

A Thanksgiving turkey and pantry box will be given to designated families through the Lawyers Fighting Hunger program. Hugh Robert, co-founder of the organization formerly known as Lawyers Against Hunger, said they have partnered with "Live Local, Give Local" to distribute the boxes for the fifth consecutive year. Tulsa's boxes will be distributed from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25, in the parking lot of the Vault Restaurant at 6th and South Cincinnati. There will be kids arts and crafts, face painting, entertainment, free hotdogs and hamburgers provided by Arnie's Bar and the Dog House. Tulsa is partnering with Iron Gate Ministries, a Tulsa soup kitchen to identify and screen participants, Robert said. Recipients will come from a variety of organizations including various veterans groups: Day Spring Villa; Emergency Infant Services; Youth Services of Tulsa; Veterans administration Drug Court; Tulsa Mental Health Association, Indian Health Care and other groups. Lawyers, businesses and individuals across Oklahoma raised more than \$80,000 last year that provided meals to thousands of less fortunate state families. That effort provided a Thanksgiving turkey meal that they would not have had otherwise. "We are unique in fundraising because any monies raised in Tulsa stay in Tulsa," Robert said. "That also applies to campaigns in Oklahoma City and Norman." Lawyers Fighting Hunger recently partnered with Iron Gate Ministries, Eastern Oklahoma Food Bank and Emergency Infant Services to start the "Live Local, Give Local" program that empowers donors to connect with local charities with the expressed purpose of addressing hunger, he said. Additional information is at livelocalgivelocal.com. Robert also asked that anyone, corporations or individuals, wanting to help fund the cause can make tax-deductible donations at <http://www.lawyersfightinghunger.org>. The cost is \$45 for each box of food and turkey. This year's program is particularly important, Robert said. The SNAP program has been taken out of the agriculture bill and funding has been cut significantly. SNAP is the program that offers nutrition assistance to millions of eligible, low-income individuals and families and provides economic benefits to communities, including Oklahomans who are right at the poverty level who are struggling to make ends meet. "More than ever, our mission is to help feed more

families than last year is needed," he said. "Group partners with Live Local,

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