

October 2022

Food Bank Closures

Monday, October 10th –Columbus Day
Friday, October 14th –NHFB Employee Day
November 24 & 25– Thanksgiving break

Quotable

Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go.



NH Tackles Hunger

For the 10th year, students from over 50 NH high school football teams have worked with the community to collect thousands of pounds of food for partnering agencies. This year's food drive "kicked off" in September and will run through the end of October. We are grateful for this partnership with WMUR, NH high schools and many NHFB agencies.

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:

Thursday, October 13th @4pm
Weds, December 7th @9:30am

For Soup Kitchens & Prepared Meals:

Weds., September 28th @1pm
Weds., October 26th @1pm
Thurs., November 17th @9am
Thurs., December 1st @2pm

New Shopper Orientation

Tuesday, October 11th @10am
Weds., November 10th @10am
Thurs, December 8th @10am

New NHFB Agencies

End 68 Hrs. of Hunger Mt. Wash. Valley
Merrimack Community Food Pantry
Way Station –North Conway

Thanksgiving Turkeys

Turkey request forms went out in the month of September. If you have not received the request form, please contact our team. You will be contacted early this month about what you will be receiving based on your submitted request.



New NHFB Agency Relations Team Member



The Agency Relations team is excited to welcome our newest team member, Jessica Newnan, as our new NH Feeding NH Program Coordinator. In this brand new position, Jessica will be your new contact person for your NH Feeding NH questions, purchases, invoices and more. She will be working directly with farmers to provide product direct to your agencies and for availability on Agency Express. We are excited to have Jessica on the Agency Relations team and look forward to seeing how this new position will benefit your agencies.

Jessica has a Bachelor's Degree in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems and EcoGastronomy. She has worked in the NH food system over the last 9 years with local farms as well as nonprofits. Her favorite part of her work, though, has always been increasing food access in her community. She is very excited to join the NH Food Bank in a capacity that allows her to pursue her passion of supporting farmers and her love of helping people in her community. She loves everything to do with plants, gardening, cooking, and camping. Her favorite thing to do is explore new places through travel and trying new foods. She lives in Concord with her partner and two cats. Someday, they hope to start a small farm to feed their friends and family. You can reach Jess at jnewnan@nhfoodbank.org or at ext. 1243.

Chaos & Kindness Backpack Donation

You may be familiar with NH's own Recycled Percussion and their Chaos & Kindness program. During the month of September, they donated 240 backpacks filled with school supplies to the NH Food Bank. These backpacks were then given to several partner school food pantries around the state. Our Agency Relations team was honored to visit the Chaos & Kindness team at their storefront in Laconia to pack and receive these backpacks.



Granite State Market Match

Granite State Market Match and "Double Up Food Bucks" nutrition incentives remain available through this month at many NH Summer Markets. Many farmers markets will run through the Winter as well. We will provide you with an emailed list of those Winter markets once we have it available, so keep an eye out this month for that email. The Summer list (with dates through Oct/Nov at some locations) is also attached with this emailed bulletin.

A Final Note From Agency Relations

October is Agency Appreciation Month. We are planning our annual Agency Appreciation Luncheon and will be sending out invitations and more details soon. We are looking forward to gathering with you soon to celebrate all you do!

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