

CFC CONNECTIONS

Community Food Connection Newsletter

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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.



Recent Activity & News

Pet Food



Our clients like pets! Through generous donations of over \$15,000 specifically for pet food, we are able to purchase dog and cat food. Last year approximately 10,255 pounds of cat food and 10,100 pounds of dog food were given to our clients. Volunteers bag 2.5 lbs. for clients. Thank you donors and baggers!



Three generation family that regularly volunteers on Tuesdays bagging pet food. (L-R) Asa Saywell, Dana Saywell and Patria Leath.



Brenda, Erna & Maurice sorting rescue items from Target.

Food Drives

THANK YOU !!! Thanks to all who volunteered at the Alcoa Food City food drive August 7-9. Through your efforts and the generosity of our neighbors, our food drive managed to collect over 6,240 lbs. of

food and over \$2,867!



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**

Volunteers of the Quarter

Recognizing outstanding volunteer service



Q2, 2025 Tommy & Betty Rayder, Baron Johnson and Tom Adkison. **Tommy & Betty** work in many areas of prepping, tables, stocking, greeting and serving clients. **Baron** likes food drives! He recruits volunteers, sets up and takes down tables and signs, and helps record volunteer hours and food donations. **Tom** has seldom missed a shift in 5 years of volunteering. He brings a smile, enthusiasm and willingness to work hard at many tasks.

Second Harvest Food Bank

Second Harvest serves 18 counties in East Tennessee and in 2024, they distributed over 27,350,000 pounds of food and served over 2,343,000 people through hunger-relief programs.

CFC is one of 789 community partners that help over 213,900 Tennesseans experiencing food insecurity. We spend approximately \$10,700 per month on food from Second Harvest. That is over and above the 42,000 pounds of free USDA food that we have received so far this year!

Check out our website <http://cfcblount.com>.

Where you will find:

News & update section

Meet the board members

Downloadable forms

Easier ways to donate, and even FAQs!

Stay Connected

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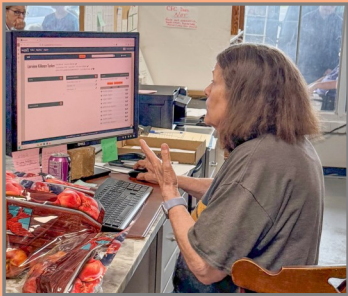
Email: info@cfcblount.com

Webpage: <http://cfcblount.com>

Facebook: Community Food Connection of Blount County

Volunteer Coordinator email: cfc.volunteer.coord@cfcblount.com

It starts with the computer!



In Memory



We are sorry to report that Tommy Rayder died the day after the Quarter Volunteer article was in The Daily Times. He is missed!

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

We are planning for next year's food drives. Thanks to all who volunteered this year!

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