Got Peanut Butter?

2019 Ford “Focus on Child Hunger” Peanut Butter Drive Kicks Off June 24th

Ford Motor Company Fund and Grappone Ford kicked off New Hampshire’s first Ford “Focus on Child Hunger” Peanut Butter Drive last spring. In total 4,495 pounds of peanut butter was collected and donated to the New Hampshire Food Bank providing a healthy, kid-friendly source of protein to children in need across the state.

We are thrilled to share the Ford Focus on Child Hunger Peanut Butter Drive will be returning this year, kicking off on June 24th at Grappone Ford in Bow, NH.

“It was exciting to watch the first Ford Focus on Child Hunger Peanut Butter Drive unfold here in New Hampshire. With such tremendous success last year, we look forward to partnering with Ford Motor Company and Grappone Ford again on this great initiative” said Eileen Liponis, Executive Director of the New Hampshire Food Bank. “Without the guarantee of free-and-reduced school meals during the summer months, it can be a difficult time of year for many families to ensure their children get the nutrition they need, and peanut butter is a healthy protein option kids enjoy.”

Last year during the kick off, Ford Motor Company Fund also announced an additional donation of a new $70,000 refrigerated transit van to the New Hampshire Food Bank to support our efforts to deliver meals to Boys and Girls Clubs. We are pleased to share that our newly customized transit van, thanks to the New England Ford dealers, will be unveiled at this year’s Peanut Butter kick off launch.
Did Someone Say Venison, Sardines...and Doritos?

Interesting combination of ingredients, right? These were some of the special ingredients at this year’s Steel Chef Challenge, another successful night benefiting those in need.

NH Food Bank’s 4th Annual Steel Chef Challenge welcomed back Food Network celebrity chef, Alex Guarnaschelli, as host for the evening. Alex’s witty personality immediately filled the room with entertainment and laughter the minute she took the stage.

With just twenty minutes on the clock, four of New Hampshire’s top chefs went head to head in hopes of being crowned the next Steel Chef Challenge winner. Contestants included, Nick Provencher, Owner & Executive Chef The Birch on Elm & Noodz, George Bezanson, Executive Chef & Owner Earth’s Harvest Kitchen & Juicery, Bradley Labarre, Rectory Chef at St. Paul’s School and Chris Vaud, Executive Chef & Co-owner, Greenleaf Milford & The Farmers Dinner. At the end of the night it was George Bezanson’s dish that favored the judges taste buds!

It was no time before tickets sold out and the guest waiting list began to fill quickly. In fact, due to such a large waiting list twenty two seats were added at the last minute to accommodate more guests...making it our largest event to date! Another addition to this year’s event was hors d’oeuvre stations in our VIP room hosted by previous Steel Chef Challenge contestants; Chef Evan Hennessey, Stages at One Washington, Chef Jason Seavey, Glendale Senior Dining, Inc., Chef Bryan Leary, Inn at Pleasant Lake/The Oak & Grain, and Chef Julie Cutting, Cure Restaurant!

The Steel Chef Challenge is our largest fundraiser benefiting the 1 in 9 men, women, and children who are food insecure in New Hampshire. We are grateful to all of our sponsors, guests, volunteers, chef competitors, judges and all those who made this night another great success. Mark your calendars for next year, our fifth Annual Steel Chef Challenge will be back at the DoubleTree by Manchester Downtown Hotel March 9, 2020...see you there!
We have some news we’re excited to share!

After thoughtful planning and determination, we have revamped our Fresh Food Pantry! We'll be packing up produce and other assorted items and hitting the road to different locations around the Granite State.

First stop is Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at Providence Baptist Church, 410 Pleasant Street, Epping, NH. Distribution will begin at 4:30pm.

Our goal with this new model is to effectively and safely reach even MORE individuals and families in need throughout the state. We hope you'll help us spread the word! Be sure to check our social media pages for any and all updates about the next Fresh Food Pantry stop!

We are thrilled to continue this program thanks to generous grant support from the Harvard Pilgrim Healthy Food Fund.

Annual WBS Harvest Golf Classic to benefit the NH Food Bank - Celebrating 10 years!

The 10th WBS Harvest Golf Classic benefiting the NH Food Bank is being held on Monday, September 16, 2019 at Manchester Country Club, 11:00 AM shotgun scramble format. Manchester Country Club is located at 180 South River Road, Bedford, NH.

The tournament continues to grow and sponsorship is a great way to promote your business! In sponsoring the 2019 WBS Harvest Golf Classic, your company’s name and logo will be promoted to:

128 male and female business professionals playing in the tournament.
20+ course volunteers.
Visitors to the NH Food Bank’s website.

For more information please visit www.nhfoodbank.org/golf or contact Nancy Mellitt 603-669-9725 ext. 1129 or nmellitt@nhfoodbank.org.

Make Father’s Day Special with a Donation in Honor of your Dad

This year, show Dad how much you care by making a tribute donation in his honor for Father’s Day.

For a $25 donation, we will send a personalized Father’s Day card the week before the holiday. If you prefer, we can send the card directly to you, to personalize and send to the dads in your life.

Father’s Day is Sunday, June 16. Cards will be mailed on Monday, June 10, unless otherwise requested.

To order your Father’s Day cards, please contact Landis Donaghy at 603.669.9725, ext 1244 or ldonaghy@nhfoodbank.org.

NH GIVES June 11-12, 2019

Support the NH Food Bank during this 24-hour celebration of giving!

Help us to reach our goal of $2,500 which can provide approximately 5,000 meals for those in need throughout NH. To learn more visit: nhgives.org

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