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Southeastern Food Bank Opens Warehouse in Quincy

The Mission is to Empower Nonprofits and Never Charge a Penny

Quincy, Fla. (May 9, 2017) – Quincy is a new home for Southeastern Food Bank. Now open, the 8,000-square-foot warehouse is providing food and goods to nonprofits in North Florida free of cost.

Southeastern Food Bank is prepared to bring refrigerated goods and nonperishables as well as non-food items to a nine-county area. The food bank is not the only distributor to the area, however it does not charge fees per-pound, membership dues, or any form of required payment. Donations are the only form of income, and can be made at pickup or online by anyone.

“Little pantries and events make a big difference,” says Mark Anthony, Founder of Southeastern Food Bank. “We know that times get tough, and that’s when the people and nonprofits need the most support. We are here to do that, best we can.”

Parts of North Florida are identified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as being a food desert. These areas are marked by a lack of access to nutritious food, either because of financial status or due to a lack of stores in an area. Southeastern Food Bank combats both qualifications by distribution to multiple food pantries and by accepting donations, when possible, in favor of fees per-pound or on a membership basis.

Over the past 25 years Southeastern Food Bank has been meeting needs in central Florida with a desire to expand north. Jackson, Calhoun, Gulf, Gadsden, Liberty, Franklin, Leon, Wakulla and Jefferson Counties have all been identified as places with need and the infrastructure to make use of this unique distribution method.

“We wanted to expand, and we knew that this area was the right place,” Anthony said. “Without food pantries, a food bank can only do so much, and we know there are good partners here.”

This will be the second location for Southeastern Food Bank, expanding their network to 26 counties and over 60 nonprofit organizations across the state. Their mission is to provide nutritious food to small, local organizations that can make a personal investment into each person that is fed by their distribution. Churches, senior centers, women’s centers, schools and prison systems, as well as other nonprofits are all eligible to receive goods and support from Southeastern Food Bank either on an on-going basis or for occasional events.

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“We want to make sure that people can keep serving, no matter their circumstance,” says Jacquelyn Jones, a board member at Southeastern Food Bank. “Our mission is to make sure that people doing good work can continue with their mission.”

The soft opening of the Quincy warehouse proved to be a successful launch. The Gadsden County School Board and prison system were among the first recipients of goods along with several local churches. More nonprofits have partnered with Southeastern since the opening, but the Food Bank hopes more organizations will partner with them.

“We just want to make a difference.” Says Vinny Correale, the Outreach Director at Southeastern Food Bank. “We keep the food moving quickly and that’s easy because we have such great partners.”

If you or an organization you know would like to partner with Southeastern Food Bank and receive food or goods, call the main office 850-627-2167. Donations to support the distribution process can be made at www.southeasternfoodbank.com.

About Southeastern Food Bank

Southeastern Food Bank is a 501(c)3, nonprofit organization based out of Ocoee, Florida for 25 years. Through this Christian-based ministry, food and wares are available, cost free, across 26 counties in the state of Florida. As a donation-driven nonprofit, Southeastern Food Bank annually distributes over 2 million pounds of food and goods. For more information, visit www.southeasternfoodbank.com. Follow Southeastern Food Bank on [Facebook](#).

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