Monthly Spotlight

Sonshine Soup Kitchen opened on September 11, 1989 as a project of a group of Greater Derry Area churches who recognized the need for hunger relief in their community. Twenty-seven years later, they have moved to a new site just two doors down from the site they had been renting at the First Baptist Church in Derry. After many months of renovations and tons of community support, they have unveiled a shiny new kitchen! Sonshine Soup Kitchen served over 13,000 meals and almost 8,000 clients in 2016.

What’s Cookin’
July 2017

Current Resident or

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:
myackelshappy@nhfoodbank.org

Upcoming Classes
Thursday, August 3rd @ 10AM

Please arrive 10 minutes early.

WELCOME
New Agencies

Hope Home—Manchester
Manchester, NH

Compass Classical Academy
Franklin, NH

Lifeway Community Church FP
Derry, NH

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:
myackelshappy@nhfoodbank.org

Sign up early, spots fill up quickly!

Upcoming Classes
Tuesday, July 11th @ 1 PM
Friday, August 25th @ 10 AM

Please arrive 10 minutes early.
July 2017

Food Bank Closings
Monday, September 4th—Labor Day
Monday, October 9th—Columbus Day

Quotable
“The best teamwork comes from men who are working independently toward one goal in unison.”

-A James Cash Penney

How Big is Your Car?
Just a friendly reminder to think about the size of your vehicle when placing an order with the Food Bank. There have been a few incidents recently of over-ordering. This especially applies to agencies where the person placing the online order is not the same person who will be picking up the order. Communication is key!

Fresh Rescue Protein
If you are an agency that is enabled to pick up meat from one of our partner donors, please be sure to check each meat package closely to make sure the packaging is still intact and that the product visually appears to be fresh. This is already done during meat sorting at the NH Food Bank and does not affect case lot meat that is ordered directly from us.

A note from Agency Relations
Enclosed in this month’s bulletin is the Quarterly Service Report for the second quarter. This is due by Monday, July 31st. These statistics are very important when soliciting donations and writing grant proposals; we truly appreciate your timely reporting.

Connie, Rick and Mystyna

New Carts
As many of you noticed, we recently purchased new carts for the shopping floor. We are grateful for the upgrade, and would like to remind agencies who shop the floor that carts are not allowed outside or in the cooler. We would like to keep the new carts in good condition, and the cooler is not large enough to accommodate them.

Ask Agency Relations
Q. How do I know when my next delivery date is?
A. Agencies that are set up to receive delivery orders (agencies are eligible if they are located more than fifty miles from the NH Food Bank) can view their upcoming delivery dates in the Scheduler section of the Agency Express website. Usually dates are added two or three months in advance. Once dates are listed in the Scheduler, they will not be changed. Take note of your upcoming dates whenever you log in, and you will be sure not to miss a scheduled delivery.

Communicating with the Food Bank
♦ If you need to contact the NH Food Bank regarding signing up for classes, difficulties with ordering, questions about reporting or general information, please contact Mysty at myackelshappy@nhfoodbank.org or 669-9725 x240.
♦ If you have need to change your appointment time after submitting an order, make an appointment for floor shopping, or have questions regarding billing, please contact Debbie at 669-9725 x110.
♦ If you have questions regarding the Agency Volunteer Credit Program, please contact Marguerite at 669-9725 x131.

Finally, please do not use the “Report a Problem” link on Agency Express, or the “Contact” link on the NH Food Bank website as a way of communicating with us, as the ways recommended above are more reliable and efficient.

Did You Know?
♦ The “dog days of summer” refer to the weeks between July 3 and August 11 and are named after the Dog Star (Sirius) in the Canis Major constellation. The ancient Greeks blamed Sirius for the hot temperatures, drought, discomfort, and sickness that occurred during the summer.
♦ In the summer heat, the iron in France’s Eiffel Tower expands, making the tower grow more than 6 inches.
♦ A ubiquitous summer treat is watermelon. Watermelon is part of the cucumber, pumpkin, and squash family and consists of 92% water. On average, Americans consume 15 pounds of watermelon annually.