



"One is not born into the world to do everything
but to do something."

Henry David Thoreau

Food Finders Food Bank

Volunteer News

October 2011

Food Finders is Driving Away Hunger in October!

Drive Away Hunger is our community-wide food drive taking place from October 31-November 23. We will finish this food drive with Feed the Need Day on November 23 at area Marsh stores. Our shelves are dwindling and in order to keep our agency pantries' shelves full, we must keep ours full. Food drives are a great way to volunteer for Food Finders, especially for those who need flexibility. 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
- **Sort Donations:** Sort, repackage, and re-label salvageable items
- **Make Laundry Soap:** Two-day project, make and bottle laundry soap
- **Sort Red Gold Products:** Label cans, sort items, label bottles
- **Delivery/Pick-up:** Pick up or deliver items from grocery stores/retailers, or barrels from local food drives for redistribution
- **Office Support:** Administrative work, bulk mailings, general office up-keep
- **Facebook/Twitter:** You can support us from your home! "Like" our Facebook page or start following us on Twitter
- **Drive Away Hunger:** Ask your school, church, or office to sign up as a donation location, call Amy or Kristine at (765) 471-0062 for more information.

Volunteer of the Month: Steve Qualkenbush

Steve started volunteering in December of 2010 on our Mobile Pantry in Frankfort. A friend recommended that he come help at Food Finders and he "has been hooked ever since". His favorite project is going on the Mobile because "it is so personally gratifying to put food in the hands of those who need it!" Steve is a prime example of how volunteers often come to Food Finders to just



volunteer and then end up using their skill sets from their "real jobs" to help make Food Finders an even better organization. Now retired, Steve brings an array of previous work experiences along with him, and we love to pick his brain! He is always thinking and sharing ideas and tips on how to tweak our program to make it run even more efficiently. We're so thankful he came to us and to have him as part of our team Thank you Steve for all of your hard work, dedication, and great attitude. Your time and kindness truly make an impact! We all enjoy getting to work with you.

Did you know?

Food Finders Food Bank has been around since 1981. We are a critical component of the welfare of Tippecanoe and 15 of the surrounding counties in mid-north Indiana. Currently, 96,750 residents of our service area are food insecure and more than 30,000 of those are children.

Check our website often as volunteer needs are always changing!

Upcoming Events

Help us Drive Away Hunger in October!

October 1-February: Blackbird Clinical Services Flu Shot Food Drive

October 12: Purdue University Fall Food Drive Kick-off

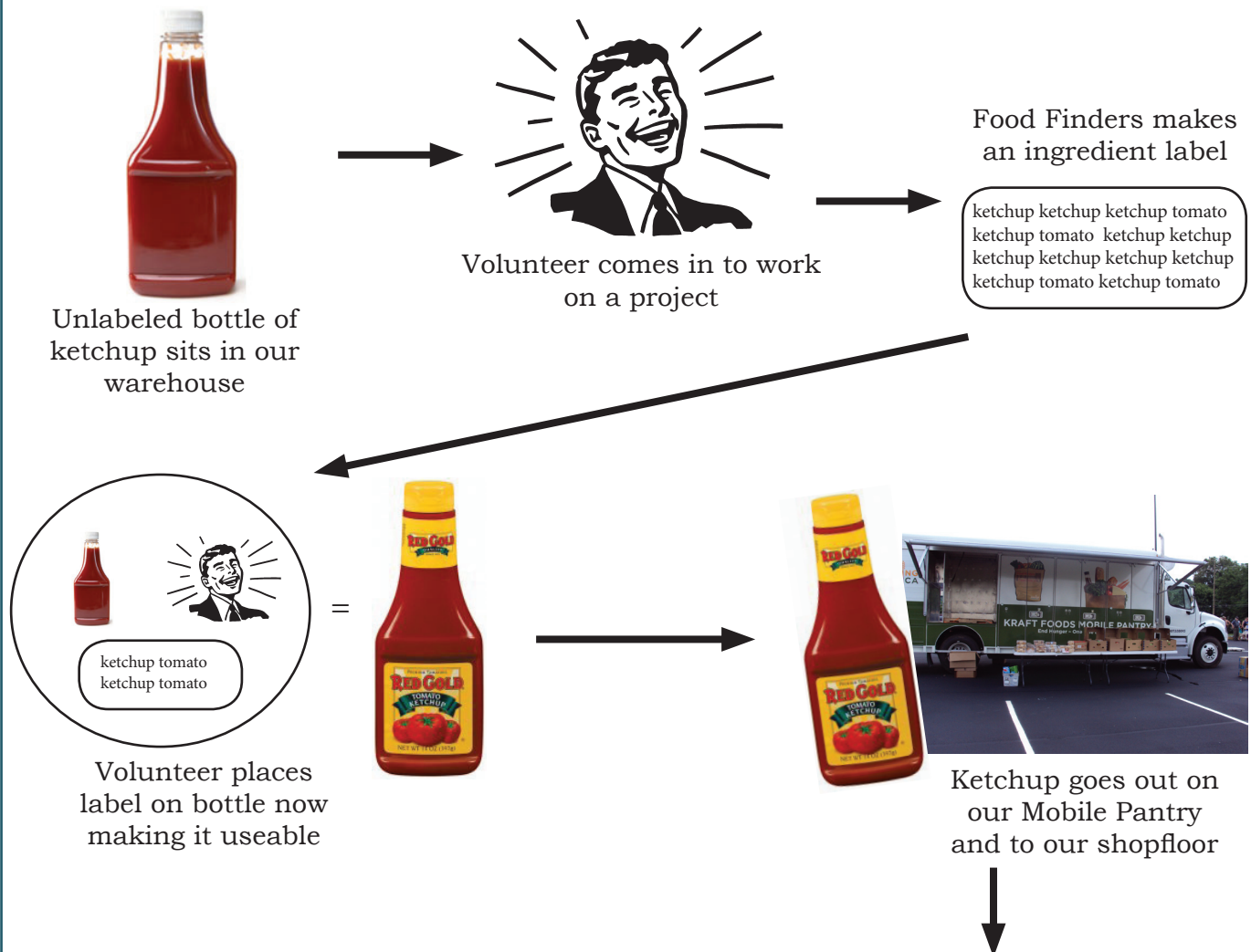
October 28: ZombAid 2011 Food Drive and Trick-or-Treat Walk

October 31: Drive Away Hunger Kick-off!

October 31: Tippecanoe Mall Trick-or-Treat and Food Drive

Check www.Food-Finders.org for our Mobile Pantry dates and for more events!

Life Cycle of a Ketchup Label



Every project that each of our volunteers works on goes **directly** to help those who are in need of food. Without volunteers we would not be able to deliver necessary items to the people who need it. Our agency pantries could not have as much food on their shelves, our Mobile Pantry could not offer as wide a variety of food as it does, and our clients' cabinets would have little chance of being filled. *Unlabeled (unusable) items in our warehouse means less food and nutrition for our clients and their families.*



Ketchup goes to the home of a food insecure family

Why do you volunteer?
 "So many people are hungry in our community. I saw it as something I could do to help."
 - Food Finders Volunteer

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

Contact Amy Gaulke for information about ongoing projects: agaulke@food-finders.org