

AGENCY NEWSLETTER



National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to help sort and box food from the annual National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive. We had a great volunteer turnout and sorted and boxed over 6,500 pounds of food! We appreciate everyone that left food out for their letter carriers. Thank you to everyone involved for helping us continue our fight against hunger!



Director's Letter

"Normal" is a topic the Food Bank Staff and I discuss weekly around the warehouse. While COVID-19 infections are becoming a manageable occurrence, the supply chain continues to present challenges, namely donated food on the floor. To assist in increasing the amount of food your agency sees on the menu, Food Bank staff has acquired more funds to purchase additional product. Food drives in April and May should help cover gaps in dry and canned products. A donation from Tyson is in the works. Hopefully, a bit of "normal" will come this summer, with agencies seeing less requests for food. A new face around the Food Bank office, Sidney Marks, was hired in May to assist with funds development. Sidney brings years of experience in social media and graphic design, which will help bring in new sources of income to support the Food Bank mission. As the Food Bank staff and I believe we are in a marathon and not a sprint, we will continue to find ways to keep our menu robust with staple food items. Thank you to all of the agencies who partner with the Food Bank. Without you, food support in Siouxland would not be possible.



FOODS ASSESMENT

We want to hear from you! Please take a few minutes to complete this brief survey about our food selection and whether you feel our current food options are culturally and health issue-appropriate for those you serve:

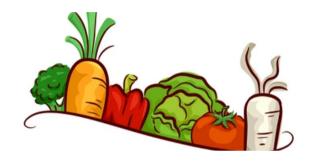
https://s.surveyplanet.com/1951h8uh



PANTRY LISTS

If you need to refer clients to another pantry, or if you would like to hand out a printed copy of other food pantries/meal providers, please find our pantry lists here:

https://www.siouxlandfoodbank.org/get-food



ASSORTED BOXES

Assorted boxes of dry and frozen product are just that - assorted! These boxes are built from the donations we receive. So, what's in an assorted box depends entirely on what we currently have in donated product. Our volunteers do their very best to be sure the name of the assorted product on the menu is representative of what's actually in the box, however we receive donations of every kind and some items do not fit a "standard" category. As a general ordering rule of thumb, please use:

Dry products = 10-12 units per case Frozen products = 6-8 units per case

Assorted boxes typically come in the following categories:

- dry goods
- vegetables
- soup
- cereal
- baking items
- paper products
- bread & buns
- cakes & cupcakes
- bottles & jars
- more specific items like:
 - peanut butter
 - crackers
 - cookies
 - o mac-n-cheese
 - canned meats
 - o poultry/beef/pork





The Food Bank staff utilizes **email** as our primary means of communicating with the many partner agencies we have. Please be sure to **check your email inbox regularly**. We send important food recall information, grant opportunities and other communications that may be specific to you, your work and your pantry/meal-site.

Thank you for your partnership!





Per the Food Bank's Agency Agreement, agencies are not allowed to store (give), prepare, or distribute product from FBS at a location not authorized by FBS staff, including personal residence (i.e. Must distribute to individuals directly and not to another organization, whether agency or non-agency).

Please include your <u>agency number</u> on checks, not invoice number!

ORDERING

- Orders must be **250 pounds minimum** for **delivery**.
- Orders must be placed within **48 business hours** (by noon) of the time you'd like your order picked up/delivered.
- Only 1 pick-up or delivery order per week.
- Orders must be submitted within 1 month after the date the order is started for.



PARKING

Unless we/you are actively loading your order into your vehicle, please do not park in the dock. If you are finished loading and would like to shop off-the-shelf, please move your car to the parking lot so that others may utilize the dock to pick up their orders. If you'd like to shop off-the-shelf before picking up your order, please park in the parking lot until you are done shopping off-the-shelf and then move your car to the dock. There should be no vehicles left unattended in our dock.

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Office hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Warehouse hours are 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Agencies may pick up orders during warehouse hours only.