

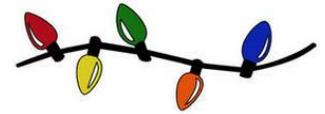


Bank It:
A Habit of Helping

Newsletter

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Thank You !



Bank It helps Senior Citizens! Banks Match \$4,386!

AMAZING!

The outpour of funds donated to the Alva Senior Citizen's Nutrition Center was AMAZING! During the months of August, September, and October, the Alva Community rallied behind our Senior Citizens. Central National bank matched \$2886 and Alva State matched \$1500! Together, we raised over \$9000!

A Habit Begins

Many community members began their *habit of helping* this vision- **Bank It** received 11 new monthly contributors who believe in this project enough to allow an automatic draft from their checking account for as little as \$2 and as much as \$50!

Fund Allocation

The funds will be allocated according to the bylaws set up by the Board of Directors for Bank It. 15 % of funds will be donated to the Bank It Growth Fund that will allow Bank It to grow and become a stand alone non-profit organization and get trademarked. As this fund grows, **Bank It** hopes to support the community with very large projects. Another 20% will be donated to the **Bank It** Rainy Day Fund for families in crisis. This fund has been created to aid our community families in cases of fire or tornado, and major accidents. The remaining \$6,342.61 will go directly to the Alva Sr. Citizen's Center.

The Center's Plans

Alan Smith, director of the center, said he hopes to use funds to repair their large refrigerator. He also added that state agencies do not fund the meal that they provide on Fridays, so he hopes to use the funds donated by our community and banks to continue serving meals 5 days a week.

A salad bar was donated by Dennis Cote. \$500 has already been used to help patrons with expensive summer electric bills. \$200 was used to provide 80 free meals to senior citizens all over Alva.

Alva helping Alva

All funds donated through **Bank It** will stay in the Alva Community **for** the Alva Community. Some funds will be used later for larger projects, some used for crisis situations. None of your donated funds will be used for administrative costs or be sent out of this community. The members of the **Bank It** board of directors are volunteers hoping to create a habit of helping in NW Oklahoma.



Tis the Season to
Help Our
Neighbors in
Need!

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Bank It and the Girl Scouts team up to deliver 80 free meals to the Alva Senior Citizens. Pictured left to right: Alan Smith, Kendra Schnebel, Magen Shelton, Judy Neilson, Halah Simon, Kirk Trekell, and local girl scouts: Frances Mustard, Ariel Weber.

*"Thank you for your help,
Bank It. We have been trying
to figure out how to repair our
refrigerator, and now we can!,*

*-Alan Smith, director, Alva Sr.
Citizen's Center*



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Join the CommUNITY Vision!



Magen Shelton and Kirk Trekell are excited about Bank It!

Bank It: the Goal and How It Works

The goal of this project is to create a *Habit*; a small inexpensive habit. We want our community to make it a habit of donating as little as \$1 at their local bank each payday. A little giving from a lot of people can create an enormous cycle of generosity! Additionally, you can depend on your donation staying in *Our Very Own Community*. Each bank in Alva has volunteered to be a 'Donation Location', allowing our community to donate supplies, funds or time to the current CommUNITY Vision. The most exciting part is that some of the banks have pledged to match a portion of the funds donated (and some have pledged quite generously). If the Community will pull together and begin pledging funds towards Bank It CommUNITY Visions, the Alva Financial Institutions will help create a truly amazing Community Service Project.

Community Visions: Each year the Bank It Board of Directors will vote on 3 or 4 worthy CommUNITY Visions. Bank It will spend approximately 3 months raising funds for that CommUNITY Vision. Anyone may nominate

worthy organizations, people, groups, or projects for consideration as a CommUNITY Vision. The Alva people know where help is needed. Ideas, comments, suggestions and opinions may be shared by e-mail at nwbankit@gmail.com or visit our website: www.ahabitofhelping.com and fill out an application for support!

Pledge forms have been created for your convenience. The pledge form will allow you the opportunity to donate to Bank It monthly without having to physically visit a donation location. You may fill out a pledge form and the amount you would like to donate and it will be drafted from your checking account either monthly or quarterly. Stop by any Donation Location to fill out a pledge form and start your habit of helping today!

