

Local food bank part of Feinstein Challenge

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The Washington County Food Bank will again take part in the Feinstein Challenge.

In 2012, through the joint effort of the local food bank and the Feinstein Challenge more than \$12,000 was donated for food purchases and food items brought to the food bank valued at more than \$20,237.

The food bank also received a proportionate share of the one million dollars that Mr. Feinstein donates to fight hunger in the United States each year.

Just as the response to the Feinstein Challenge increases each year, so does the number of persons served by the food bank. There were a total of 5,709 visits representing 12,006 adults, 6,732 children during 2012 – an increase of 10 percent.

The food bank board hopes this year's challenge response will surpass that of last year in order to continue to fulfill the mission to provide the emergency food and nutritional needs of hungry citizens in Washington County.

Cash, checks and food items received from March 1 through April 30 will apply to the challenge. Monetary pledges can also be made for a longer period of time. Food items will be valued at \$1.00 per item for reporting purposes.

Please help the food bank spread the word to family, friends, neighbors, churches, businesses and civic organizations.

Those who participate are grass root members of the campaign to fight hunger.

The gifts received will enable the food bank to meet the needs of those who serve. Food items collected help stock the shelves and the monetary gifts provide funds to purchase additional food items during the lean donation times.