

## Senator Ron Sharp, Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma, and Seminole Nation Tribal Leaders visit SFN Food Distribution Program *By Sam Spang*

“1 in 8 people worldwide do not get enough food to lead active, healthy lives.” (1). Based on information from the U.N. World Food Programme, there are 842 million undernourished people in the world today. Furthermore... “Oklahoma is one of the hungriest states in the nation. 1 in 6 Oklahomans struggles with hunger.” (2). To generate potential strategies to combat hunger in the greater Shawnee-area, on October 4, 2013 a diversified group representing various organizations collaborated while touring the Sac and Fox Nation Food & Nutrition Center in Shawnee, OK. The assembled group included Senator Ron Sharp (R-Shawnee Dist. 17), Chief George Thurman (SFN Principal Chief), Cari Ogden – Vice President of Community Initiatives (Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma), John Bobb-Semple – Project Manager (Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma), Alex Springer – Council Representative (Seminole Nation), Patricia Kisketon – Council Representative (Seminole Nation), Peggy Garrett – Executive Director (The Urban Mission-OKC), and tour host Sam Spang (SFN FDPIR Director). Alex Springer contacted the Sac and Fox Nation Food Distribution Program and expressed his interest in bringing a special group to tour the Shawnee Food & Nutrition Center. While touring the facility, the group was informed about the Sac and Fox Nation’s Food Distribution Program and current operations which cover a five tribe service area that

includes the historical boundaries of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, the Kickapoo Tribe, the Iowa Tribe and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. To further combat hunger across a united front in this area of Oklahoma, in partnership with the State of Oklahoma, the Seminole Nation, and the Sac and Fox Nation, John Bobb-Semple addressed the group to not only present the need, but also to facilitate the hopes of possibly developing an equivalent facility in the Shawnee-area to utilize as a Food Resource Center, affiliated with the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma, to further assist some of the more than 675,000 Oklahomans that are at risk of going hungry every day. Many people that do not qualify for services under the OKDHS Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or tribal Food Distribution Programs (FDPIR) fall thru the cracks of program guidelines and policy, the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma is able to catch and assist these families as well as the households that are able to be served thru SNAP & FDPIR. Should a new Food Resource Center similar to that of the Urban Mission in Oklahoma City, affiliated with the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma, be established in the Shawnee-area... it would be a win-win for all. For more info & to learn how you can get involved in the fight against hunger, please see the following websites: <http://www.regionalfoodbank.org/>, <http://www.wfp.org/>, <http://urbanmissionokc.org/>.



Picture (L-R): Sam Spang – SFN FDPIR Director; Peggy Garrett – Exec. Director (The Urban Mission, OKC); Cari Ogden – V.P. of Community Initiatives (Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma); George Thurman – SFN Principal Chief; Senator Ron Sharp (R-Shawnee Dist. 17); Patricia Kishketon – Council Rep. (Seminole Nation); Alex Springer – Council Rep. (Seminole Nation); and John Bobb-Semple – Project Manager (Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma)



Marketing Booth: The Sac and Fox Nation Juvenile Detention Center hosted a booth at the NCAI Conference to make aware the services they provide. Seated on the right is Mariah Funk, JDC Receptionist/Secretary. (photo by Berdina George)

### NOTICE

The Veteran's Administration is partnering with the Pawnee Indian Health Center to enroll all Native American and non-Indian Veterans for health care benefits the third Thursday of every month from 10:30 am to 1:00pm. Veterans will be able to get questions answered about their benefits without traveling to Tulsa, Muskogee or Oklahoma City. The Pawnee Service Unit is located on the Pawnee Nation Tribal Reserve, 1201 Heritage Circle, in Pawnee, Oklahoma 74058, for more information call (918) 762-6724.

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Gymnasium

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