

October 2021

Food Bank Closings

October 11– Columbus Day
 November 11– Veteran's Day OPEN
 Nov. 25 & 26– Thanksgiving break

Quotable

"Don't let the sun go down without saying Thank You to someone, and without admitting to yourself that no one gets this far alone."

~Stephen King

NH Feeding NH

This year we have over 115 agencies participating in the NH Feeding NH grant. An initial round of checks were sent out to those agencies over the Summer. In late September a second round of checks was sent out to the agencies that have spent all or most of their initial funding. If you have not yet spent your first grant check, we encourage you to do so as we do have additional funds to distribute. Please be sure to submit your invoices on time so we can make note of your spending.

Additionally, all participating agencies were sent an NH Feeding NH window decal to display at your facility if you choose to do so. We have some decals remaining, so if you would like another one, please let us know.

What's Cooking

Included with this emailed bulletin is the "What's Cooking" bulletin from our own NHFB Cooking Matters team. We encourage you to take a look. If you are interested in being added to the monthly email list for the Cooking Matters bulletin, please contact Maria at msmith@nhfoodbank.org.

A Note From Agency Relations

The 3rd quarter 2021 QSR is due by October 31st. You will need to have this submitted on time in order to receive your turkeys and vouchers.

We want to see who is reading the whole bulletin. You have found the secret hidden in this month's bulletin! Please email anyone on our team and let us know that you found the secret. You will be entered to win a credit on your NHFB account. Have a wonderful Fall and a spooky Halloween!

~Jocelyn, Kristie, Stacey, Christy and Natalie

Thanksgiving Turkeys and Vouchers

Thanksgiving Request Forms went out to all agencies via email 2 weeks ago. If you did not receive it, you can find the link with this emailed bulletin.

Please read the top section of the form carefully. That will provide all the details you should need when submitting your request. We will honor requests based on our available inventory and do our best to provide what you need.

Your program must be active and in good standing to receive Thanksgiving items. All requests are due by October 25th. We will not confirm or guarantee any requests until after that date. Let us know if you have any questions.

Agency Appreciation Month

October is Agency Appreciation Month! In years past, our team has held an Agency Appreciation Luncheon. But with the current pandemic this year and last, we will instead be doing something different.

During the month of October we will be celebrating your programs in a variety of ways. We will be holding contests, raffles, events, zoom meetings, meet & greet opportunities and more. You will receive an email on Monday which will provide you with the calendar of events for the month as well as additional information on how you can get involved. We look forward to getting to know you better and also showing you how much we truly appreciate all you do for your clients and community.

**THANKS
 FOR
 BEING
 AWESOME**

Nutrition Pantry Program—Piloting in 2022!

The New Hampshire Food Bank is excited to offer the Nutrition Pantry Program (NPP) to our agency partners! Through this program, we are able to support our agency network and their clients with an integrative approach to nourish all, regardless of socioeconomic status. The Nutrition Pantry Program (NPP) provides a non-invasive process for implementing practical, client-centered strategies for a health-focused environment in all types of food distribution. The program offers six key areas to focus on with support from resources, trainings, and connection. NPP is for pantries of all types and sizes, plans are tailored to fit your pantry, and it is no cost to participate!

Sharing Food

You hopefully received the following notice in a letter during the month of September. This is a reminder regarding sharing of food and products acquired from the NH Food Bank. It is in violation of the NHFB contract and the Feeding America contract to share NH Food Bank food with non-network agencies, including other food pantries, schools and organizations that are not partnered with the NH Food Bank. This also includes sharing food received from partnering grocery stores that donate to your agency through the Fresh Rescue program.

We have been made aware of organizations around the state that have approached NHFB partner agencies to receive food or to order items from our organization via our website and resources. NHFB food may not be shared with any organization that is not a member agency of the NH Food Bank.

If you are approached to order or share food with an agency and are unsure if they are partnered with the NHFB, please reach out and we can confirm their membership status. Sharing food with in-network NHFB member agencies is fine and is within Feeding America and NHFB requirements.

Monthly Spotlight



The NH Food Bank was very active in the month of September as we celebrated Hunger Action Month (“HAM”). Our whole building came together in team competitions to participate in several activities surrounding hunger awareness. Everyone had a great time getting involved, and in the end, our own Agency Relations team came out as the winners! We will happily display “The Hammy” award in our office over the next year.

During the month, the NH Food Bank brought awareness to Hunger Action Month in several different ways by wearing orange (HAM national color), decorating our offices, hosting 2 Mac Off events, creating social media posts, holding fundraisers, and through other various creative activities.

Please remember to follow the NH Food Bank on social media so you can keep up to date with all activities that we have going on and so much more. Facebook.com/nhfoodbank

The Agency Relations team with their decorations and “orange spirit”; Stuff-A-Cruiser with Concord police; competing Mac Off teams.



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What's Cookin'

October 2021

Current Resident or

NONPROFIT ORG
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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: jcheney@nhfoodbank.org

Upcoming Classes

Online “Zoom” session:

For Food Pantries:

Wednesday, October 6th @9am

For Soup Kitchens & Prepared Meals

Wednesday, October 13th @2:30pm

WELCOME New Agencies

Liberty House Shelter
Manchester

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

Upcoming Classes

Online “Zoom” session:

Thursday, October 7th @10am

Tuesday, November 9th @10am