

Started in February, 2015, my "green baggers" gave over 3,000 pounds of food donations and in 2016, we doubled that to over 6,000 pounds of food and monetary donations to the Mid-South Food Bank. Memphians Care provides a reusable green bag to donors into which they put non-perishable food items desired by the food bank. Every other month, I and my volunteers, come by their house and pick up the green bag, leave another empty one and take the donations to the food bank. See an early picture below of the bags in the back of my truck.

Memphians Care has also provided trash bags to neighborhood groups, churches and schools to use to clean up their neighborhoods. See pictures below. I have worked with Clean Memphis on this project and expect that the use of the bags will pick up this Spring, although I will gladly furnish bags for a clean up project now.

The list of green baggers is over 100 households and company employees, but I want to expand the program. It is called "A Simple Gesture" because it is so simple to be a donor. Everyone goes to the grocery store and when they do they can pick up an extra can of soup or vegetables or peanut butter or any of the varied items on the wanted list of non perishable items. Put it in the green bag and on the 2nd Friday of every other month, set the bag out on your front porch and I will come by and get it.

Everything that is donated to Memphians Care, including contributions, goes to grow the programs mentioned here. Nothing is paid in the way of salary and I contribute the gasoline and cars to pick up the food. Contributions buy more green bags and more trash bags, but the green bag program is the heart of what Memphians Care is trying to do to emphasize the generosity and kindness of Memphians.