

Monthly Spotlight



If you have visited the NH Food Bank in the past month, you may have seen a new face when you check in and check out. Myla Danforth has taken on a new role as the Administrative Assistant of the NH Food Bank warehouse.

After 21 years of full time service to the NH Food Bank, Deb Learnard has retired from this position but will still be working in the building two days a week working on various projects and tasks.

Myla has been on staff with the Food Bank since Summer 2019 and is excited to take on this new role in the warehouse. Please join us in welcoming her to this new position! Please contact Myla with any changes to your scheduled pickup appointment, any questions about your submitted order, or if you would like to come in and shop the floor. You can reach her at ext. 1110 or at mdanforth@nhfoodbank.org.



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MANCHESTER, NH 03109

What's Cookin'

February 2020

Current Resident or

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MANCHESTER, NH
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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

Upcoming Classes

- Thursday, February 20th @10am
- Tuesday, March 10th @10am
- Thursday, May 14th @10am

Please arrive 10 minutes early.

WELCOME New Agencies

**UNH Little Free Food Pantry
Manchester**

**Broken Ground School Food Pantry:
Concord**

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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

Sign up early, spots fill up quickly!

Upcoming Classes

- ~~FULL~~ Weds., February 5th @10am
- Monday, February 24th @10am
- Thursday, March 19th @1pm
- Thursday, April 16th @10am

Please arrive 10 minutes early.

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Food Bank Closings

Friday, April 10th. Good Friday

Quotable

"The secret of happiness is not in doing what one likes, but in liking what one does."
 ~James M. Barrie

2019 Year End Letters

By now all programs should have received a letter from our team with your total pounds received from the NH Food Bank for the past two years. If you have not received that letter by now, please let us know so that we can send you a second copy. If you have any questions please contact our department.

Volunteers Needed

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

- 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
- 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 to take with you that day.
- If you are interested in having your group volunteer, please contact Ashley at amoulton@nhfoodbank.org or at 669-9725, ext 1131.

A Note From Agency Relations

Safe Food Handling classes are held often at the NHFB and we are also available to come to your site if you can ensure six or more people will be in attendance. Please contact us for more information if you would like to hold a session at your site or attend a class.
 ~Mysty, Emily, Christy and Jocelyn

North Country Food Systems Coordinator

With the new year comes a new position at the NH Food Bank. In partnering with a grant from The Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund of the NH Charitable Foundation, we are happy to announce the Christy Langlois has joined the Agency Relations team with the NH Food Bank. Christy is stationed in Berlin and will be working with the current and new agencies in Coos County and parts of northern Grafton County. Christy will be performing the same duties as our current Agency Relations Coordinators and will be working to increase the food distribution structure in that part of the state and will be supporting all of NH Food Bank departments and services.



Christy was previously employed at White Mountains Community College in the Academic Affairs Office. Her dedication to student success was her top priority. She has served as Chair of a local zoning board and Trustee of the Capital reserve funds. She currently sits on the Patient/Family Advisory Board for the Androscoggin Valley Hospital.

In her free time, she can be found fishing, hunting and watching her kids play in various sporting events. She is an active wish granter for the Make a Wish Foundation, and this past year was involved with helping to get a skatepark built in Berlin. Christy resides in Berlin with her two children, Sawyer and Aspen and their beagle, Whiteface.

Christy looks forward to meeting and working with all of the agencies in her area soon. You can say hello and reach her at clanglois@nhfoodbank.org or at 603-669-9725, ext. 1113.

Please note that all monthly and quarterly reporting will continue to be submitted to Jocelyn Cheney at jcheney@nhfoodbank.org.

Agency Application Renewals

Every two years all programs and agencies are required to submit a renewal application to the NH Food Bank. This is to verify that we have your program's most recent information up to date in our system as well as current signatures on your application and agreements.

This year we are making a few slight changes to the application agreements and will begin the process of renewal applications in the next few weeks. You will be notified by email when the application renewals are ready and can be submitted.

- The biggest change is a new requirement for agencies to source at least 3,000 pounds of food per year from the NH Food Bank (Fresh Rescue is included in this total.) This works out to an average of 250 pounds per month. We came to this decision by looking at our agency network as a whole, and how we can best utilize our limited resources to serve the food insecure in NH. This new rule is not meant to exclude any agencies, and we welcome any questions or concerns that you may have.
- Fresh Rescue Agencies: You will have a one-page addendum to sign with your application that states the requirements of the program (i.e. required use of infrared thermometers and scales, reporting requirements, etc.)
- Agencies that receive meals from the RFS Kitchen will have an additional agreement to sign. Many of you have already signed this years ago, but we need to make sure that we have updated signatures from all of our agencies.