

BIG things are happening at ODB, and we want you to be a part of it all! Scroll on to find the latest ways to stay involved.

### It's Time to Celebrate

ODB's second birthday was Friday, September 6th, which means we celebrated the whole entire week. I don't make the rules.

Here's a few more reasons to celebrate, if our birthday wasn't enough:

- In these two full years, our community has created a lasting effect in Payne County, and we're not finished yet. The fight against hunger is a long-lasting battle that cannot be won with a single solution alone. Our community continues to band together because we care about our friends and neighbors who know the pains of hunger.
- In 2019 alone, we've served unique 2,529 households so far; 801 of those households had never received grocery assistance from us before January 1, 2019.
- We've grown our space and added a flourishing garden.
- We now have 3 full time staff members, a full time AmeriCorp Vista, and a part time staff member, which is a sign of growth and progress!
- Our community is full of talented people, who use their strengths to help better our corner of the world. We're thankful to partner with every single one of you.

If you want to give us any gifts, we accept any donations, especially in the form of crackers, canned proteins, and canned soups. (We will celebrate even more if you drop off any of these items!)





## **Retail Recovery Spotlight**

Before ODB existed, there was the Retail Recovery Program, which supplies us with about 30,000 lbs of surplus food each month from local grocers. This program is a vital part of feeding Payne County, as we often receive incredible items like dairy products, refrigerated items, frozen meat, frozen meals, cereal, bread, beverages, and produce. This program is incredible proof of what a community can do when it comes together.

We have an awesome group of people who pick up, sort, and stock our Retail Recovery treasure, who deserve recognition after nearly three years of building up this program. *Many thanks* to our volunteers who spend hours each week bringing delicious foods to ODB!

Our Retail Recovery Heroes are Doug Valley, Larry Swinney, Jim Vandegrift, and Kyle Lewis, who help operate the warehouse; Jack Dancer, Les Hix, Jeff Moore, Ken Parrot, and Jim Flesher, who help unload, sort, and stock; Ken McKinley, Marvin Keener, Russ Wright, James Key, Earl Mitchell, Ken Wiley, Debbie McCarthy, David Thomas, Rex Largent, Bob LeValley, Jim Terrill, Ron Buck, Floyd Hawk, Richard and Patsy Rains, Marilyn Moffat, Ken Morris, and numerous women from Lost Creek Church; and Joe Wilson, Pat Brock, Ed Miller, and Jim Self from

the Church of Christ, who all drive to and from our retail partners. A special thanks goes out to the men and women of First United Methodist Church, who have been major contributors to the Retail Recovery program even before ODB was open to the public. We also want to thank Richard Buchanan, who recently retired from his driving position.

Our partners should get as much thanks and recognition as our volunteers. Our partners are Sprout's, Walmart West (on 6<sup>th</sup>), the Neighborhood Walmart, the Walmart on Perkins, Aldis, Kum and Go, and Red Lobster.

We don't have action shots of our Retail Recovery team, but we absolutely could not do this without any of the people or organizations mentioned above!



## **Upcoming Classes**

This fall will be our busiest season yet for additional resources. We have three classes in September we want you to be a part of, or at least share with your friends! If you or anyone you know is interested in a class, <u>contact Tabby</u> at resources@ourdailybreadstillwater.org or at (405) 533-2555 ext. 106.

#### **Basic Nutrition Class**

by Stillwater Medical Center

September 12, 2019 at 11:30 am

Come learn about some simple ways to take care of your body and feel great! The class will cover eating on a budget, meal planning, label reading, and more.

#### Waffle Iron Class

September 21, 2019

We're offering a class to help children between the ages of 8-10 learn to safely make simple, fast meals in a waffle iron. The class is currently full, but we will offer another one in October.

#### **Financial Wellness**

by University & Community Federal Credit Union

September 24, 2019 at 5:30 pm

Join us as we discuss budgeting, saving accounts, emergency preparation, and more! Dinner will be provided!

### Volunteer Spotlight

Ellen is a sweetheart; she deserves some recognition! She shops with guests each week and shares all the heartwarming stories she hears with us. Ellen always tells us before she leaves, "If you need more volunteers, just call me. Just call, and I'll be right there." We love her for that and for her commitment to helping fight hunger in our community. Thank you times a million for serving with us, friend!



# **New Baby Mobile Schedule**

Starting this September, the Baby Mobile schedule will change slightly. It will come to Stillwater twice a month, but the locations will be different. On the third Thursday of every month, the Baby Mobile will be at ODB from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, and on October 4 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at the Stillwater Health Department.