

# Inside Scoop

Prepared for the staff of The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri

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## Employees help communities Stamp Out Hunger



Warehouse, development and events employees, along with senior staff, participated in Stamp Out Hunger on Saturday at post offices throughout our 32-county service area. Staff helped coordinate volunteers, sorted food and counted money throughout the day. Totals are still being counted as money and food continue to come in. Pictured, top, from left, Reggie Landon and T. J. Labencki and Kyle Hughley and Daryle Bascom. Left: Lindsay Young Lopez with daughter, Kate, and son, Ben.

## Inside Scoop to come out twice a month

In an effort to keep the size of the internal newsletter manageable, Inside Scoop will come out twice a month; at the start of each month and in the middle of the month.

The newsletter aims to keep staff up-to-speed on The Food Bank happenings while also recognizing the great work everyone does to make this organization successful. The communications team hopes to add new features that allow more staff to be recognized through photographs, profiles and news.

"We recognized that we have way too much going on around here to try to get everything in one newsletter a

month," said Bobbie Kincade, associate director. "Between our monthly luncheons, staff meetings, ongoing campaigns and day-to-day operations, we wanted to make sure we are truly recognizing everything and everyone so involved in The Food Bank."

This summer, keep an eye out for a Q&A feature with staff members that will come out at least once a month. Other additions include updates from the safety committee and information regarding Human Resources.

If you have news to share, contact Janese Silvey at [janeses@sharefoodbringhope.org](mailto:janeses@sharefoodbringhope.org), ext. 310.

# Rogers saves director from jaws of serpent

Nic Rogers might have saved the lives of co-workers, including Executive Director Lindsay Young Lopez, on May 11 when a giant black snake paid a visit to the door outside of Lopez's office.

Lopez rushed into a meeting asking for help, and Rogers, a former conservation worker, stepped up.

In what can only be described as an act of heroism, Rogers grabbed the giant reptile as it attempted to attack onlookers on the other side of the door. He then transported it to an undisclosed location at a safe distance away from the building, where it could no longer scare the bejesus out of The Food Bank's executive team.

Black snakes aren't venomous, however they can still bite.

"Nic really was a hero today," Lopez said.

Rogers shrugged off his brush with death.

"If I were a mouse, I would have been worried," he said. "But I'm not a mouse."

The snake was the second critter in as many days to visit The Food Bank grounds. The day before, a giant snapping turtle was spotted in the parking lot and appeared to be wounded.

Animal Control arrived on the scene. Unlike Rogers--who used his bare hands to capture the intruder--the officer grabbed the snapper from the safety of a pole.

The turtle was transported to the Central Missouri Humane Society for treatment.



# VIP Veteran Pack distribution begins as pilot program

Anthony Gray was the first recipient of a VIP Veteran Pack.

Gray, a client at Central Pantry, served in the Air Force before working for the Department of Corrections in Illinois. He moved to Columbia to be closer to the VA hospital.

“This is great,” he said, putting his VIP Pack in his cart. “It’s something that Veterans need. This will help out a lot.”

The VIP Veteran Pack program is a pilot program to provide extra nutrition to those who served our country.

Distribution began last week at Central Pantry, as well as Patriot Place, an apartment complex for otherwise homeless Veterans, and Welcome Home, a homeless shelter for Veterans. In order to receive a VIP Veteran Pack at Central Pantry, Veterans must show military ID.

Right now, the program will remain only in Columbia as it is being piloted.

“We appreciate employees spreading the word about VIP Veteran Packs, but keep in mind we have to start slow to ensure that this is something we are able to sustain,” said Bobbie Kincade, associate director.

There are an estimated 648 Veterans living in poverty in Columbia and more than 5,000 in our 32-county service area.



# Yetman opens for Comedy Central personality

Outreach coordinator Michael Yetman has been getting plenty of recognition lately for his role outside of The Food Bank.

Yetman, a popular Columbia stand-up comedian, recently opened for Kyle Kinane, a nationally known comedian and the voice of Comedy Central, during Kinane’s show at Rose Music Hall on May 10.

For Yetman, who says Kinane has inspired his stand-up career, it was a dream come true and a turning point in his career.

The gig generated plenty of local

buzz. Yetman was featured in the Sunday, May 8, issue of The Columbia Daily Tribune’s popular Ovation section. In it, he tells arts editor Aarik Danielsen that he plans to do one blowout show later this year in which he performs all of his material one last time before starting from scratch.

At The Food Bank, Yetman works closely on Feeding America campaigns, helps Kimberly Kent organize and manage events, manages the organization’s social media platforms, assists with communications and helps solve IT issues among other tasks.



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**Michael Yetman**



Michael Yetman has hosted comedy showcases at the Eastside Tavern at 1016 E. Broadway.

## Upcoming Events

**Mexican Food Luncheon**  
12 p.m. Friday, May 20  
Community Room

**May Board of Directors Meeting**  
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, May 24  
Community Room

**May All-Staff Meeting**  
2 p.m. Thursday, May 26  
Community Room

# Red Nose Day May 26



# Red Nose Day proceeds benefit The Food Bank

Red Nose Day is a day designed to bring awareness to and raise money to combat childhood poverty. Walgreens sells red noses and other merchandise with proceeds benefiting agencies, including Feeding America, that specifically help children in need. The event is supported by celebrities, comedians, models, athletes and other famous people who will come together for a Red Nose Day Special at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 26, on NBC.

The Food Bank staff has gotten in on the action, too. Pictured opposite page, top from left: Neal Loyd, Allen Williamson and Reggie Landon; Sandra Thomas and Marjani Holt; Keshia Wilson; Viola Smith and Mary McKee; DeeDee Jackson; and Kyle Hughley and Larry Brown.

This page top, left to right: Nic Rogers, Shelley Becker, Marjani Holt and Trish Stagg; Emily Harrell, Taylor Perry and Teresa Coleman; Melissa Shulte, Barb Bortrager, Lauren Casey and Bruce Wallace.



# Mother's Day Surprise

Keshia Wilson delivered donated flowers and smiles to all of the mothers at The Food Bank on the Friday prior to the holiday. Pictured, top from left, Wilson and Shelley Becker; and Wilson and Kimberly Kent. Bottom: Trish Stagg, Wilson and Julie Dorn.

