

## **DFAS Indianapolis Director Leads Way in DOD FFF Campaign**

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DFAS INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 22, 2013 — With a little over a week left in the Feds Feed Families campaign – the Department of Defense has collected just over 592,000 pounds of food to donate.

DFAS has contributed a little over 6,900 pounds to the effort as of Aug. 15, but with the hefty donations of three Hall of Fame members in Indianapolis, the total is sure to go up.

To date, DFAS Indianapolis Site Director Aaron Gillison leads all of DoD for a single donator with his contribution of 500 pounds. Gillison explained why he donated: “It’s important to take care of other people who need a helping hand. We just need to make sure that the sustenance is part of that. The food that families need at this time is probably larger than at any other point in time. And it’s just important to give them the opportunity to have a nice meal. Be sure the kids go to school and they’re not hungry. It’s pretty simple; taking care of other people...that magic phrase for me is caring for others.”

Other DFAS members have come forward with large donations as well, including DFAS Deputy Director Operations Dave McDermott and Lean6 Director Nancy McDermott (325 pounds), and Deputy Director, Accounting Operations, Sally McManus (364 pounds).

For many of us, we may just have that one spare can of food in the pantry. To bring things into perspective, an average can of food weighs about 15 ounces.

If each DFAS employee brought in one can of food, the Agency could collect over 10,000 pounds of food to help in local communities.

The Feds Feed Families campaign began in 2009 to help address the needs of hungry families in the Washington D.C. area and was expanded to include DFAS and other government agencies outside of the D.C. area. DFAS began participating in the program in 2011, and last year DFAS employees contributed 35,653 pounds of food, just short of 18 tons, through the program.

Each DFAS site has designated a local food bank distributor to collect food and distribute in the local community.

The campaign ends Aug. 31. View the DFAS Feds Feed Families e-portal page for updates, information on how to donate and site contacts to coordinate large donations.



Aaron Gillison, the DFAS Indianapolis site director, poses with his donation of 500 pounds to the Feds Feed Families campaign. Gillison's donation is tops in the Department of Defense for a single donator at this point. Shown with Gillison, from left, Amy Umhoefer and Maya Ariel; (back row) Eric Shelton, Charles Muwaliff, the DFAS Indianapolis Feds Feed Families site co-coordinator, Tekisha King and Susan Fuller. (Photo by Steve Lawson, Corporate Communications)



Dave McDermott, the DFAS deputy director for Operations, and Nancy McDermott, the director of Lean6, pose with their donation of 325 pounds to the Feds Feed Families campaign. Shown here are Charles Muwaliff, the DFAS Indianapolis Feds Feed Families site co-coordinator, Nancy McDermott, Lee Bishop and David McDermott. (Photo by Steve Lawson, DFAS Corporate Communications)

### **Why we donate?**

“We believe it is heartbreaking that in today's society there are people within our own communities that go hungry, particularly children. We have been very fortunate with our careers and health and like to try and give back to those in need. We have so much to be thankful for and think this is a wonderful way to support an organization that helps families right here, close to home.”

— Dave and Nancy McDermott



Sally McManus, the deputy director, Accounting Operations, poses with her donation of 364 pounds to the Feds Feed Families campaign. Shown here are Holly Bishop, DFAS Indianapolis Feds Feed Families site co-coordinator, Maya Ariel, Eric Shelton, Sally McManus, Tekisha King and Amy Umhoefer. (Photo by Steve Lawson, DFAS Corporate Communications)

### **Why I donate?**

“I learned about this program last year and felt it was a great opportunity to help others that are in need. This is now one of my favorite times of year as we join together to gather non-perishable food to donate to the food banks across the country.”

—Sally McManus



Lee Bishop weighs in some of the donations for the Feds Feed Families program. (Photo by Steve Lawson, Corporate Communications)