



An UPDATE for PARTNERS of FEED MY PEOPLE SEPTEMBER 2025

Save the Date

Feed My People is excited to host our annual All Agency Gathering on October 24th in the Rice Lake area. This special event is a chance to come together, connect, and share updates with our amazing partners.

Keep an eye out—your official invitation with RSVP details will be arriving soon. We can't wait to see you there!

The Fine Print Fun

2025 Partner Manual: Site Visits

The goal of a site visit is to strengthen Feed My People's relationship with Partners, provide assistance and support, and ensure compliance with Feeding America's guidelines.

Site Visit Procedure

- A site visit is required through our agreement with Second Harvest Heartland and Feeding America.
- A site visit is required at a minimum of every two years.
- FMP reserves the right to conduct site visits more frequently as deemed necessary.
- The Site Visit will include an intentional conversation about how things are going, gathering information about your processes and impact on your community, conducting a food safety site inspection, and discussing if there is anything additional FMP can do to support the work you are doing in your community.
- FMP will send you information on how to prepare for your upcoming site visit prior to your visit.

The *2025 Partner Manual* can be found on the FMP website under *Network Partners*. In *Network*

Partners, click under [Agency Info](#) on the orange plus button to the right of AGENCY RESOURCES. The directory link is labeled : **2025 Partner Manual**.

2025 Food Safety Manual: Food Safety Certification

In order to protect you, our partners, our donors, our food, and our guests, FMP requires that at least one person must be trained in a food safety course and train your teams in safe food handling practices.

Food Safety Certification Requirements

- Food Handler Certification
 - This certification is required for all food distribution programs identified as a food pantry, backpack program, snack program, or mobile distribution.
 - Please watch the Food Safety Video on FMP's website.
- § Go to the Network Partners Page.
- § Scroll down until you see Agency Info along the right side of the webpage.
- § Click the + located to the right of Food Safety, which is written in green, on the right side of the webpage, and choose Food Safety Video.
 - Once you have finished watching the Food Safety Video, please complete the Food Certification Form on the Network Partners main page.
- § From the main Network Partners Page, choose Food Safety Certification Form, which is orange and in the middle of the webpage.
- Food Manager Certification
 - This certification is required for all meal site distributions.
 - The lead food service staff/volunteer for a meal program is required to meet WI Department of Health and local commercial food safety standards by completing an approved Food Manager Course.
- § Must be a Managerial Level ANSI-CFP Accredited Certification Ex. ServSafe
 - Partners must show proof of required certification.
- Your Food Handler and/or Food Manager is responsible to share and implement food safety protocols for the approved site.

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Click here to visit our Network Partners page to find the 2025 Partner Manual, the 2025 Food Safety Manual, and the 2025 Partner Directory

Community Resources

FoodShare: A Recipe for Good Health

You've probably heard of food stamps or SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). In Wisconsin, we call the program FoodShare. The goal of this program is to stop hunger. You can use your FoodShare benefits at most stores. You also can use them at many farmers markets, where you can buy fresh fruits and vegetables most months out of the year.

People all over Wisconsin get help from FoodShare. We help people of all ages who:

- Have low-income jobs.
- Live on a small or fixed income.
- Are retired.

- Have lost their jobs.
- Are disabled and can't work.

[Click Here for the Foodshare Website](#)

Hunger Action Month

Hunger Action Month (HAM) is here, and we're excited to invite you to join us in raising awareness and inspiring action to combat hunger in your community. Hunger Action Month is Feeding America's nationwide campaign that runs throughout September, and as an affiliate member, Feed My People Food Bank (FMP) is committed to driving impactful change right here in West Central Wisconsin. This year, our goal is to inspire people to take action, whether that's volunteering, donating, or fundraising. We're reaching out to you, our valued partners, to help spread this message and engage your local communities in the fight against hunger. How You Can Get Involved: You play a crucial role in helping your community understand the reality of local hunger and inspiring them to take action.

Here are some ways you can participate:

- **Promote HAM Locally:** Hang up Hunger Action Month fliers and information about your organization's resources in local establishments. Engage with community members by distributing materials at events or through your agency.
- **Go Orange:** Orange is the color of hunger action. Encourage your team and community to wear orange throughout September as a visible sign of our collective stand against hunger. Post pictures on social media and share how you're contributing to the cause. Don't forget to tag us @fmpfoodbank and use the hashtags #75000Actions and #HungerActionMonth to join the larger conversation. There's also a special orange FMP shirt available for purchase online.
- **Stay Connected:** Keep up with our Hunger Action Month activities by visiting fmpfoodbank.org and following us on social media (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, TikTok). We'll be sharing updates, stories, and more ways to get involved.

Call to Action: Hunger Action Month is our chance to show that we stand united against hunger. We encourage you to share, give, volunteer, and inspire others to do the same. Taking action won't end hunger overnight, but together, we can create meaningful change for the 75,000 people who depend on our services every year. Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

[Stand Against Hunger Poster](#)

Partner Proud

We love celebrating the amazing partners and volunteers who make a difference in our communities! Since we're spread out across the area, we don't always get to see each other or hear about all the wonderful things happening. That's why we'd love for you to share your stories and highlights with us—so we can give you the recognition you truly deserve! Feel free to send pictures and stories in so we can highlight you!

This month we are excited to shine the spotlight on three of our incredible volunteers here at Feed My People Food Bank. Jennifer, Terry, and Emma are always willing to jump in wherever needed!



Meet Our FMP Team



This month meet Sarah Bergmann. Sarah is our new Grant Specialist. As the Grant Specialist, Sarah will lead the grant funding process by researching, applying for, and reporting on a variety of grant opportunities. She collaborates with many different departments to gather information and make the best case for why funders should invest in our mission and programs. Sarah was motivated to join FMP because of its vital mission to the community, and she is excited to join the Development Team and work with wonderful, passionate team members.

Sarah just moved back to Eau Claire, where she went to college, and she's been loving the chance to revisit her favorite coffee spots and walking trails. She also spends a lot of time reading, playing piano, and trying to level up her cooking skills.

**Pop-Up
Schedule**



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