

CFC CONNECTIONS

Community Food Connection Newsletter

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Recent Activity & News

Welcome to this issue of CFC Connections, your electronic newsletter about Community Food Connection of Blount County. Please contact any of our Board of Directors if you have questions or ideas for articles in future editions.



Food Drives



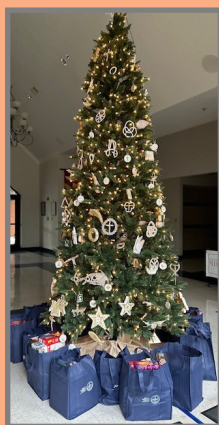
Through volunteer efforts and the generosity of shoppers at Maryville and Alcoa Food City and Kroger stores, we collected, transported, sorted, and shelved nearly 20,000 pounds of food and collected \$12,599 during four food drives in 2024.



1,130 pounds of food was collected during St Paul Lutheran Church's Reverse Advent Calendar program. An additional 127 boxes of cereal were purchased through a Thrivent Action Team grant.



We purchased four new glass-fronted freezers and additional shopping carts and food with a \$25,000



Reverse Advent tree

Board of Directors

We welcome two new board members, Dan Bible and Sharon Brothers, and thank departing member Gaines Lee for his faithful service.



Dan retired from the U.S. Navy in 2017 as a Commander with 33 years of service. He began volunteering with the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association and helped CFC move into the new store. He has been doing "heavy lifting" and behind the scenes on stocking days ever since.



Sharon has been a Music Director at three Maryville churches. At Our Lady of Fatima she started a hot-meal food ministry called Martha's Hands. She also volunteers at Blount Memorial Hospital and works the 4th and 5th Mondays at CFC.

We thank to all our volunteers and donors who have helped support our neighbors in Blount County. In 2024, we served 54,110 clients, including 13,874 children and 9,655 seniors.

Store Hours

Monday 10 AM -12 PM

Wednesday 10 AM - 2 PM

Thursday 5 PM - 7 PM

Saturday 10 AM -12 PM

3rd Saturday 2 PM - 4 PM

Thank You Volunteers

We are truly blessed to have many groups and individuals who volunteer their time and energy to support our ministry. There are still days and times when we can use more volunteers, especially drivers to pick up rescue food. Interested individuals can register to volunteer by contacting cfc.volunteer.coord@cfcblount.com



Students from the Maryville High School Honor Society have been volunteering for several years.



Ananya Madduri, a sophomore at Maryville High School, was presented with the Presidential Volunteer Service Gold Award by Kevin Kilmer of the Community Food Connection. Ananya has served at CFC for several years and is active in multiple groups at Maryville HS.

The Gold Award is the highest award for Teens and represents over 100 hours of community service. Ananya plans to continue volunteering, striving for the Young Adult Gold Award that represents over 250 hours of community service.

Check out our new and improved website at <http://cfcblount.com>.

Some new features include:

News & update section

Meet the board members

Downloadable forms

Easier ways to donate, and even FAQs!

Stay Connected

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"Pharmacist Jay" from Foothills Mall Drive Walgreens taking information from one of our clients prior to administering a flu vaccine. The free vaccines were offered by Walgreens on December 4, during a regular distribution shift. A number of clients who were here to shop took advantage of the opportunity.

Thank You Donors

We could not continue serving area residents in need without the support of individuals, churches and businesses. Your generous donations are used to buy food and pay other necessary expenses.

Please consider making a charitable donation to CFC through our website or by mail to P.O. Box 786, Alcoa, TN 37701

Upcoming Events

Our next food drive is being planned for late March or early April.

We will need volunteers at the store to welcome shoppers and distribute grocery shopping lists, drivers to bring food to CFC, and others to sort and shelve the food.

More information about future food drives and how to sign-up will be emailed 2-3 weeks before the drive. Information will also be on our Facebook page and website.

Warren Bielenberg, Editor