

# A Habit of Helping Bank It...TODAY

## 2020: A Successful Year for Bank It

Even with all the stress and strife of 2020, it was still a year that proved what a generous, loving community we have. Together, through the Bank It Program, the Woods County and Alva citizens raised over \$35,000 for local organizations in need. Our participating banks matched over \$8,000 of that. The funds raised help support the 4 COMMUNITY Visions of 2020 as well as families in crisis and other local groups needing a boost for their programs.

 \$427,088.62   
THANK YOU

Alva & Woods County

*Making a Habit of Helping since 2009*

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Since Bank It started in 2009, we have raised over \$427,000 for **OUR VERY OWN COMMUNITY**. Whether you are new to Bank It or a long time friend and supporter, we are excited to share this program with you. Bank It: a Habit of Helping Foundation started with a small goal of helping the Food Bank. It was founded as a 501C3 non-profit in 2011 and has continued to grow over the last decade. This home-grown program has supported over 40 local community organizations, helped provide aid to over 35 families in crisis through the Bank It Rainy Day Fund and supplemented countless other organizations through the Bank It mini-grant program.

Bank It is proud to be partnered with the following Financial Institutions, each serving as a *donation location*, allowing their customers to donate funds or supplies at their banks. Most of these banks have pledged to match a portion of the funds donated by their customers at their locations. Their support has played a huge roll in the success of Bank It with the participating financial institutions having matched over \$117,000 since 2009. Feel free to check with your local bank to see what their matching cap is per quarter.



# 2020 Recap

Congratulations to the 2020 CommUNITY Visions!

Thank you to everyone who donated towards these incredible visions last year. If you feel compelled to continue to support these programs, please email the organization and ask how you can help them meet their needs.

**Jan.-March 2020**

**Hatfield Park Educational Trail**

**\$4,541.25**

Halah Simon, Bank It Board member, presents Mary Tyree, AHS Science Club Sponsor, with a check for \$4,541.25. They plan to purchase at least one solar bench for Hatfield Park this spring.



For more information on this program email [mtyree@alvaschools.net](mailto:mtyree@alvaschools.net)

**April-June 2020**

**Goldbug Education Coalition**

**\$4,567.91**

Lexie Lauderdale and Dala Leon celebrate receiving \$4,567.91 for the Goldbug Education Coalition. This funding allowed them to provide all of the 2020-2021 school supplies requested by the Alva Public School teachers.



For more information on this program email [goldbugeducationcoalition@gmail.com](mailto:goldbugeducationcoalition@gmail.com)

**July-Sept. 2020**

**Woods Co. Emergency Management**

**\$7,691.01**

Ethan Fielder, head of the Woods County Emergency Management accepts a check from Kendra Schnebel, Bank It Board member, for \$7,691.01. This will help them purchase several AED machines for county first responders.



For more information on this program email [ethanf@woodscounty.net](mailto:ethanf@woodscounty.net)

**Oct.-Dec. 2020**

**Alva Wesleyan Food Bank**

**\$6,080.75**

Jennifer Marston, head of the Alva Wesleyan Food Bank and fellow volunteer Ken Brown accept a check from Bank It Board member Kelsey Martin for \$6,080.75. This funding will help support families for up to 6 months.



For more information on this program email [awcfoodbank@alvawesleyan.org](mailto:awcfoodbank@alvawesleyan.org)

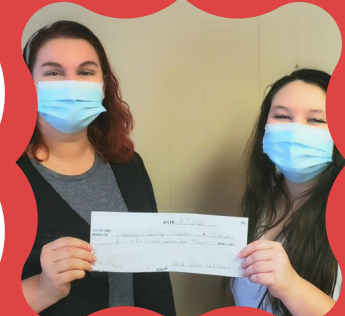
## 2020 Mini-Grants

The NWOSU Campus Cabinet's Angela Case accept a \$1,000 check from Magen Lehr, President of Bank It, to help support their student & faculty food pantry.



For more information on this program email [campuscabinet@nwosu.edu](mailto:campuscabinet@nwosu.edu)

Woods County Coalition members, Jessica Wildman and Brandy Johnson receive \$1,500 to help support the Gulp & Gallup Summer Youth Food Program.



For more information on this program email [jffarris@swbell.net](mailto:jffarris@swbell.net)

# Introducing

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## 2021 COMMUNITY VISIONS!

The Bank It Board met on December 8, 2020 to review and discuss applications from organizations hoping to become a COMMUNITY Vision for 2021. Below are the 4 worthy organizations selected. If you prefer to support them directly rather than support through the Bank It Program, simply email them and ask how you can help. No amount is too small to make a difference.



### Alva Community Garden

January 1 - March 31, 2021

The Alva Community Garden is a relatively new project with the goal to bring fresh, locally grown vegetables and produce to the citizens of Alva through a community garden initiative. Bank It is excited to see the progress they will make this year.

For more information on this program email [susan.holliday@okstate.edu](mailto:susan.holliday@okstate.edu)



### Alva Police Department Kids & Cops

April 1 - June 30, 2021

Bank It chose the Alva Kids & Cops program because we have seen first hand how hard they work to support this community. Their mission is to create positive interactions between Police Officers, kids, and the community members through various events in hopes of nurturing a stronger sense of COMMUNITY.

For more information on this program email [bk\\_orcutt@yahoo.com](mailto:bk_orcutt@yahoo.com)



### Kayla's Kindness Project

July 1 - September 30, 2021

12-year-old Kayla Leeper started her project in 2018. She makes care bags for patients in the hospital. She believes small acts of kindness and a simple smile help people when they are struggling. Bank It chose this wonderful project in hopes that we can raise plenty of money for her to grow her Kindness Project.

For more information on this program email [kaylaskindnessproject@gmail.com](mailto:kaylaskindnessproject@gmail.com)



### Alva Wesleyan Food Bank

October 1 - December 31, 2021

Bank It started with the Food Bank in 2009 and now dedicates the last quarter of each year to this program. The Food Bank provides meals to over 200 individuals each month, many of whom are children. The funding raised during this quarter helps the Food Bank meet a portion of their needs the following year.

For more information on this program email [awcfoodbank@alvawesleyan.org](mailto:awcfoodbank@alvawesleyan.org)

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