

January 2021

Food Bank Closings

January 1st—New Years Day
 January 18th—MLK Day
 February 15th—Presidents' Day

Quotable

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

~Martin Luther King Jr.

Safe Food Handling

All programs must have at least one person at your facility that is Safe Food Handling certified. We hold monthly online classes through UNH Cooperative Extension so that you can easily access this certification class. The online session is about 90 minutes long and covers safe food handling, food storage, food preparation, cleanliness and so much more. You may have multiple people from your program attend at any time. Please see upcoming class dates and times on the second page of this bulletin. This class is free and all attendees must sign up by contacting Jocelyn at jcheney@nhfoodbank.org.

SNAP Benefits

Some SNAP (food stamp) guidelines have been relaxed due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. That means your clients may be eligible to receive benefits when they were not before. If you or your clients have any questions about their benefits or they would like to enroll for the first time, please contact the NHFB's on-site SNAP Coordinator, Jennifer, at 603-669-9725, ext. 1147.

A Note From Agency Relations

We hope you had a happy and safe holiday season with loved ones near and far. Our team is so grateful for all you do all year long to feed and care for those in need in your area. We know that 2020 was a hard year for all with so many challenges of all kinds. We send our best wishes for a wonderful 2021!

The 4th quarter (Oct-Dec) 2020 QSR is now available and due by January 31st. The link to complete this report can be found within this email or on the NHFB website.

~Mysty, Christy, Emily, Jocelyn and Luke

New Agency Relations Team Member

The NH Food Bank Agency Relations Team is excited to introduce you to our newest team member!

Luke Challis comes to the New Hampshire Food Bank with over 6 years of nonprofit volunteer and program management experience and nearly two decades of corporate management experience. Luke holds a MA from Yale University and a BS in Human Biology from University of Colorado, Denver.

Luke is passionate about the fight against hunger, and food systems logistics. Luke and his wife, Katherine share a passion for farming, gardening, traveling, and the outdoors. They enjoy volunteering in their community through community gardening co-ops, immigration and naturalization services, and within local parishes and faith-based nonprofits.

Luke is very excited to join Catholic Charities NH and the NH Food Bank ensuring that the citizens of New Hampshire are connected with the resources they need in a time when those needs are ever increasing.

As the newest Agency Relations Coordinator, Luke will be overseeing Rockingham, Strafford, Belknap, and Carroll counties. These territories were previously covered by Mysty and will now allow her to remain in the office full time as the Agency Relations Department Manager.

You can reach Luke at 603-669-9725 ext. 4536, or by email at lchallis@nhfoodbank.org.



Agency Year End Summaries

Later this month you will receive a letter in the mail listing your total pounds received from the NH Food Bank for 2020. We hope to provide this information to you annually from here on out so that you can be aware of your Food Bank activity as well as having this information for your own records.

Per Feeding America guidelines, all programs are required to acquire a minimum of 3,000 pounds of food from the NH Food Bank per calendar year. Currently though, we are not enforcing this rule for 2020 due to the many changes and closures of programs due to COVID-19. This requirement will be enforced at a later date once things are "back to normal".

Mobile Food Pantries

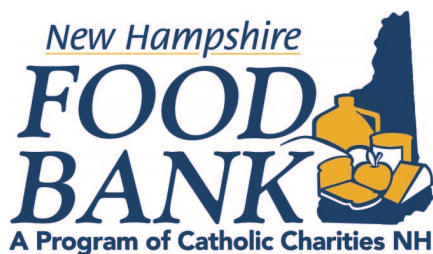
With much thanks to the Federal CARES Act and COVID Relief funding, the NH Food Bank was able to hold 70 Mobile Food Pantries across all 10 counties in the state. 1.9 million pounds of food was distributed to over 24,000 households. We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of the programs that helped spread the word about these events and also took the time to volunteer at these events. We would not be able to make these distributions happen without your help, time and care. Together, we are all working to make a difference during this pandemic and provide for as many people as possible, but we can't do it without your help. Thank you to all of our amazing programs and volunteers!

Monthly Spotlight



This holiday season several NH Food Bank agencies (located in western and central NH) received a generous donation of live Christmas Trees that were then distributed to their clients. The 140 Christmas trees were provided by the NH Hoby Alumni Association and the Putnam family tree farm with deliveries made by New England Document Systems.

Live Christmas trees can sometimes cost \$50-\$100 each and many families were excited to receive one of these free trees this year. We are hopeful that his generous donation and distribution will become a new partnership with more families benefitting from this gift in 2021.



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MANCHESTER, NH 03109

What's Cookin'

January 2021

Current Resident or

NONPROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE
PAID
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: jcheney@nhfoodbank.org

Upcoming Classes

Online "Zoom" session:
Thursday, January 7th @9am

WELCOME

New Agencies

NHTI Lynx Cupboard Pantry
Concord

Manchester PAL

Lamprey Health Food Pantry
Nashua

MY TURN, Inc.
Rochester

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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: jcheney@nhfoodbank.org

Sign up early, spots fill up quickly!

Upcoming Classes

Online "Zoom" session:
Tuesday, January 12th @10am
Thursday, February 4th @10am