

Madison County Fair Partners with The Beacon of Hope Services to help the hungry in Madison County

MARSHALL, NC – Madison County Fair Board Members and The Beacon of Hope Board Members form food drive campaign – **People helping People in Madison County, sponsored by the Beacon of Hope.**

Five extra cans in your grocery cart now will be worth one free gate admission to the **Madison County Fair** on Thursday, Sept. 28. Fair organizers have partnered with the Beacon of Hope Services to collect canned goods for those in need in Madison County, North Carolina. Madison County Fair board member Coy Griffin states that this is in our bylaws of the Fair that we give back to the people of Madison County and this seems to be a good way of doing that. Fairgoers who bring five cans of any brand food products to the fair Thursday, September 28, can exchange them for one free gate admission.

Food collected Thursday night will be donated to the **Beacon of Hope Services**, which works closely with MANNA Foodbank, farmers, state and federal agencies and individuals to collect, store and distribute food to Madison County residents. The Beacon of Hope distributes food boxes to over 360+ families each month. “Our food pantry gets pretty scarce sometimes and this will make a big dent in our food distribution efforts,” states Rodney Wallin, Board Member of the Beacon of Hope. In 2016, the organization distributed over 500,000 pounds of food. “This partnership is a great idea and one that will hopefully go on in the future,” states Donna Hagan, Beacon of Hope Board Member. The Beacon of Hope will also have a booth to accept donations thru the duration of the fair.