

June 2022

Food Bank Closings

Monday, July 4– Independence Day

Quotable



QSR Drawing Winners

Congratulations to the raffle winners of the 1st Quarter 2022 QSR Drawing! Each winning agency has received a \$25 credit on their NHFB account.

- ◆ St. Luke's Food Pantry– Plaistow
- ◆ Agape Min. Food Pantry– Ctr. Harbor
- ◆ Faith Food Pantry– Temple

To be eligible to win next quarter, your QSR must be received on time and be completed using the [current online quarter's form](#).

Food Safety Reminder

All dry goods stored at your facility should be on shelving or in bins, and off the floor. All shelving must be metal, plastic or painted/sealed wood. Shelves should not be directly touching the wall. Food must be stored at least 6 inches above the floor. Any food that is stored in bins or boxes on pallets should only be done so temporarily.

A Note From Agency Relations

In last month's bulletin we "hid" a note in the bulletin stating to contact us to be entered to win a credit for your agency. This is because we want to ensure people are reading the bulletin and want to reward them for doing so. Please keep an eye out for future contests.

Winners of the \$25 credit are Crisis Center of Central NH, Kreiva Academy, and Good Shepherd Food Pantry. Congratulations and thank you for fully reading our monthly bulletin.

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

2021 NH Feeding NH program

At the end of April, the NH Feeding NH program came to a close for 2021. This past year, 117 agencies participated and \$160,000 dollars was provided for purchases at NH farms. This program allows agencies to purchase fresh dairy, produce and protein items at local farms for their clients. The program also provides support to independent NH farmers. In total, a little over 86,000 pounds of food was purchased from about 200 local farms by our participating agencies.



[Photos submitted by NHFB partnering agencies showing some of the items they purchased using NH Feeding NH program funding.]

For 2022, we have about 140 agencies participating in the NH Feeding NH program. The NH Food Bank is excited to expand this program to support our agencies and their clients, as well as additional support for NH farms.

The Good Samaritan Food Donation Act

In 1996, President Clinton signed into law the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act. In summary, this law protects your program's donations that are made in good faith in the case of illness or harm as a result of donations you provided. For a copy of this act, please see the attached file with this emailed bulletin, or reach out to our Agency Relations team.

Why the Emerson Act is important?

Each year, 14 billion pounds of food are sent to landfills. Meanwhile, nearly 30 million Americans, including 12 million children, are at risk of hunger. Potential donors most often cite fear of liability as the reason they refuse to donate to feeding programs. Before passage of the national law, all 50 states and the District of Columbia had adopted laws protecting donors. Yet, differences in language and applicability between states often discouraged national and regional companies from donating. With the national law in place, regional and national donors have the uniform language that protects them from civil and criminal liability.

What does the law do?

The law protects good faith food donors from civil and criminal liability should the product later cause harm to its recipient. The Emerson Act gives uniform federal protection to donors who may cross state lines.

Who is protected?

The law protects food donors, including individuals, and nonprofit feeding programs who act in good faith. While exceptions are made for gross negligence, the law states that test groups will not be subject to civil or criminal liability. More specifically, the law protects individuals, corporations, partnerships, organizations, associations, governmental entities, wholesalers, retailers, restaurateurs, caterers, farmers, gleaners, nonprofit agencies, and more.

What sort of food is protected?

The Emerson Act provides protection for food and grocery products that meet all quality and labeling standards imposed by federal, state and local laws and regulations even though the food may not be "readily marketable due to appearance, age, freshness, grade, size, surplus or other conditions."

Source: Food Donation Connection; www.fooddonate.com/legal-liabilities.

Monthly Spotlight

The NH Food Bank's own production garden has opened for the 2022 season. The garden is located off-site on a donated piece of land in northern Manchester. Jason Rivers is the NHFB's full-time staff gardener. Every day (Spring to end of Fall), Jason works to prepare the garden, plant, weed and harvest produce for the NHFB's own production kitchen and for donations to agencies. You may often see loose produce in the Summer and Fall that is marked as being grown in our garden. In 2021, 6,869 pounds of fresh produce was grown in the garden and brought to the NH Food Bank.

Volunteer opportunities are available for groups during any point in the season. If you have a group that would like to volunteer, please contact Ashley at volunteercoordinator@nhfoodbank.org. Saturday, June 4th is our annual planting day if you'd like to join us.



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Safe Food Handling

All Agencies are required to have at least one representative attend a Safe Food Handling Class. If you or someone at your program would like to attend, contact jcheney@nhfoodbank.org

Upcoming Classes

Online "Zoom" session:

For Food Pantries:

Thursday, July 14th @9:30am

For Soup Kitchens & Prepared Meals:

Summer dates TBD

WELCOME

New Agencies

Hanover Comm. Food Pantry
Hanover

CAP of Belknap & Merrimack counties
Concord

Merrimack Valley Daycare Center
Concord

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New Shopper Orientation

If you or someone at your program would like to attend, please contact Jocelyn at jcheney@nhfoodbank.org.

Upcoming Classes

Online "Zoom" session:

Thursday, June 9th @ 10am

Tuesday, July 10th @10am