep staple items in stock. Wendell and Cindy are great partners, and we could not operate without their help.

Purchasing food for the pantry is a stark reminder of how much it costs to feed a family. Even with the generous support we have received our food budget has been stretched thin. In the coming cold weather months, we know some families will have to choose between being warm and being fed. Hooker Fights Hunger is here to help those families and others who are having difficulty affording food.

We anticipate an increased need for food assistance this winter. Your donations are appreciated and will continue to be used to purchase food for people in our area who are facing food insecurity.



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Walmart Supports Hooker Fights Hunger

In July Hooker Fights Hunger received a \$1,000 donation from Walmart Gives. The associates at the Guymon Walmart Supercenter recommended our organization for the grant. 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 for their support of our food pantry program.

Senior Food Boxes Now Available

In October Hooker Fights Hunger began distributing USDA Commodity Supplemental Food Program boxes through the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma. This program is available to persons 60 and older who has income within the government low-income qualifications. The program provides nutritious food choices to supplement a senior’s diet. Hooker Fights Hunger is authorized to distribute 24 senior boxes each month and may be eligible for an increase if the program is successful. Seniors interested in participating in this program can contact Hooker Fights Hunger for more information or to fill out an application.



GridLiance Donates to Hooker Fights Hunger

Hooker Fights Hunger Food Pantry recently received a \$1,000 donation from GridLiance GP LLC of Dallas TX. The company works with TCEC to provide electric service to our area, and also supports local organizations like ours. GridLiance is a welcome partner and we are very pleased to have their support.



2020 Pantry Distributions

As of September 30th, 2020

Total Number of Households Served- 82

Total Number of People Served – 259

Pounds of Food Distributed 10,120

Firefighter Snack Packs

Hooker Fights Hunger is a part of a great community. To help give back, our board decided to help support our volunteer firefighters by preparing Snack Packs we can deliver any time there is a major fire in the area. The packs include easy to grab snacks, plus eye drops and chap stick. Enough packs are kept on hand to serve everyone fighting a fire, including county employees, farmers, officers, etc. If a fire occurs our volunteers can grab a box of packs plus a cooler of water bottles and deliver them wherever needed. Hooker Fights Hunger is proud to provide this service as part of our commitment to our community.

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Friends of Hooker Fights Hunger

September 30, 2020

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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Rod and Raeleen Childress
Marilyn Cogburn
Sherri Danklefs
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Let's Fight Hunger Together

How You Can 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.hookerfights hunger.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 at the City of Hooker Shop during their hours, 8 am – 5 pm Monday through Friday.

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@hookerfights hunger.org or call 580-522-1655 for more information.

Did you Know?

Our 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.



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>. To shop, log into Amazon at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/84-4663350>

If You Need Food

If you are in need of food assistance, contact us at 580-522-1655 or email info@hookerfights hunger.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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