



"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it for someone else."

*Benjamin Franklin*

# Food Finders Food Bank

Volunteer News

November 2011

## Food Finders is Feeding the Need in November!

Feed the Need is the concluding event to our community-wide Drive Away Hunger food drive taking place from October 31-November 23. Come out to Feed the Need on November 23 at area Marsh stores from 10am-6pm. The event is hosted by WASK Radio Group, they will broadcast live throughout the day and will encourage shoppers to donate while they shop. Now is the time to register to be a donation site and help us fill up our shelves for the fall and winter months. Call Amy Gaulke (765) 471-0062 for more details about how you can help.



## Volunteer Needs

- **Package Meat Crumbles:** Portion and repackage frozen meat crumbles for Mobile Pantry
- **Package Cereal:** Portion and package cereal to be used in our Backpack Program and shop floor
- **Sort Donations:** Sort, repackage, and re-label salvageable items
- **Make Laundry Soap:** Make and bottle laundry soap, this can be a two-day or large group project
- **Delivery/Pick-up:** Pick up or deliver items from grocery stores/retailers, or barrels from local food drives for redistribution
- **Facebook/Twitter:** You can support us from your home! "Like" our Facebook page or start following us on Twitter
- **Organize/Host a Food Drive:** Every can counts and helps fill our shelves

## Volunteer of the Month: Tom Brennan

Dr. Brennan started volunteering at Food Finders in September of this year and has since become one of our regular volunteers helping with any projects that we have going on. Our staff members voted Dr. Brennan to be our Volunteer of the Month because of his dedication to step in where needed and his willingness to help in any way he can. His dedication really showed when we received a delivery of 50,000 lbs. of potatoes. "He rifled through all of those potatoes with a smile" said Kristine Jansen, Programs Coordinator. Tom shares his time at several organizations around town but still finds time to help at Food Finders two days every week. His favorite thing about volunteering here is the "camaraderie with the other volunteers." Often our volunteers work with the same people and lasting friendships develop through the time that they spend here. Sorting donated items is Tom's favorite project so far at Food Finders. He has also helped repackage cereal, make laundry soap, and is interested in helping out on our Mobile Pantry with friend, neighbor, and previous VOM, Steve Qualkenbush.

Thank you, Tom, for all of your hard work, positive attitude, and dedication. It is a pleasure to work with you each week. Your time and kindness make an impact each day.

**Group Volunteer Opportunity:** We are looking for groups of 10-17 people to help run concession stands at Mackay Arena for the 2011 Purude Basketball season. 10% of the proceeds from your stand go to help Food Finders Food Bank. If you would like to get your group involved please call Amy @ Food Finders: (765) 471-0062

Check our website often as volunteer needs are always changing!

## Upcoming Events

**Through November 23:** Drive Away Hunger continues around town. Drop off non-perishable donations at local businesses, churches, and schools. A full list of locations is available on our website.

**November 12:** John Wooden Leadership Institute food drive @ Purdue vs. Ohio State football game. At Ross Ade Stadium

**November 17, 18, 19:** Donation pick-up at Memorial Mall: Purdue Fall Harvest Food Drive

**November 23:** Feed the Need Day at area Marsh Stores sponsored by WASK Radio Group



Check [www.Food-Finders.org](http://www.Food-Finders.org) for our Mobile Pantry dates and for more events!

## Thank you to our volunteer groups!



Ivy Tech Day of Service  
*(One of our most enthusiastic groups yet!)*



Great Lakes Solutions  
Chemtura United Way  
Week of Caring



Tate & Lyle United  
Way Week of Caring

Wabash National United  
Way Week of Caring



We would like to share a BIG thank you to all of the groups who have joined us in volunteering this fall: **Wabash National, Great Lakes Solutions Chemtura, Altrusa, Purdue Federal Credit Union, Purdue Lacrosse, Tate and Lyle, Ivy Tech, Alcoa, Purdue's BoilerOut!, Yes We Can Tippecanoe, and many more.** Thank you for the time that you donate to us.

If you have a group looking to volunteer, please contact us today to schedule a time to come in. We are always in need of great volunteers.

### What our volunteers say:

"I really enjoyed working at Food Finders! I never thought food sorting could be so much fun."

-E. Haro, Ivy Tech student

Food drives and virtual food drives are other great ways to volunteer with Food Finders. Our Virtual Food Drive is available to access at anytime on our website.

Contact Amy Gaulke for information about ongoing projects: [agaulke@food-finders.org](mailto:agaulke@food-finders.org)