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Stafford Hall to Host Second Annual Manna Drop November 22

TIFTON– The Stafford School of Business at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and Stafford Hall will host the second annual Manna Drop on Nov. 22 at Charles Spencer Elementary School in Tifton. The event will begin at 10 a.m. and continue until all food is given out.

Stafford Hall is ABAC’s first residential community. It consists of 77 ABAC students, including business majors, athletes, and others.

Sue Mastrario, Business Coordinator for the Stafford School of Business, said, “A Manna Drop is a free food distribution to help feed our neighbors in need. It is a time for our students to give back to the community.”

The first Manna Drop, held in November of 2013 as a community outreach program for Stafford Hall, helped to feed more than 400 people.

Carlton Brooks, chairman of this year’s Manna Drop committee, said, “We hope to feed 1,000 families this year.”
Mastrario said the goal for the Manna Drop is to feed as many families as possible with the dual purpose to not only address the issue of hunger, but to give ABAC students a chance to appreciate the value of community service.

The Manna Drop committee is trying to collect money solely by donations and fundraising. Committee members are still in need of donations to reach their goal and anyone who would like to donate may do so at any time.

Families will be notified of the food distribution by flyers sent with students at Charles Spencer Elementary School as well as word of mouth. Families will be asked to fill out a short application the day of the giveaway, certifying that they meet the income limits for their household size.

The food is purchased from Second Harvest Food Bank to be given away. Second Harvest will determine how much of each commodity is to be given per family. Members of the community are welcome to volunteer during the event that day.

For more information about the Manna Drop, interested persons should contact Mastrario at (229) 391-4832 or email her at smastrario@abac.edu.

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