

A Habit of Helping Foundation Bank It...TODAY

2021: More Habits = More Helping

2021 proved to be a year of growth for Bank It, raising ~\$7,000 more than the prior year.

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Hopefully by now, if you have a zip code of 73717 you have heard about Bank It: a Habit of Helping Foundation. Bank It is YOUR local non-profit where YOUR donations go right back into our amazing community. Bank It's sole purpose is to bring our community members and financial institutions together for the betterment of our small town. To date, Bank It has raised over \$473,000 for Alva and Woods County. When you donate to Bank It, you can be sure that the money stays right here to help our organizations and people in need- when they need it.

How Does It Work?

During November each year, CommUNITY Vision applications are accepted from local organizations: the criteria- they must make Alva and Woods County a better place. They must also have a strong plan for success and a detailed explanation of how they hope to use the funds generated. The Bank It board of directors hold interviews to select the best organizations to become CommUNITY Visions for the following year. Each Vision is promoted for 3 months, with donations accepted at our local financial institutions.

\$473,664.73

THANK YOU
Alva & Woods County

Do you Bank at any of these Financial Institutions?

Bank It is proud to be partnered with the following Financial Institutions, each serving as a *donation location*, allowing their customers to support the current CommUNITY Vision by donating 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 \$128,500 since 2009. Check with your local bank to see what their matching cap is per quarter.



2021 Recap

Great things happened in 2021!

Thank you to everyone who donated towards these incredible visions last year.



Alva Community Garden

Magen Lehr, Bank It President, presented Susan Holiday, Alva Community Garden Representative, with a check for \$5,626.73. This funding helped kick off the 2021 Community Garden project by helping build raised beds and purchase materials for the garden. They have big plans for 2022.

\$5,626.73

Alva Kids & Cops Program

Magen Lehr and Halah Simon of Bank It present Police Chief Ben Orcutt and officer Patrick Hawley with a check for \$6,707.93 to support their Kids & Cops Program. This organization works hard to promote a strong sense of community between law enforcement and our youth.

\$6,707.93



Kayla's Kindness Project

Halah Simon, Bank It board member, presented Kayla Leeper with a check for \$7,550.73 to support her community service project. She provides care bags to the Alva Medical facilities. Recently she used some of her Bank It funding to purchase 4- 50" TVs as well as patient care packages for kids in the hospital.

\$7,550.73



Alva Wesleyan Food Bank

Kelsey Martin, Bank It Board member, presented the Alva Wesleyan Food Bank with a check for \$7,441.34 to help meet their needs in 2022. 'Bank It for the Food Bank' was the first Vision Bank It had in 2009 and therefore remains the 4th quarter vision each year.

\$7,441.34



Mini-Grants & Rainy Day Fund Support

When all donations are tallied up for the quarter, Bank It allocates 65% of those funds to the CommUNITY Vision. 20% is allocated to the Growth Fund, which serves as a grant funding opportunity for local organizations and projects. 15% of the funds donated each quarter get allocated to the Bank It Rainy Day Fund for families in crisis. Both funds are accessible to local families or organizations in need and must have an application approved by the board. All grants have a potential maximum funding of \$2500. Bank It issued 2 mini-grants in 2021, for a total of \$1300 and also granted \$6,860.48 in Rainy Day Fund help to families struggling to pay for medical bills, eye glasses, dental work, groceries, utilities and even funeral expenses. To date, the Growth Fund has granted \$29,500 and the Rainy Day Fund has granted \$44,250.

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2022 COMMUNITY VISIONS!

The Bank It Board met on December 13, 2021 to review and discuss applications from organizations hoping to become a COMMUNITY Vision for 2022. Below are the 4 worthy organizations selected out of the 11 incredible groups who applied. Each COMMUNITY Vision below serves our community in a special way and we hope you Begin Your Habit Of Helping in 2022 by donating in support of these great organizations.

1st Quarter Woods County Senior Citizen's Center

January 1-March 30, 2022

In order to continue normal operations and serve & support as many seniors as possible, the center needs help with expenses related to: Building Utilities & Maintenance and Patron transportation to and from the center, and travel to doctor and other related appointments.

For more information on this program email alvanutritioncenter@hotmail.com

2nd Quarter Alva Girl Scouts

April 1-June 30, 2022

The Alva Girl Scouts are aiming high and need our community's help to achieve their goals. The Hut located at Hatfield Park was built in 1947 (75 years ago!) and needs repairs and maintenance. They hope to make the building and bathrooms handicap accessible, replace the windows and doors to make the building more energy efficient and decrease utility bills. The Girl Scouts have 5 troops in Alva, Cherokee and Waynoka supporting about 100 girls, Kindergarten thru 12th grade.

