OTHER AVAILABLE PROGRAMS

In 2014, the Good Samaritan Food Bank started a “Backpack” program to provide children, ages 5 to 15, with food resources during school holiday periods and during the summer. The Backpacks contain nutritious items, high in protein, low in fat, calcium rich, low in sugar and fat such as fruit packed in its own juice or 100% juice items.

In 2012, the Good Samaritan Food Bank began distributing fresh fruit and vegetables that were donated by local growers, backyard growers and people with citrus trees. In 2013, a walk-in cooler and freezer was installed in an effort to increase fresh fruit and vegetables distribution. Our Future Goals are to build a network of local growers to supply fresh, nutritious produce for distribution throughout the year and to work in cooperation with the St. Francis Vegetable Garden.

During the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays, the Good Samaritan Food Bank is fortunate to receive generous donations which allow us to provide turkey, ham and other favorites which allow our families to prepare a traditional holiday meal.

Through the generous donation of local churches, we are able to provide families with some of the school supplies required each year at the beginning of school.

HELPING FAMILIES IN NEED

All families are screened and once their eligibility is determined, families are provided food, household supplies and personal hygiene products, based on their household size.

OUR FAMILIES ARE
• working families
• elderly on fixed income
• retired individuals
• families with children
• single adults

AREAS WE SERVE
• Thibodaux
• Chackbay
• Choctaw
• Choupic
• Schriever
• South of Thibodaux up to and including St. Charles By-Pass Road
• North of Thibodaux up to Lafourche Parish line
• Areas in Terrebonne Parish with a Thibodaux address

DONATIONS RECEIVABLE AT
100 Birch Street
Thibodaux, LA 70301
OR
www.htdiocese.org/CCHT

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GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD BANK - THIBODAUX

The Good Samaritan Food Bank is a United Effort of Local Churches and Faiths of the Thibodaux Area.
OUR MISSION
The Good Samaritan Food Bank provides food, household items and personal hygiene supplies to individuals and families experiencing financial difficulties or life events that impact their ability to secure basic necessities.

HOW IT ALL GOT STARTED
In 1986 several churches in the community formed an organization called the Thibodaux Social Concerns Committee and established the Good Samaritan Food Bank of Thibodaux operating under the auspices of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux.

As an ecumenical program the Food Bank operates as a collaborative effort of the Thibodaux-area churches with some twenty or so churches actively supporting the food bank, either with monetary donations, food donations or with the lifeblood of our organization - volunteers!

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED
- Money
- Food
- Fresh Produce
- Household Supplies
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Special Projects
  - Annual Letter Carrier’s Drive;
  - Holiday Season
- Assist with food drives and fund raisers sponsored by your church, club or religious group
- Call the food bank for one-time volunteer opportunities
- Organize a food drive
- Support the Lenten Gumbo Meals
- Include us in your estate plan

OUR VOLUNTEERS
The effectiveness of the food bank is a direct reflection of our dedicated volunteers. Our several regular volunteers and our occasional volunteers do work of incredible importance and impact.

Volunteers provide over 4,500 hours of service each year and generally work once a month for two to four hours, in teams of three to six people.

VOLUNTEERS
- Client Screening
- Sorting Food Items
- Packing Food Items
- Unloading Deliveries
- Stocking Shelves
- Performing/Supervising Maintenance of Equipment
- Office Assistance
data entry/ filing
file purging/shredding
- Light Cleaning
  - sweeping/dusting
  - cleaning work/kitchen area

OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

ANNUAL STATISTICS
- 1,200 families
- 2,550 individuals
- 4,600 hours of service
- $130,000 retail value of food
- 550,000 pounds food distributed

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