

FMP PARTNER GAZETTE

TOGETHER, ENDING HUNGER IS POSSIBLE.

February 23th, 2023



Introducing The Hunger Action Center & Project FEED!

This Valentine's Day we were able to "Share the Love" with a ribbon cutting and an open house for our Hunger Action Center. Thank you for everyone who was able to join us in celebration of this new space. It provides a dedicated space to pack food bags, offers an onsite Pop-Up Pantry, and includes a community room for meetings and additional resources for the neighbors we are serving.

Additionally, it has enabled us to launch Project FEED, our youth hunger initiative to strengthen FMP's existing programs for children and teenagers. In your community, it could look like an on-site school pantry, backpack program, or a special pop-up distribution located at a school or other location that is serving local youth. Our ultimate goal is to extend applicable programming into every school district and county within our 14-county service area.

Project FEED stands for Food, Equity, Education and Dignity. We want to ensure that all children facing food insecurity within our service area have access to a food, no matter where they are or what they are experiencing, with the right food and context. It means viewing the whole scope of unmet needs and recognizing that food is only part of the solution. Strengthening partnerships and educational touchpoints must be part of our role and response, together.

For questions or inquiries about starting or expanding how youth are served in your community through a school-based program or other resources in your community, please contact [Tami](#).

Hunger and Health Summit Postponed

The annual Hunger and Health Summit hosted by Feeding Wisconsin has been postponed for this year. Food Banks are currently distributing as much food as they did during the height of the pandemic and future projections are that then need will continue to increase in the coming weeks/months. They feel as if this was the best decision moving forward for food banks and partners. Click the link below to see past content from previous summits!

[Previous Summit Content](#)

Partner Gathering Survey

We are looking for some feedback from you! Our team is evaluating our plan for partner gatherings this year. Traditionally we've had a large gathering in the Spring and Fall but the COVID 19 pandemic caused us to rethink how we hold our gatherings. There were a couple years that we held virtual gatherings and connecting points. Last year we hit the road with our Coffee and Conversation gatherings which almost hit all 14 counties.

So this year we are hoping we can put something together for our partners that is a fantastic opportunity to network, learn, and brainstorm collectively.

Would you take a few minutes to give us your thoughts and feedback about partner gatherings? (if you haven't already)

[Partner Gathering Survey](#)



Partnership Anniversaries

Join us in celebrating our partnership anniversaries!!

January

- 10 Years - Turtle Lake Backpack Program
- 10 Years - Cumberland Food Pantry

February

- 10 Years - Mondovi Backpack Program
- 5 Years - Legacy Community Center Food Pantry
- 5 years - Chippewa Fresh Start Youthbuild Food Pantry



Food Rescue Partners Needed

Current Stores in Need of Food Rescue Partners

- Kwik Trip - 4395 N Town Hall Rd, Eau Claire
- Dollar General - Radisson
- Dollar General - Shell Lake
- Dollar General - Colfax
- Dollar General - Ridgeland
- Dollar General - Boyceville
- Dollar General - Eau Claire (2109 Cameron St)
- Dollar General - Eau Claire (2530 Birch St)
- Dollar General - Whitehall (Feb launch)
- Dollar General - Mondovi (Feb launch)
- Dollar General - Cochrane (Feb launch)
- Dollar General - Arcadia (Feb launch)
- Dollar General - Merrilan(Feb launch)
- Dollar General - Eleva(Feb launch)
- Dollar General - Independence(Feb launch)

We are in need of partners for the retail donors listed above. If you have any interest please reach out to our [food rescue email](#). Someone from our staff team will get in touch with you soon!

Some things to keep in mind when considering Food Rescue are a weekly pick up commitment, storage space, how frequently you can distribute product, and if you are less than 30 minutes away from the store.

Did you know?

Today we have a few national holidays you should know about! Today is:

1. National Toast Day
2. National Chili Day
3. National Banana Bread Day

National Holidays like the ones above are awesome way to advertise for food donations. If you are in need of a very specific kind of food(or non food) item at your program, try aligning it with a national holiday!

For example - "February 23rd is National Banana Bread day, we are looking for Banana bread recipe donations! Donate flour, sugar, baking soda, oil, eggs, bananas, chocolate chips, etc. so we can distribute the ingredients for our guests to make banana bread on February 23rd!"



FoodShare Fliers & Information

We just received some great Food Share posters, fliers, and other information. Be on the look out in the next few weeks for these resources on your orders!



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Feed My People is committed to supporting our partner programs and the people you serve. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us! We would love to talk with you.



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