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Employees Honored for Donations to 2009 Statewide Food Drive

State employees representing the top-donating agencies in a Cabinet-sponsored food drive were honored recently.



From left to right: Melissa Woodrum and Jennifer Franklin, Office of Vital Statistics (OVS); Terry Magel, president of the Franklin County Emergency Food Pantry; Diane Freeman, OVS; and Shannon Ramsey, KCCVS.

possible as part of its Make A Difference Day observance. Food is donated to food pantries and emergency feeding centers in the communities where it is collected.

Department for Community Based Services offices and AmeriCorps programs always participate, but this was the first year that all state agencies were officially involved as part of a friendly competition.

Overall, Kentucky collected 123.27 tons of food, enough to feed 493,087 Kentuckians an 8-ounce serving. The effort also was named one of USA WEEKEND Magazine's top 10 projects in the country and won a \$10,000 award. Part of the award -- \$2,000 -- went to the Franklin County Emergency Food Pantry.

Vital Statistics and the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities are the two Cabinet for Health and Family Services agencies that collected the most food in last October's statewide Make A Difference Day food drive, sponsored by the Kentucky Commission for Community Volunteerism and Service (KCCVS) and the Kentucky AmeriCorps programs. For this effort, citations signed by Governor Steve Beshear were presented at the Franklin County Emergency Food Pantry.

Make A Difference Day is a national day of giving and helping others. The KCCVS traditionally sponsors an annual campaign to collect as much canned goods and other nonperishable food as



From left to right: Terry Magel, president of the Franklin County Emergency Food Pantry; Alicia Tobin, Department of Behavioral Health, Development and Intellectual Disabilities; and Shannon Ramsey, KCCVS.



From left to right: Terry Magel, president of the Franklin County Emergency Food Pantry; Stacey McClellan, Economic Development Cabinet; and Shannon Ramsey, KCCVS.

The Economic Development Cabinet, with 96 employees, finished first in the state agency competition by collecting slightly over 806 pounds of food for a total of 8.4 pounds per employee. The Finance and Administration Cabinet was second, gathering 6,125 pounds from 1,869 employees for a total of 3.3 pounds per employee. The Economic Development Cabinet was recognized at the KCCVS Governor's Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service ceremony in June.

Representatives from the top-performing agencies presented checks to Terry Magel, president of the Franklin County Emergency Food Pantry. Stacey McClellan, Economic

Development Cabinet, and Sara Brooks, Finance and Administration Cabinet, presented the checks as the contacts for their respective Cabinets.

"The food drive made a tremendous difference in our collections," Magel said. "We appreciate all the state employees who contributed to help so many families."

Magel said the award money will buy more food for families in need.

Learn more about Make A Difference Day and volunteering on the KCCVS website, <http://chfs.ky.gov/dfrcvs/kccvs/madd>.



From left to right: Terry Magel, president of the Franklin County Emergency Food Pantry; Sara Brooks, Finance Cabinet; and Shannon Ramsey, KCCVS.

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