

## How You Can Get Involved

Part of our mission is to provide the faith community with local meaningful opportunities to volunteer to serve the less fortunate. You can serve your community in many ways, including

- Offer daily prayers for RIFA's ministries
- Volunteer in one of our ministries
- Provide financial support for our work
- Donate clothing, housewares, linens, furniture, food, etc.
- Donate in-kind services and goods
- Request special projects and organize a work team
- Invite a speaker from RIFA to your organization, committee or civic group
- Borrow a RIFA video to present to your church or other groups

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## Current Needs:

- Cereals
- Paper products
- Cake mixes & frostings
- Kid-friendly snack foods
- Sugar
- Coffee
- Canned potted meat, Vienna sausages, tuna, chicken, salmon

## Volunteer opportunities:

- Pick up restaurant food once weekly
- Electrician, handyman
- Sort food at Thanksgiving, Christmas, or anytime
- Organize a food drive in your church or organization

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## Food Bank



8 a.m.- 4 p.m., Mon.- Fri

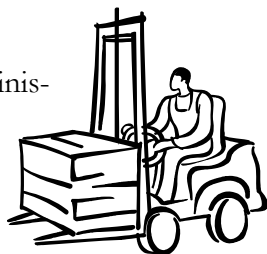
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## Our Mission is to Serve

The Regional Inter-Faith Association was incorporated in 1976 as a joint effort between local leaders and area churches.

Through RIFA's ministries and programs, the faith community works together




more efficiently and effectively to help those in need. Anything RIFA does meets the test of this scripture:

*Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.*  
Matthew 25:40

RIFA also operates the RIFA Thrift Store, Soup Kitchen, FISH, Food Pantry, and RIFA Home Repair

RIFA is a 501c3 non-profit corporation. Your gift is tax deductible.

## RIFA Food Bank


- The RIFA Food Bank was established in 1984. There was and is a two-fold purpose: to provide food for West Tennessee non-profit agencies which are feeding the poor and to enable manufacturers and restaurants to make good use of their overages. 
- RIFA contacts manufacturers, wholesalers, trucklines and grocers to establish partnerships to coordinate distribution of overruns and overstocks.
- RIFA works with restaurants, cafeterias, delis, and coffee shops to coordinate distribution of overages.
- RIFA works with churches, businesses, and civic groups to conduct food drives.
- RIFA transports the food from the supplier to the RIFA warehouse.
- At RIFA the food is unloaded, sorted, boxed and labeled.
- RIFA stores the food in warehouse space and in walk-in freezers and coolers. Additionally, there is a "shelf grocery" area where agencies may select from less-than-case quantities, much like a grocery store.



- RIFA distributes food to non-profit agencies in 8 counties in West Tennessee.


## TO BECOME PART OF THE RIFA FOOD BANK NETWORK:

### Agencies:

- Must be a 501c3 non-profit organization
- Must be located in Madison, Chester, Carroll, Crockett, Gibson, Hardin, Henderson, Hardeman, or Haywood Counties.
- In Madison County, must provide meals or snacks on site. 
- Outside Madison County, must operate a food pantry or provide meals or snacks on site.

*RIFA distributes food to agencies such as indigent alcohol/drug treatment facilities, shelters, low-income child care and senior centers, food pantries, halfway houses, and outreach agencies.*

### Food Donors:

- Must have a desire to make the best use of resources in feeding the poor 
- Must provide ample notice for RIFA to plan for transport, storage, and distribution of pallet quantities.

- And together, we have helped the hungry of Jackson/Madison County and West Tennessee!