

A Habit of Helping Foundation

Bank It...TODAY

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Since 2009, Alva and Woods County citizens have been 'Banking It' for the community. Bank It is a local non-profit organization that is partnered with area financial institutions to raise funds and awareness for various civic organizations. Bank It chooses 3-4 worthy organizations (annually) to highlight each quarter, designating them a 'CommUNITY Vision'. The local financial institutions serve as donation locations, accepting monetary donations from community members. Many of the financial institutions match a portion of customer donations, with Alva State Bank and BancCentral both matching up to \$1500, Community Bank matching \$500 and Hopeton State Bank matching funds at their discretion. All donations stay local to help the community thrive. Donations can be made by holding money out from a deposit or by writing a check to Bank It and dropping it off at your bank. Pledge forms are also available to allow patrons to begin their own "Habit of Helping" by donating monthly through bank draft. The Banks are a safe, secure location to donate toward a truly community minded project.



Creating a Habit of Helping

As the slogan suggests, the goal of Bank It is to invite the community to make a habit out of helping. If each member of our community could donate \$1-\$5 per month, what a difference that could make to the organizations that make this a great place to live and raise a family. When Bank It was founded, the board had a vision of how to make Alva a better place and they didn't stop at the CommUNITY Vision concept. The board aimed higher, making a long-term plan to grow funds that help families in crisis and future projects in the Alva area. All donations stay within this community to help now and in the future. When all donations are tallied up at the end of each quarter, Bank It allocates 65% of those funds to the current CommUNITY Vision. Then 20% is allocated to the Growth Fund which serves as a grant funding opportunity for local organizations and community projects. The final 15% of funds donated each quarter gets 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. Applications are available at

www.ahabitofhelping.com

580-716-1198 | Email: nwbankit@gmail.com

2022 CommUNITY Vision Recap



Woods County Senior Citizen's Center

\$6,807.21

The Woods County Senior Citizen's Center provides a place for our seniors to enjoy companionship, conversation and a warm meal. The funding from this Vision helped to provide additional transportation needs of our seniors allowing the center to help get patrons to and from appointments and deliver meals on wheels. Thank you to all who donated to this incredible program!



Alva Girl Scout Hut

\$5,430.10

Lawson Ream was in 2nd grade when she applied on behalf of the Brownie Girl Scouts to be a CommUNITY Vision. The Girl Scouts meet at the Girl Scout Hut weekly to work on community service projects. The hut serves about 100 girls locally each month with 5 troops in Alva and 1 each in Cherokee and Waynoka. Lawson applied for funding in hopes of raising enough money to make the bathrooms handicap accessible. This financial help has been added to their fund and plans are being made to do the updates.



Little Red Hens

\$5,378.10

The Little Red Hens is a community service organization made of only women. They raise money and plan events and programs to benefit our community. They have sponsored a fall festival for the elementary schools and a middle school Girls Night In event where teens are taught make-up and self defense. This funding will help them add more community events that are family friendly for low to no cost to the participants. They want to thank everyone who supported their Vision in 2022.



Alva Wesleyan Food Bank

\$7,644.94

The Alva Wesleyan Food Bank supports between 250-300 families each month with food costs ranging from \$2800-\$3000 monthly. Many of those served are children of single mothers. Oklahoma ranks 5th hungriest state in the nation, meaning 1 in 6 people in Oklahoma face food insecurity. Bank It is proud to support this organization each year and would like to thank all of you who 'Bank'd It for the Food Bank' in 2022.

Since the beginning

Since Bank It began in 2009, community members have donated \$373,543.34, helping more than 50 local organizations meet the needs of their programs and provide aid to families in crisis. The financial institutions have matched \$139,791.48 of those donations, making the total money raised

\$513,334.82

Bank It Rainy Day Fund Update

\$50,483.86

Since 2011, over \$50k has been granted from the Rainy Day Fund to aid families going through an unexpected life crisis. Examples range from a loss of a family member, damaging fires, medical expenses, loss of job or insurance, travel for chemotherapy, and even funeral expenses.

Bank It Growth Fund Update

\$32,300

Since 2011, the Growth Fund has approved 20 grants to support local organizations in need.

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2023 COMMUNITY VISIONS!

1st Quarter



Alva Mural Society

January 1-March 31, 2023

The Alva Mural Society has been around for over 20 years and is tasked with preserving the 20+ year old murals located all over Alva. They work hard to get new artists to town with their Annual Mural Fest that takes place in the fall. Each mural costs from \$10,000-\$12,000 and helps to revitalize Alva and invite tourists to visit the town.

For more information on this program visit www.alvamural.org

2nd Quarter



"When It Hurts We Can Help"

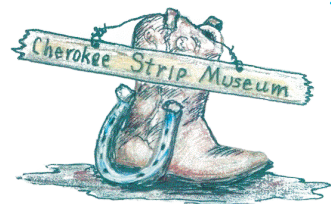
Northwest Domestic Crisis Services

April 1-June 30, 2023

NWDCS, New Beginnings is a housing complex for women and children escaping domestic violence. The property is located in Alva and is in need of funding for maintenance of the apartments and updates to the playground area. This organization provides support for women and children through counseling, education, transportation and court advocacy. Please join us in supporting this program and helping these families in need.

For more information on this service visit www.nwdcs.org

3rd Quarter



Cherokee Strip Museum

July 1-September 30, 2023

The Cherokee Strip Museum hopes to raise funds to update the labor and delivery room. They plan to restore this room to how it was when the museum was the Alva Municipal Hospital, as many visitors come to the museum to see where they were born. Bank It is excited to see updates made to the museum and hope you support this organization with us.

For more information on this program visit www.csmalva.org

4th Quarter



Alva Wesleyan Food Bank

October 1-December 31, 2023

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 to make ends meet. Bank It is proud to support this organization and invites you to join us.

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



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BEGIN YOUR HABIT TODAY.

Visit your local Bank

Getting involved is easy!
Just stop by any Alva or Hopeton Bank and do your normal banking business. When finished, let your teller know how much you would like to donate!
They will handle the rest!

Safe & Reliable

Monthly Bank Draft

Cut off the pledge form below or visit www.ahabitofhelping.com to print one. Simply take it to your local bank and they will set up the draft for you!

No Hassle

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Designate Bank It to be supported in memory of a loved one

Large Contributions

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Pledge Form

Simply fill out this pledge form and drop it at any of the Financial Institutions listed below.

\$1 \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 Other \$ _____

I wish to begin my Habit of Helping by authorizing Bank It to draft my account in support of the COMMUNITY Visions.
I will inform Bank It, in writing, should I choose to discontinue my pledge.

Financial Institution Name: _____

Routing Number: _____ **Account Number:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date of Authorization:** _____

The draft should be drawn
Monthly _____ or Quarterly _____



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