

# 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

CSFP Recipient Lists should be emailed to Lynn. This list is due the first Friday of the month.

Effective May 1, please forward your weekly retail pick-up totals to Barb Curtis.



## 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](mailto: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 the 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.

If you are interested in giving away FREE produce with each Senior Box, please let us know and we will have bags of produce to give away with each box of food.

## Contact Us:

If you are interested in CSFP please contact:

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## Newsletter

In addition to our agency newsletter, Feeding South Dakota publishes three organizational newsletters a year. Fill out the "Newsletter Sign-Up" form on the homepage of our website to have this newsletter delivered to your email.

## Delivery Dates

### Routes

Monday:

2/6: Wagner, Marty, Lake Andes, Armour CSFP, Parkston  
2/13: Brookings, Mitchell CSFP  
2/20: Brookings  
2/27: Flandreau, Brookings CSFP, Oldham, DeSmet

Tuesday:

2/7: Wakonda, Irene, Freeman CSFP, Bridgewater, Freeman, Yankton, Huron CSFP, Wolsey, Wessington  
2/14: Yankton CSFP, Wakonda, Tyndall CSFP, Scotland CSFP  
2/21: Wakonda, Irene, Freeman, Bridgewater, Wessington Springs, Woonsocket Sandorn Co CSFP, Mitchell, CSFP  
2/28: Wakonda, Yankton CSFP, Tabor

Thursday:

2/2: Beresford, Vermillion, Waubay, Webster CSFP, Roslyn, Claremont  
2/9: Beresford CSFP, Vermillion CSFP, N. Sioux City CSFP, Elk Point CSFP, Milbank CSFP, Summit, Wilmot, Agency Village CSFP, Sisseton CSFP  
2/16: Beresford, Vermillion, Clear Lake, Watertown CSFP, Clark CSFP, Lake Norden

## Notes from Operations

When you pick-up your orders drive to the south side of the building to the first garage door. Walk into the warehouse door and notify someone in the office. Please do not walk into the warehouse space! For safety purposes, you must stay in the immediate pickup area. If you are picking up your order at the food bank, pick up hours have changed. Hours will be Tuesday to Thursday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. If you are not able to pick up within that time frame, please contact the warehouse to schedule a time. Orders will be held for 24 hours after the scheduled pickup time. Unclaimed orders will be returned to the inventory.

Warehouse staff can be reached 7:00 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

## New Items & Specials

Frozen Macaroni and cheese  
Item # 00000167  
6x5lb Case  
\$.09 per pound

Hand soap  
Item # 00000974  
4x12oz bottles  
\$.09 per pound