For more information on this program visit gswestok.org

3rd Quarter Little Red Hens Service Group

July 1-September 30, 2022

This organization was formed in 2021 and has grown into a 40 member group of women whose mission is to offer the community both educational and fun events. In 2021 they organized and hosted a Fall Festival family fun night and provided entertainment for all of our elementary kids. They are working to raise funds to expand their ability to offer more family friendly community events.

For more information on this program email littleredhens21@gmail.com

4th Quarter Alva Wesleyan Food Bank

October 1-December 31 2022

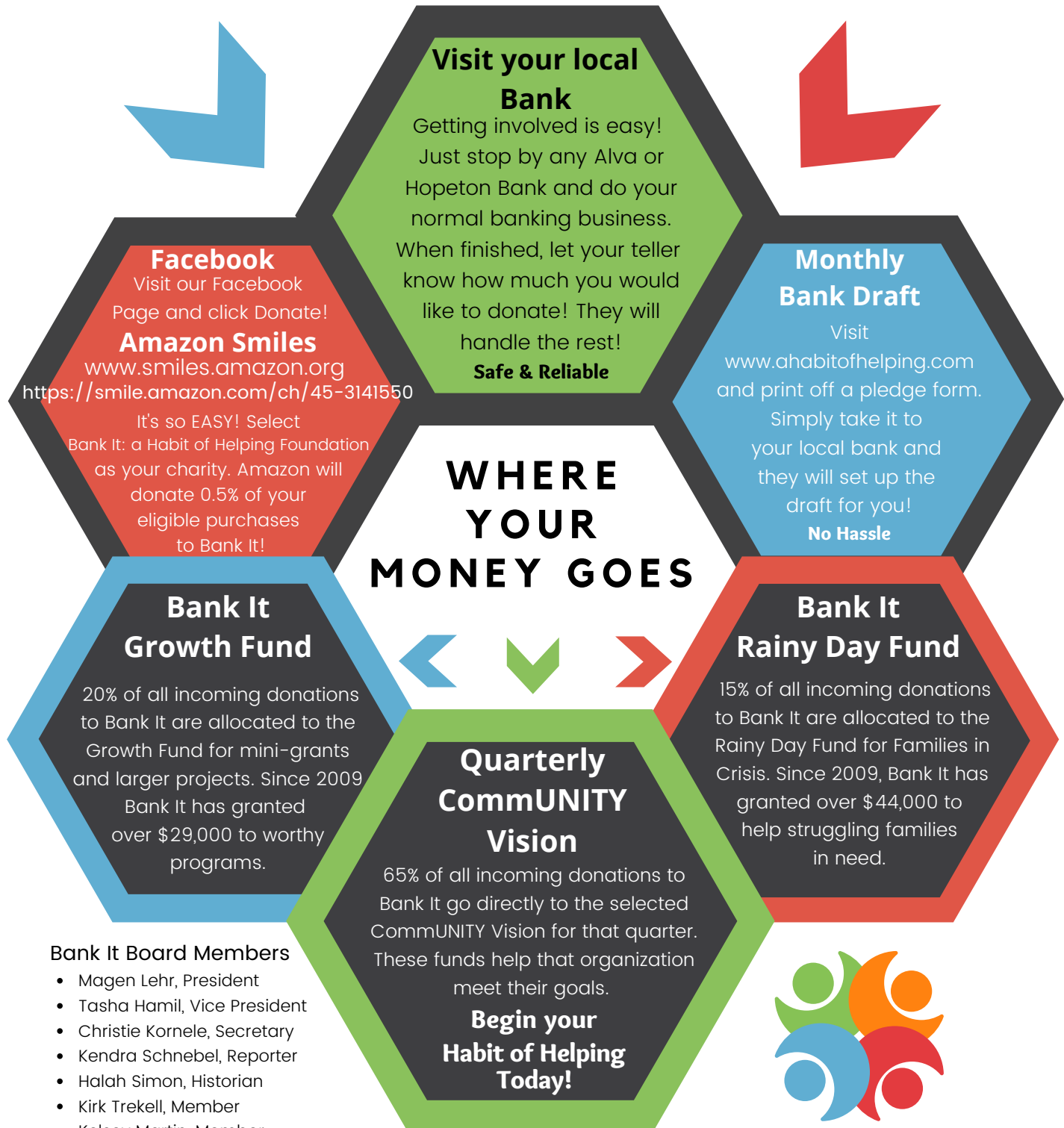
As stated earlier, the 'Bank It for the Food Bank' was the original COMMUNITY Vision for Bank It and therefore remains the 4th quarter vision each year. They serve over 200 individuals each month and help provide food stability for families struggling. Bank It is proud to support this organization and invite you to join us.

For more information on this program email awcfoodbank@alvawesleyan.org.

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Bank It Board Members

- Magen Lehr, President
- Tasha Hamil, Vice President
- Christie Kornele, Secretary
- Kendra Schnebel, Reporter
- Halah Simon, Historian
- Kirk Trezell, Member
- Kelsey Martin, Member

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