



Agency Spotlight

For Hunger Action Month in September, Feeding America encouraged food banks and their member agencies all over the country to participate in a “plate” activity to raise awareness about hunger in their communities. The plates asked an open-ended question about how a person who is hungry feels, or what they can’t do when they are hungry. While forming their response, participants really thought deeply about what it means to not have enough food. Twin Rivers Interfaith Food Pantry in Franklin really embraced this activity. They had forty-two clients fill out plates and the responses were so varied. Pictured left is a selection of plates.



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MANCHESTER, NH 03109

What's Cookin'

December 2016

Current Resident or

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MANCHESTER, NH
PERMIT NO. 37



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

Thursday, January 12th @ 10 AM

Please arrive 10 minutes early.

WELCOME New Agencies

Campton Parks and Recreation
Campton, NH

Homestead Recovery Group
Concord, NH

Congregational Church of Temple
Food Pantry
Temple, 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

Wednesday, December 7th @ 10 AM

Thursday, January 12th @ 1 PM

Please arrive 10 minutes early.

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Food Bank Closings

Thursday, December 8th—Immaculate Conception
(Deliveries for Lebanon, Claremont, & Newport will remain on schedule)

Monday, December 26th—Monday, January 2nd
Week after Christmas

Monday, January 16th—Martin Luther King Day

Quotable

"And he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before.

What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more."

-Dr. Seuss

1st Quarter QSR Drawing Winners

Congratulations to the 3rd Quarter 2016 QSR Drawing Winners!!

Each winning agency has received a \$25 credit on their account.

Bethlehem Food Pantry
Bethlehem, NH

Headrest, Inc.
Lebanon, NH

Federated Church of Marlborough FP
Marlborough, NH

In order to be eligible to win in, just make sure that you submit your 4th Quarter QSR by January 31st.

A note from Agency Relations

A Merry Christmas from all of us at the NH Food Bank! As we get to this very busy and awesomely charitable time of the year, we should all take a moment every once in a while to enjoy the holiday season. After all, it is the "most wonderful time of the year!"

We always love visitors! Stop by if you are here, so we may wish you a Merry Christmas in person.

Connie, Rick and Mystyna

Recipe for Success Culinary Training Program

It's that time of the year that we try to reach out to every individual or family in need to help provide them with not just a meal or bare necessities...but hope and comfort. For the past 8 plus years we have had the extreme pleasure of graduating hard working students who are dedicated to making their future brighter. The changes we see in the individual through our **free 8 week culinary job training program** are incredible. Self-confidence, pride, a sense of contributing...these are just a few of the changes they experience along their journey.

Our **Recipe for Success** program has made some recent changes and has now adopted a rolling admissions program to better serve our students need. Every Monday we begin new students who have been accepted though a short application and prior interview. Class runs for 8 consecutive weeks, Monday through Friday 8-3. If you have individuals within your agency that you feel could benefit from learning new job skills, please help them make the connection. For those of you who are not in our immediate locale, perhaps your agency would consider sponsoring someone's transportation costs so they can launch their future. There is more information on the NH Food Bank website, or you can call 603-669-9725 ext. 116 for more information or to schedule an interview.

Ask Agency Relations

Q. Why am I not receiving NH Food Bank emails?

A. Unfortunately, many of the general NH Food Bank emails seem to end up in Spam/Junk folders. Please add the NH Food Bank to your contacts list to ensure that you will receive all emails to your Inbox. This is very important so that you are kept abreast of all the recalls and agency updates. If you have checked all folders and still are not receiving our emails, please contact Mysty at 669-9725 x240.

Also, please keep in mind that bulletins are emailed around the first of the month. When a QSR is due, the link to the QSR form will be in that month's bulletin email, as well as included in the mailed bulletin and on the NH Food Bank website.

Quarterly Service Report Statistics

In the May bulletin, we addressed the issue of how to properly fill out the Quarterly Service Reports. Incomplete and inaccurate reporting has been an ongoing issue. The statistics we get from the QSR are very important. The QSRs are our only regular source of information to use for grant requests, and to provide donors. We are unable to qualify for grants unless we can show that we are meeting certain needs or serving particular client demographics. For example, if there is a grant specifically aimed at children, and we don't have your client numbers, we are unable to include your agency as a recipient of that grant.

A QSR helper has been included in this month's bulletin. This explains exactly how to fill out the QSR form based on your type of agency. If your program is not a food pantry, but still tracks client numbers by age, please include this when you do your reporting. The more information we have, the better able we are to identify grant and donor opportunities for your agency.

If you have any questions about reporting, please contact Mysty at 669-9725 x240.