

Team Food for Thought: Blessing Boxes



Mission:

Installing Blessing Boxes so neighbors can help reduce food insecurity in their local community.

Vision:

Provide access to emergency food at all hours of the day with no questions asked.

Project Summary:

The Food for Thought team built and installed 4 Blessing Boxes throughout Johnson County. These boxes will supplement existing food pantries by providing emergency food 24 hours per day. The theme for the box is “take what you need, give what you can”. This allows those that need something to eat to simply stop by and take what they need. It also allows those that can give something to stop by and help stock the Blessing Box. The team partnered with non-profit organizations to host and maintain the Blessing Boxes. The boxes also list the phone numbers of the United Way helpline, Suicide Prevention hotline, and 211 hotline for those that would like additional help. We are hopeful that other organizations, groups, or individuals will support our boxes, and help us grow by building additional boxes throughout the county.

Partnerships:

Host Sites

KIC-IT in Franklin
Grace United Methodist Church in Franklin
Greenwood Christian Church
Greenwood Middle School

Construction of Blessing Boxes

Franklin Community Industrial Technology Class
Sharp Graphics - Charles Hessman

Donation of Supplies

Johnson County Senior Services

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