

## Monthly Spotlight



Many families gathered to receive food at our recent Mobile Food Pantry in Laconia.

Approximately 11.4% of children in NH do not know where their next meal is coming from. Many of our NH Food Bank agencies are working to end childhood hunger in our state.

As the need for more Children's Feeding programs in NH has increased, the NH Food Bank has partnered with many new programs lately. Recently a Children's Feeding Workshop was held to work with agencies to find new ways to better their distribution practices and create new programs.

In an effort to find ways to meet these needs and increase fresh food that will benefit this demographic, the NH Food Bank partnered with Project PAWS in Laconia to host a mobile food pantry at Laconia Middle School. Enough food was provided to feed about 230 families!



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# What's Cookin'

June 2018

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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](mailto:jcheney@nhfoodbank.org)

### Upcoming Classes

Monday, June 11th @10am

*Please arrive 10 minutes early.*

## WELCOME

### New Agencies

**Food For Kids Backpack Program-**  
Charlestown

**The Hungry Owl-** Keene

**Got Lunch-** Newport

**Holderness After School Program-**  
Holderness

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### 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](mailto:jcheney@nhfoodbank.org)

### Upcoming Classes

Tuesday, June 19th @1pm

Wednesday, July 18th @10am

*Please arrive 10 minutes early.*

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## Food Bank Closings

Wednesday, July 4th– Independence Day

### Quotable

“We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace.” ~Pope Francis

### 1st Quarter QSR Drawing Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the 1st Quarter 2018 QSR Drawing! Each winning agency has received a \$25 credit on their NHFB account.

Pittsfield Food Pantry  
 Operation Blessing– Portsmouth  
 Phoenix House Keene Center

To be eligible to win next quarter, your QSR must be received on time and be completed using the [current quarter's form](#).

### Save the Date!

Thanks to funding from one generous anonymous donor, there will be 3 Mobile Food Pantries held around the state this month. If one of these events is taking place in your area, let us know if you would like a flyer to post at your facility.

**Saturday, June 2nd @11am**  
 9 Mechanic St., [Canaan](#)

**Saturday, June 16th @11am**  
 122 Route 12A, [Alstead](#)

**Saturday, June 23rd @11am**  
 319 Highland St., [Plymouth](#)

### A note from Agency Relations

It looks like the warm weather is here to stay! Please remember no open-toed shoes allowed in the warehouse. Also no children under 16 years old are allowed to be on the shopping floor as well.

The new thermometer scans for agencies that do Fresh Rescue are to be in practice as soon as you receive them.

-Connie, Mystyna and Jocelyn

## Granite State Market Match

If your clients receive SNAP/EBT benefits, then they are eligible to double their money's worth at participating NH Farmer's Markets and select stores when purchasing produce! [Here's how it works:](#)

1. Clients can visit a participating market and go to the market manager booth.
2. They will swipe their SNAP/EBT card for the dollar amount they would like to spend. This may be used for any SNAP eligible foods at the market. They will receive a matching amount, up to \$10, in Granite State Market Match tokens that they may use to purchase fruits and vegetables. The tokens never expire.
3. Then they can shop for double the value of fresh fruits and vegetables for their families!

For more information and a listing of participating markets, visit [www.granitestatemarketmatch.org](http://www.granitestatemarketmatch.org). If you would like more information about SNAP benefits, contact Lynne at 669-9725 ext. 1124.



## Comcast and Fidelity Cares Day!

Every year, employees of Comcast and Fidelity Investments have donated their time to help the NH Food Bank in a variety of ways. We are so grateful for their time, efforts and dedication to the people of NH.

On Saturday, April 21st, around two dozen Comcast employees from multiple locations came together at the Manchester property to work on their on-site dedicated Food Bank vegetable gardens. Volunteers rebuilt garden boxes, tilled the soil, planted seeds, painted, and completed other various projects. All of the vegetables grown from these garden beds will be donated to the NH Food Bank.



Then on Wednesday, May 2nd, about 175 employees from both of the Fidelity locations worked together to donate their time in numerous ways. The largest group volunteered at our off-site production garden to prepare for the growing season. All produce grown at that site is used at the NH Food Bank to serve our many agencies as well as used in our kitchen.

Another group helped out at a Mobile Food Pantry that was held in Nashua, serving boxes of food to about 120 families.

The remaining volunteers sorted food donations at the Food Bank. Around 3,500 pounds of frozen protein and about 9,000 pounds of non-perishable items were sorted throughout the day, which equates to around 15,000 meals for families around the state.



Volunteers are the heart and soul of the NH Food Bank and we are continuously grateful for all the care that all our groups provide.