November-December 2011 Food BANK Challenge!

Which Bank in Alva can collect the most food and funds?

"Bank It is a huge opportunity for the Alva Community to come together to help our people and projects in need."

-Kirk Trekell

Alva Fire Chief

Donation Locations

Alva State Bank
Central National Bank
Community Bank
High Plains Bank
Hopeton State Bank

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Bank It for our Neighbors in Need

The current CommUNITY Vision is in support of our Neighbors in Need. As many of you know, many of our community members are having trouble making ends meet each month. With this in mind, *Bank It* has adopted this CommUNITY Vision for the 3rd consecutive year as it is constantly an area of need in our community. Bank It will collect canned food, and non-perishable items for the participating area food banks. The Wesleyan Food Bank and Northwest Family Services both help to care for our community members in need and have been selected by *Bank It* to receive the food and funds donated by our community. Again, your local banks have pledged to match a portion of the funds donated to each CommUNITY Vision throughout the year, and in the previous 2 years have helped quite generously. In 2009 Bank it and our CommUNITY raised \$3000 and 20 huge boxes of food! In 2010 the CommUNITY doubled the donations and **Bank It** collected \$6000 in funds, and 30 huge boxes of food! Your local banks generously matched a portion of the funds, making the success an even sweeter one!



Bring your food bank items to any local financial institution! Donations will be split between NWFS and the Wesleyan Food bank.

CommUNITY Vision Kick Off- Local Scouts Go Door to Door!

Join **Bank It** this Holiday Season and help our Neighbors in Need.

Join us this holiday season and **Bank It** for your Neighbors in Need.

The Alva Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts kicked off this CommUNITY Vision by going door-to-door collecting food bank items for their Neighbors in Need.

This will be the 3rd annual **Bank It Food 'Bank' Challenge**. Each year the community has doubled it's food and funds donated. This year we hope to beat last year's \$6000. So begin your habit of helping today by bringing any non-perishable food items and canned goods to any do-

nation location. All food and funds will be split between the Northwest Family Services and the Wesleyan Food Bank of Alva.

Special Thanks to the Alva Scouts for collecting food items for this CommUNITY Vision!



Alva Food Banks' Wants and Needs

Bank It asked the Wesleyan Food Bank and Northwest Family Services to provide us with a list of wants and needs. These are the suggestions they came up with:

- Paper Towels, Toilet Paper
- Soap, Shampoo, Hygiene Products
- Canned Goods (all kinds)
- Non-Perishable Food Items
- Cleaning Products (all kinds)
- Puzzles, Card and Board Games
- Mops, Brooms, Dustpans
- Diapers, Wipes, Baby Hygiene Products
- Canned Soup
- Staples: Sugar, Flour, Salt & Pepper, etc.
- Food, Food, Food
- Funds to be matched by Banks

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"Bank It allows us to help even more community members during the holiday season"

-Brenda Rose, NWFS

Food BANK Challenge!

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Who will win?

Which Bank in Alva will collect the largest amount food and the most funds? That is up to the members of our community! Your local Banks are excited about this project and each one has pledged to support **Bank It**, however, some local banks will only match funds that are brought into their location. That means we need help spreading the word to fellow community members to take donations and

funds to EACH BANK IN ALVA. This CommUNITY Vision has the potential to be HUGE, just look at the last Vision! Please share **Bank It** with your friends, family, neighbors, and church family. A little giving from a lot of people can create a HUGE Cycle of Generosity!



Kendra Schnebel and Halah Simon challenge you to challenge your local Banks!

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Bank It- Who?



Bank It Board of Directors:

Back Row: Tonya Randall, Mike Barby, Kirk Trezell, Adam Kelly, Christie Kornele

Middle Row: Halah Simon, Leah Haines, Charla Turner, Tasha Hamil

Front Row: Kendra Schnebel, Magen Shelton, Kate Nickel, Cathy Brown

Creating a Habit of Helping in NW Oklahoma

See You Next Year!
for more worthy COMMUNITY Visions!

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