

Agency Newsletter

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Feeding South Dakota is a proud member of Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization. Feeding America is a network of 200 member food banks that engages our country in the fight to end hunger.

Important Reminders

Please place your order 48 hours prior to your delivery date or pickup date.

If you have any changes to your scheduled pickup, please call 605.348.2689.



Note from the Agency Relations Coordinator

Last month's Biggest Challenge Question asked how your food pantry advertises. The variety of answers was impressive, and included monthly notices in the newspaper, posters on bulletin boards around the community, church newsletters, notifying all of the local social service agencies, providing reminder cards to guests with the pantry information, using portable message signs, and using calling trees to help spread the word about a distribution or weather postponement of a distribution.

What all of the answers really told me is how dedicated you all are to making sure people have food. The random drawing winner of \$50.00 worth of donated product is the Spearfish Community Pantry. Some of the advertising they do is putting a notice in their local paper that lists their location, hours of operation, and requests for particular donated items they are in need of that month. They also distribute cards with the pantry information to several local social service agencies and advertise on the bulletin board at the grocery store.

One very effective method of advertising that has no expense is word of mouth. Do your pantry guests feel welcome when they come for food? Whether their experience is good, or maybe not so good, makes a difference. At a food pantry distribution last week, a couple of guests commented to the volunteer that they felt so welcomed and were so warmly greeted. Sometimes we don't realize the difference we make in someone else's day!

February Biggest Challenge Question: **What items on the Feeding South Dakota menu work best for your agency and why?** Email your answer to diane@feedingsouthdakota.org by 2/24/17 to be entered in a drawing for \$50.00 worth of donated product.

Congratulations to the Mitchell Food Pantry on their grand opening! The Mitchell Food Pantry council had been funding the pantry in rented space in another agency, but recognized the limitations of availability to people in their community. Over the past several months, they located space and worked incredibly hard to set up a client-choice model food pantry. The new space is very welcoming and easy to access. They served over 50 guests on their first day open. This council also took over the CSFP senior box program just over a year ago, and have more than doubled the number of seniors receiving a monthly food box. We are grateful for your many hours of dedication and hard work!

Diane Briest

Hunger Facts

Feeding South Dakota supplies more than 3,000 food boxes to hungry seniors each month through their Commodity Supplemental Food Program.



CSFP

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program is a USDA food program for people over 60 years of age that are at or below 130 percent of the Federal Poverty Income guidelines. Sioux Falls and Pierre run this program and they work with partner agencies to distribute the box of food once a month to individuals.

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Newsletter

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Delivery Dates

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Routes

Northern Hills
Orders: 1/31/17
Delivery: 2/2/17

Southern Hills
Orders: 2/6/17
Delivery: 2/9/17

New Items & Specials

Ham and Turkey Sub Kits
Item number 00008024
4x28oz./ case
\$1.44 per case.



Pork Loins
Item number 00008021
Average case has 12 pork loins at 45 -54 pounds
\$0.18 cents per pound



Deli Smoked Ham
Item number 000065763
12x8oz.pkgs/ case
\$1.26 per case.