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Thank you for your continued support. We would love to hear from you! Please email us at micaela.whalen@nhfoodbank.org or write to:

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June 2026

The New Hampshire Food Bank shepherds a statewide network of partners to alleviate food insecurity, nourish our communities through innovative programming, and boldly advocate to end hunger for all Granite Staters.

Upcoming Events and Fundraisers Benefiting the NH Food Bank

NH Gives

June 9-10

24 Hour Online Fundraiser
nhfoodbank.org/nhgives

NH Magazine's 2026

Best of NH Party

Thursday, June 25

Flag Hill Distillery & Winery
Lee, NH

nhmagazine.com/best-of-nh

British Car Show of NH

Coffee and Cars

Sunday, July 19

The NH Food Bank
Manchester, NH

HUB Harvest Golf Classic

Monday, August 17

Manchester Country Club

Mark your Calendars:

September is

Hunger Action Month

For the most up-to-date event information, visit: nhfoodbank.org or follow us on our social channels.

Food for thought

Expanding Access, Strengthening Impact Statewide

From a brand update to expanded fresh food access and key advocacy wins, the New Hampshire Food Bank is making a stronger, bolder effort to meet Granite Staters facing food insecurity where they are.



Our **new logo** and refreshed brand reflect a modern, unified vision to end hunger across the Granite State. New mission and vision statements, developed with input from our team members, advisors, and partners, clarify priorities, emphasizing stronger community partnerships to bring about equitable access to nutritious food.

In March, the NH Food Bank was awarded a **\$750,000 grant from Feeding America to significantly expand our Fresh Rescue program**. This investment will strengthen our capacity to meet an ambitious goal: sourcing and distributing 10 million pounds of food that would otherwise go to waste. With this funding, we will hire two new coordinators and lease three cargo vans. Stationed across the state and operated by volunteers, partner agencies will be able to use these vehicles, at no charge, to rescue fresh food from retail stores.

The NH Food Bank, together with hunger relief advocates, secured a **victory in our advocacy efforts on behalf of recipients of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**. Through public testimony, media appearances, and video campaigns, this strong coalition successfully opposed a bill to impose severe restrictions on the program. The bill has been amended to establish a study commission, including two seats for the Food Bank. As grocery prices continue to rise, we will closely monitor proposals that threaten access to food assistance for vulnerable NH residents.

Summer 2026 brings the return of the Food Bank's **SUN meals** program, serving nourishing meals to children each week when school is not in session (more than 90,000 meals in 2025). We recently launched an enhanced **Food Map** to connect more individuals with local resources. Lastly, we resumed our **"Hospital Bag" program**, partnering with healthcare providers to screen patients for food insecurity and deliver immediate assistance prepared by the Food Bank.

Tuna Boats

A Cooking Matters® Recipe



Ingredients

- 2 large cucumbers
- 1 lemon
- 2 green onions
- 1 (6-ounce) can low-sodium tuna, packed in water
- 1 (15 ½-ounce) can white beans
- 1 Tablespoon canola oil
- 1 Tablespoon Dijon or country mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper

Instructions

1. Rinse cucumbers. Peel off skin every ¼ inch, all the way around. Cut lengthwise. Scoop out the seeds with a small spoon.
2. Rinse lemon. Zest using the small holes of a box grater. Cut in half. In a small bowl, squeeze juice. Discard seeds.
3. Rinse and chop green onions.
4. Drain tuna. In a colander, drain and rinse beans.
5. In a medium bowl, mash beans lightly with a fork.
6. Add green onions, tuna, oil, mustard, salt, pepper, lemon zest, and 2 Tablespoons of the lemon juice to beans. Mix with a fork.
7. Fill each cucumber half with ¼ tuna mixture. Serve.

For chef's tips and more, visit [cookingmatters.com](https://www.cookingmatters.com) or scan here:



Thanking Our Volunteers

The New Hampshire Food Bank hosted its first-ever evening **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** on Thursday, April 23, during Volunteer Appreciation Month, to honor more than 50 core supporters whose dedication drives our mission forward.



Guests enjoyed dinner, received gift packages with branded apparel, and watched a tribute video featuring heartfelt testimonials from staff and community members.

We highlighted the remarkable impact of 24,496 volunteer hours in 2025—equivalent to nearly a dozen full-time employees and valued at \$779,000. NH Food Bank volunteers support everything from food sorting to mobile pantries and meal prep.

The evening concluded with awards recognizing nearly 20 individuals for remarkable duration of service (**184 years** combined), and lasting commitment.

Steel Chef Competition: Celebrating 10 Years

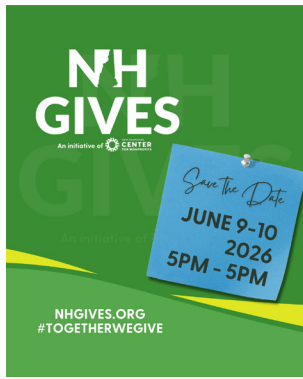
On Monday, March 16, 2026, the New Hampshire Food Bank's **10th Annual Steel Chef Challenge** brought an unforgettable night of competition and community, hosted by celebrity chef **Robert Irvine** and *WMUR-TV's* **Erin Fehlau**.



The event featured two rounds of high-energy culinary battles showcasing some of New Hampshire's best chefs, culminating in congratulations to our Steel Chef and Master Chef winners from Otis. restaurant: **Jonathan Angel Vazquez** and **Lee Frank**.

Beyond the competition, *WMUR* aired six consecutive episodes of its popular "NH Chronicle" program filmed at the Steel Chef event and on-site at the Food Bank, to highlight our work in support of neighbors facing food insecurity across New Hampshire.

Thank you to Chef Irvine & his team, *WMUR's* Erin Fehlau, as well as our talented Chef Competitors, judges, donors, sponsors, volunteers, guests, and all those who helped make this event such a success!



NH Gives: June 9 - 10

NH Gives - a statewide, 24-hour online fundraising event designed to build community and support the efforts of NH nonprofits.

This NH Gives, please support NH Feeding NH—an initiative that purchases fresh, locally grown food from New Hampshire farms to nourish neighbors facing hunger, while strengthening our local agricultural economy.

Scan the QR code or visit: nhfoodbank.org/nhgives to learn more and get ready to give on June 9 and 10!



Join us for "Nourishing Connections," our next quarterly call with supporters, on Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 12 pm.

Whether you are a new donor, a longtime supporter or are considering becoming a donor, this is a great opportunity to learn more about the NH Food Bank's programs and updates. Register via zoom at: nhfoodbank.org/donorcall.

NH Magazine's Best of NH Party



Thursday June 25th

Flag Hill Distillery & Winery, Lee, NH

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For more information contact, us at 603-669-9725 x 1121 or ashleigh.nelson@nhfoodbank.org.

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