



Flint Hills Breadbasket

905 Yuma, Manhattan, KS 66502

Spring Newsletter 2017

Our mission is to minimize hunger and poverty through the distribution of available foods and to nurture the programs that will help alleviate hunger and poverty.

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Calendar of Events:

- * April 26 — Project Manhattan Kick Off
- * May 8— Flint Hills Breadbasket Golf Tournament at Stagg Hill Golf Course
- * May 13—National Letter Carriers Drive
- * September—Food For Life 5K Run & Walk sponsored by Central National Bank

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Swing into Spring with Golf Tournament

The 22nd Annual **Take a Swing at Hunger** golf tournament is quickly approaching! This year the event will be held on Monday, May 8th at Stagg Hill Golf Club, 4441 Stagg Hill Rd., and will start at 1 p.m. The rain date is scheduled for May 15th.

The tournament is part of Project Manhattan (see article below). All skill levels are welcome at the tournament; the day is about having fun and helping those in need here in the Manhattan community. Participants can gather their own group together and form a team or be placed

on a team with other single golfers.

The Awards Buffet, donated by Texas Roadhouse, will be held following the tournament. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the day for longest putt, longest drive, closest to the pin, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams. Business owners, get in on the fun with hole sponsorships and participant bag donations! For additional golf tournament questions please contact Maribeth at 785-537-0730 or email her at, mkieffer@breadbasket.kscoxmail.com. We'll see you on the green!

Food For Life Run

The 5th annual Food for Life 5k race & walk will be held by Central National Bank on Saturday, September 16, 2017. Watch for more info on the Flint Hills Breadbasket Facebook page, Manhattan Running Company and Central National Bank's website.



Project Manhattan 2017: Step Up to the Plate, Strike Out Hunger



You may not see it but they can feel it.

Hunger—a silent tragedy happening right here in our community. Project Manhattan is an exciting event to combat a serious problem. Have your business or organization be part of that solution this spring!

Project Manhattan challenges area businesses and organizations, in May, to see who can raise the most food and funds. These donated items help stock our shelves during the summer months. Participant meals sponsored by McAlister's, Olive Garden and Old Chicago.

This year's theme is **Step Up to the Plate, Strike Out Hunger**. Hunger won't

wait to strike, it doesn't wait for bills to be paid or after the holiday season. Hunger is all year round, 365 days a year.

For updates, "Like" us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter! Look for your Project Manhattan packet and get your business involved!

Contact Client Services Coordinator at 537-0730.

Note from the Director, Maribeth

First and foremost I would like to thank everyone for their continued support. We could not meet the demand without heroes like you. You make such a difference in the lives of many low income individuals in the Manhattan area. Food is a very basic need in life and we continue to reach out and help seniors, individuals and families in our community in need of food assistance.

Our next two big collections will be the Postal Carriers Drive on May 13 and Project Manhattan, a month long competition event between local businesses.

If you have never visited the Flint Hills Breadbasket, I would enjoy giving anyone a tour and also if you need a speaker for a meeting or event please give me a call at 785-537-0730.

The Flint Hills Breadbasket received a gift through our website and I would like to share the note that was attached with the gift. *"This donation is in honor of the stranger ahead of me in the Starbucks drive-thru who paid for my coffee today, may her act of kindness forward to help others."* All I can say is "AMAZING" for the generosity of others toward the Flint Hills Breadbasket. Thank you. M.K.



Westar Energy and Steel & Pipe Employees give back!



Once again, we are grateful this year for the continued support of our local and regional Steel & Pipe and Westar Energy employees for their contributions to the Breadbasket. For the last five years, we have received funding from the Steel & Pipe Employee Charitable Campaign and for the past four years the Westar Energy's Your Gift Your Choice Campaign. It's through campaigns like these and people like you that help make the fight against hunger press on!

Left: Kelly Borgen, Engineer at Jeffrey Energy Center and Maribeth, Flint Hills Breadbasket Executive Director

The Breadbasket receives no **federal, state, county or city funding**. We rely strictly on grants, foundations and private gifts from individuals such as yourselves. Thank you for everyone's continued support of the Breadbasket as you help us promote our mission!

Please accept my tax-deductible donation to support the Flint Hills Breadbasket !

\$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 \$25 Other \$ _____

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Address _____
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Zip _____
Email _____

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From Our Breadbasket to Your Christmas Basket

A huge thank you goes out to the Human Resources and Management Network (HRMN) and the Riley County EMS for collecting over 4,206 pounds of food on Dec. 10th at Dillon's Westloop. According to Maribeth, the amount collected was the most ever in one

day within the past five years. The collected food items were used to help fill over 180 Christmas food baskets that volunteers helped distribute during the holidays to the Manhattan and Ogden families in need.

Thanksgiving Dinner—2016

Many thanks to Mike Rice of Old Chicago and his crew for partnering with the Flint Hills Breadbasket for our Thanksgiving meal. We served 650+ meals! Loads of thanks to all of the volunteers that helped cook, serve and clean up!

Cats for Cans Teams up with K-State Athletics

This year, Cats for Cans had some new plays in their playbook as they reached out to the sports facilities in order to reach more people and receive more donations.

The athletes hit the field at the KSU vs. Texas Tech football game on Oct. 8th and collected more than \$10,326 in donations and 3,937 pounds of food items.

A HUGE shout out to all of the student athletes, and other attendees who made these donations possible, and a special thanks to Cori & Heather and the K-State Athletics Department for allowing us to be a part of your team! BRING ON THE CANS.



A Strong Foundation for the Future

The Greater Manhattan Community Foundation donated \$6,750 to buy milk for families and seniors in need throughout the 2016-2017 year. Without any funding at the federal, state, county or city level; Flint Hills Breadbasket relies on the help of donations and grants like the ones they have received from the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation to provide for the community. With the help of Flint Hills Breadbasket staff, along with all of their great volunteers, each day we are one step closer to ensuring no one in the community goes hungry!

Outstanding Contributions



- * Thank you Thrivent Financial for presenting a wonderful \$5,500 donation to the Flint Hills Breadbasket at the Kansas State Men's Basketball game against TCU!
- * Thank you Wheat State Agronomy Club for the outstanding \$5,000 donation. You are helping many families in the community provide meals on their table for the holiday season!
- * Thank you to Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation. Their Fill Your Tank Feeding Program was a great success and they were able to donate \$5,000 to the Flint Hills Breadbasket!

SOUPer Bowl Food Drive

In Memory Of

The Flint Hills Breadbasket has been blessed to receive memorial donations in honor of loved ones.

We would like to thank the individuals that chose the Breadbasket to honor their loved ones. Thank you to those who donated in memory of:

Pete Stake, Paul Weidner, Stephen Stover, Max Adair, Jeanne Stinson, William McConnell, Fern Schegg, Mary McAdams, Pramila Tummala, Ruby Kidd, Virginia Phelps, David Moran, Bob Anderson, M.L. (Bud) Boudreau

To help stock the Flint Hills Breadbasket's shelves with needed items for the winter months over 50 volunteers helped the Knights of Columbus from St Thomas Moore on Feb. 4th. The First United Methodist Church, Peace Lutheran Church, Manhattan Mennonite Church, Trinity Presbyterian Church, and Unitarian Universalist Church also joined in to help collect almost 12,000 pounds of food on Super Bowl weekend at Dillon's Westloop, Dillon's East, Walmart and HyVee. A special thanks goes out to Bill Kennedy and Kevin Roberts for their countless hours put into organizing the event. Thank you to everyone that donated and volunteered!



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