

Agency Spotlight

As we enter into this time of year when so many areas in our state are hit the hardest with food insecurity, we want to acknowledge our drivers and warehouse staff. Every day as they drive hours in the snow, or work with gloves on and the warehouse doors wide open, these men and women show their dedication and commitment to fighting hunger in New Hampshire.



700 EAST INDUSTRIAL PARK DRIVE
MANCHESTER, NH 03109

What's Cookin'

January 2016

Current Resident or

NONPROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE
PAID
MANCHESTER, NH
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Safe Food Handling

All Agencies are **required** to have at least one representative attend a Safe Food Handling Class. Your Program Director/Coordinator must submit a written request, with the names of attendees to:

myackelshappy@nhfoodbank.org

Upcoming Classes

Wednesday, January 6th @ 10 AM

Tuesday, February 16th @ 10 AM

Please arrive 10 minutes early.

WELCOME

New Agencies

Mascoma Valley School FP
Canaan, NH

Town of Enfield FP
Enfield, NH

Canaan Food Pantry
Canaan, NH

Got Lunch - Laconia Outreach Meals
Laconia, NH

End 68 Hours - Rochester
Rochester, NH

NHFOODBANK.ORG | 603-669-9725

New Shopper Orientation

Your Program Director/Coordinator must submit in writing, the names of any shoppers to be added or removed for your agency to:

myackelshappy@nhfoodbank.org

Sign up early, spots fill up quickly!

Upcoming Classes

Thursday, January 14th @ 1 PM

Wednesday, February 10th @ 10 AM

Please arrive 10 minutes early.

January 2016

Food Bank Closings

Friday, January 1st
Monday, January 18th
Monday, February 15th

Quotable

"Hope smiles from the threshold of the
year to come,
Whispering 'it will be happier'..."

- Alfred Lord Tennyson

SAFE Food Handling Class

We know it is difficult for some of our agencies to travel to the Food Bank. In the past we have had agencies who are farther from the Food Bank host a SAFE Food Handling Class for their shoppers, and shoppers from other agencies in their area.

If you would be interested in hosting a SAFE Food Handling Class at your agency, please let Mysty know and she can connect you with the right person to set this up. The Food Bank can also notify agencies in your area of the class, so that they make take advantage of the opportunity.

A note from Agency Relations

With a new year comes new perspective and a fresh start. We look back to last year, and strive to make the new year better for ourselves and our communities. With this, we ask that if you have any topic ideas for workshops that we could do to help our agencies, please contact Mysty at 669-9725 x 240. If you are interested, notes from previous workshops on nutrition and grant writing can be found on the NH Food Bank website in the Agency Relations section.

Also, please remember to return your 4th Quarter QSR (included in this bulletin) to Mysty by January 31st.

Connie, Rick and Mystyna

A Couple of Reminders as we start the New Year:

Un-submitted Orders

- ◇ We have been seeing more un-submitted carts in recent months. It is very important that carts are either cleared or submitted before logging out of Agency Express.
- ◇ If you are having an issue submitting your cart, please call Mysty at x 240 and she will assist you. If it is after hours or on the weekend, please clear your cart, and leave Mysty a voicemail, which she will return as soon as she is back in the office.
- ◇ If you leave items in your cart, they will be deleted.

Fresh Rescue Reports

- ◇ Please make sure that if you receive Fresh Rescue, you are submitting the **current form** by the 10th of the following month.
- ◇ Please also make sure that you are totaling the columns at the bottom of the page.
- ◇ If you are receiving any Give a Meal boxes from Hannaford, please make sure that you are reporting them at the bottom of your form.
- ◇ If you need a current form or have any questions, please contact Mysty at x 240.

Ask Agency Relations

Q. What is the NH Food Bank policy regarding snow emergencies?

A. If there is inclement weather and you think the NH Food Bank may be closed, please call 669-9725 x 175 for an automated announcement. If the announcement says that we are open but you are unable to make it to the Food Bank, please contact Debbie at 669-9725 x 110.

"I knew it would be hard, but I didn't know it would be THIS hard."

How often have we said this in the middle of a hard time? The winter brings with it harsh circumstances that seem intensified by holiday cheer, especially for those with food insecurity who don't know where their next meal is coming from. We applaud your efforts and are grateful to partner with you, our agencies. Offering SNAP/Food Stamps assistance through our dedicated phone line, and in-person education, is one of the many ways that the NH Food Bank supports you year-round. We do it because it's you who are answering this question every time you open your doors, "Where is my next meal coming from?" It's coming from you.

SNAP Outreach is available to table at your events, offer online assistance by telephone, and supply onsite application submission for clients at your convenience, just let us know when we can come to help out. Happy 2016!

~Lynne Lorentsen, SNAP Outreach Coordinator, 603-669-9725x124