



MACON COUNTY MINISTERS' COUNCIL FOOD PANTRY

"Give Ye Them to Eat." Matthew 14.16b

MACON FOOD NEWS

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December 2015 Report

"Together We Can Do It!" M. Kimbrough



Federal Agencies Visit Pantry

On Friday, December 11, 2015, two (2) Federal agency directors, who work directly under President Obama, visited the Macon County Food Pantry, on Daly Street. Earl Gohl, Director for the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and Christopher A. Masingill, Federal Chairman of the Delta Regional Authority (DRA), represented their agencies in Alabama, at the same time, for only the second occasion in history. They came to lend support to plans for the Made In Macon Commercial Kitchen and Community Demonstration Garden. Each agency annually provides millions of federal dollars for economic development in the poorest counties of America. They were joined by: David Bayard, Director of Alabama Federal Programs (ADECA), an Environmental Protection Agency agent, and other ADECA staff. Also, on hand were Senator Billy Beasley, Mayor Johnny Ford, Mayor Pro-Tem Tony Haygood, City Councilwoman Georgette Moon, and Tuskegee University professor Dr.

Jack Crumbly. Under the guidance of retired USDA veteran, George Paris, Auburn Mobile Studio directors Jocelyn Zanzot and Daniel Neil, and TULIP director Lindsey Lundsford, the group conducted a tour of the Macon Co. Farmers Market, the TULIP Garden, the TuskMac C.D.C. and completed the tour at the Macon County Food Pantry.

Of the 26 programs funded by these agencies under the Local Foods, Local Places initiative, the Macon County Food Pantry is the only one located in both the ARC and the DRA. The MIME Kitchen and Garden will train families to eat healthy and promote food businesses.



Federal Directors of the ARC, DRA and EPA are pictured with Mayor Pro-Tem Tony Haygood and Tuskegee University's Dr. Jack Crumbly.



Bethel's Rev. K.G. Jones is pictured with B.T.W. High School student volunteers unloading food boxes.

3 Churches Unite to Feed Families

Tuskegee's Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church joined forces this December to feed the hungry in Macon County. Members from the churches held a fund-raiser and canned goods drive. They then worked with the Macon Co. Food Pantry to hold a special food distribution, with their members locating needy families around their church and neighborhoods. The

members then volunteered to unload the delivery truck, pack boxes of food, conduct the distribution and even deliver food to those who were shut-in or elderly. They were able to serve around 200 households with 40 lbs of food. However, more than the ones they served the members experienced the blessing of participating in Christ's love in action.



Christmas Curbside Distribution

The Macon County Food Pantry received a special free Curbside food delivery from the Food Bank of East Alabama on the week before Christmas. This provided over 150 households in Macon County with needed food just before the holidays. This was held inside the Pantry because of the rain, however the spirit of cheer was in the air and no one complained about the weather!

