

# River Valley Regional Food Bank Responds to Disasters

The River Valley Regional Food Bank responded quickly to the news of tornado casualties and damage in Franklin and Johnson counties. The Food Bank has distributed over 49,000 lbs of product (water, cereal, crackers, tables, bread and snacks) into Ozark, Altus received 19,000 lbs and Clarksville received 29,000 lbs to help those families that have lost everything. The River Valley Regional Food Bank also supplied over 5,000 lbs of product to the Southern Baptist Association who are cooking hot meals to supply to those individuals in disaster locations.



## Like a good neighbor State Farm is there!



On Monday, April 18th State Farm Insurance awarded Crawford-Sebastian Community Development Program a check for \$6,000.

With the recent budget cuts to our housing program this money could not have come at a better time. The funds will be used for housing counseling program which educates and empowers homebuyers and homeowners.

Gary Stephenson, State Farm Public Affairs Coordinator for the state of Arkansas pictured far right and several local State Farm representatives were in attendance.

# New Faces

**Executive Director**

*Mark Whitmer*

**Personnel Director**

*Darlene Hill*

**Financial Director**

*Sally Fisher*

**Homeownership Center**

**Director**

*Karen Phillips*

**Weatherization Director**

*Debbie Biggs*

**Child Care Food Program**

*Carol Jenkins*

**Community Dental Clinic**

*Nenya Perry*

**River Valley Regional Food Bank Director**

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I want to express my deep appreciation for the thoughtful expressions of sympathy shown during the time of our loss.

*Mark Whitmer*

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*Mission Statement*

*Crawford-Sebastian Community Development Council, Inc. is a community action agency whose purpose is to make improvements in the lives of low-income individuals, families and the communities in which they live, so that a greater level of self-sufficient living can be achieved.*