

January 2023

Food Bank Closures

January 1-2: Holiday break
January 16th: Martin Luther King Jr. Day



Year-End Letters

Annual letters listing your program's pounds and activity will be mailed out this month. Please keep an eye out for your program's letter in the mail soon.

Upcoming Classes

All sessions are held online using Zoom. To enroll in an upcoming session, please contact your Agency Relations Coordinator. All programs are required to have at least one active person at their facility that is Safe Food Handling certified.

Safe Food Handling

For Food Pantries:

Thurs, January 26th @2pm

For Soup Kitchens & Prepared Meals:

Tues, February 21st @1:30pm

New Shopper Orientation

Tues, January 10th @10am

Weds, February 8th @10am

Monday, February 20th @1pm

Welcome New Agencies

Recovery Home—Concord

Love Thy Neighbor Food Pantry—Swanzy

Hope Tabernacle Food Pantry—Manchester

End 68 Hours of Hunger—Sanborn



NH Food Bank is a Feeding America member food bank and a program of Catholic Charities NH.

2023 Updates to your Agency Relations Team

With a new year brings new change and we are seeing that happen at the NH Food Bank this year. Starting in January, we are going to have a new role in our Agency Relations department called the Agency Training & Resource Coordinator. Jocelyn Cheney, who has been with the NH Food Bank for over five years, is going to be taking her knowledge and enthusiasm to this new position, which will focus on training new agencies, and holding monthly trainings for existing agencies. You may even see her out visiting your agencies for a new spotlight we will be adding.

With Jocelyn's transition to this new role, it is important for you to know your agency's assigned NHFB Coordinator, as they will be your main contact for all things Food Bank and are ready to happily assist you. Jocelyn will be forwarding all communication she receives to your coordinator so she may better focus on teaching and training. If you don't know who your coordinator is, please see below:

Alyssa McKinney—Hillsborough County

Stacey Garron—Lower Grafton, Sullivan, Cheshire & Merrimack County

Christy Langlois—Upper Grafton, Coos & Carroll County

Natalie Watt—Belknap, Strafford & Rockingham County

Emergency Snow Closures



The NH Food Bank makes every effort to remain open during snow storms unless it is unsafe to do so. If the decision is made that we will be closing the next day and your program has a scheduled appointment that day, we will call you ahead of time to re-schedule your appointment or delivery. If the NHFB does close unexpectedly due to receiving more snow than expected, please check the chyron displayed at the bottom of the screen on WMUR (listed as NH Food Bank).

Thermometers

Per Feeding America and food safety protocol, all refrigerators and freezers at your facility are required to have thermometers actively in use to ensure your appliances are functioning at food safe temperatures. The proper temperature for refrigerators should be between 32-41° F, and proper temperature for freezers should be at or below 0° F. Weekly temperature checks of your equipment should be recorded on any type of log of your choosing. These logs will be reviewed at your annual monitoring visits.

If your program is in need of thermometers, please contact your NHFB coordinator and we will have some added to your next order.



One Last Note From Agency Relations

The fourth quarter QSR is now available and due by January 31st! We wish you a very Happy New Year and hope that 2023 brings new opportunities, good changes and health to all of your staff and volunteers.

~Stacey, Alyssa, Jocelyn, Christy, Natalie, Jessica & Kristie