

Monthly Spotlight



This month we want to say a huge “Thank You” to all of the NH Food Bank volunteers that work behind the scenes for us! We have a dedicated group of about thirty volunteers that come to our facility up to four days a week and help with the majority of the salvage sorting as well as a variety of other tasks.

Our volunteers are incredibly hard-working, show up in all kinds of weather, and always have a smile on their face. Some have been joining us for many years and we can not thank every person enough. We wouldn't be able to make the Food Bank what it is without their dedication and care.



700 EAST INDUSTRIAL PARK DRIVE
MANCHESTER, NH 03109

What's Cookin'

April 2018

Current Resident or

NONPROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE
PAID
MANCHESTER, NH
PERMIT NO. 37



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

Wednesday, May 16th @10am
Monday, June 11th @10am

Please arrive 10 minutes early.

WELCOME New Agencies

Covenant of Promise
Community Center
Manchester, NH

End 68 Hours of Hunger—
ConVal
Peterborough, NH

NHFOODBANK.ORG | 603-669-9725

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

Sign up early, spots fill up quickly!

Upcoming Classes

Wednesday, May 16th @1pm
Thursday, June 7th @10am

Please arrive 10 minutes early.

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Food Bank Closings

Monday, April 2nd– Closed for Shopping
 Monday, May 28th– Memorial Day

Quotable

“The unselfish effort to bring cheer to others will be the beginning of a happier life for ourselves.” — Helen Keller

Thank You Volunteers!

April is Volunteer Appreciation month! We are so grateful for all the volunteers that keep many of our partnering agencies running. We appreciate all the hard work and time that you put in to keep all of your clients cared for and fed. Without active and caring volunteers like you, many of our agencies would not exist. The time and effort that you put it does not go unnoticed.



Faxed Reports

If you choose to fax your QSR or Fresh Rescue reports to our office, please either email or call Jocelyn to verify that we have received them. We don't want to have your report go missing or become past due because we did not receive it. Please verify with us that we received it to avoid any confusion. You can email jcheney@nhfoodbank.org or you can call 669-9725 x1136 to talk to Jocelyn.

A note from Agency Relations

We hope you enjoyed your Easter! Application renewals have begun. Please submit your renewal by May 15th. Also, the 1st Quarter QSRs are due by April 30th.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or require any assistance with either of these.

—Connie, Mystyna and Jocelyn

Fresh Rescue Changes

After our recent Feeding America audit, new Fresh Rescue guidelines are being implemented which will affect those agencies participating in the Fresh Rescue program.

In an effort to provide the safest and freshest food to your clients, Feeding America is requiring temperature checks to be taken on perishable foods. Any foods not meeting the standards for safety and storage should be thrown away.

Each participating agency will receive an Extech® Brand Infrared Thermometer. The thermometer comes with a DVD explaining how to use it. You will also be required to view a short video presentation about using the thermometer, rules about the standards, and how to log your results. We will be in contact with you about how to receive your thermometer.



When picking up products from your assigned stores, you will need to take an external temperature sample from 1 or 2 items. This is then to be repeated upon return to your facility. The numbers you gather are to be documented on logs that you will be given. One log is required per store. Reports are to be kept on hand for 2 years and will be checked at your annual monitoring visit from the NH Food Bank. Reports and a copy of the PowerPoint Presentation will be available on the NH Food Bank website as well.

Your Food Bank coordinator will be in contact with you regarding this new implementation as well as to when you will be receiving your program's new thermometer. We will be happy to discuss any questions that you have.

Agency Volunteer Credit

Just a reminder... We offer the opportunity for volunteers from our agencies to come to the Food Bank once a month to sort meat and gain credit for their agency. This credit will then be applied toward the agency's shopping account.

In addition to gaining credit on your account, if your agency will commit to sending a group of 6 or more volunteers, for at least 3 hours, we will supply your agency an assortment of 4 cases of meat upon the completion of each volunteering session.

The volunteer sessions are: Tuesday through Thursday - 8:30–11:30AM.

Agency credit is calculated by the following formula:
of volunteers X # of hours X 20 lbs. X \$0.18

If you are interested in having your group volunteer, please contact Marguerite at mmalloy@nhfoodbank.org or at 669-9725 x1153.