



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Foodbank will be closed Monday, September 2, 2019 for Labor Day.
- The Network Summit is on August 8, 2019. RSVP today!

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### SCHEDULED USDA

Apples, Applesauce, Canned Goods (Diced Tomatoes, Garbanzo Beans, Green Beans, Peaches), Cheese, Cranberry Juice Concentrate, Egg Noodles, Eggs, Fish Filets, Fresh Grapes, Fresh Plums, Fresh Potatoes, Long Grain White Rice, Milk, Orange Juice, Peanut Butter, Pork Chops, Pork Loin Roast, Raisins, Rolled Oats, Spaghetti

## New TEFAP Form and Eligibility Guidelines Started July 1

Each year, the Federal and State Eligibility to Take Food Home (TEFAP) form changes on July 1, coinciding with the state of Ohio's fiscal year. For network partners using PantryTrak, the system automatically updated to the new form on July 1, 2019. The 2019 form is available in the Resources section of the Agency Zone on our website.

Please dispose of all blank TEFAP July 2018 forms. Your agency will need to file and store all forms currently being used, and clients will need to complete a new form to begin the new fiscal year.

When the TEFAP form changes, the income

guidelines change as well. Please update the posted income guidelines to the current year and dispose of the prior income guidelines. The 2019 Income Guidelines form is also available in the Resources Section.

Keep in mind that if a food pantry client uses a proxy, the proxy form needs to be updated each year too. As with all Foodbank documentation, we require maintaining all files for five years for auditing purposes.

Questions? Please contact **Gary Green at 330.777.7575 or [ggreen@acrfb.org](mailto:ggreen@acrfb.org)**.



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# Meet New Staff Members

The Network Partners and Programs department has two new members - Cody Stanley and Nathan Kreis. They will complete site visits with network partners and support other Foodbank initiatives.



**Cody Stanley**

## WHY DID YOU WANT TO WORK AT THE FOODBANK?

I wanted to learn more about our community and meet people and organizations making a difference.

## WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO IN YOUR NEW POSITION?

I am looking forward to helping network partners do their best work and doing my part to help close the Meal Gap.

## WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE NETWORK PARTNERS TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?

I would like network partners to know that I am accessible and want to help them.



**Nathan Kreis**

## WHY DID YOU WANT TO WORK AT THE FOODBANK?

Hunger statistics are heart wrenching, but what truly lit the fire for me, was developing deep relationships with children and families experiencing food insecurity.

## WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO IN YOUR NEW POSITION?

I am looking forward to meeting everyone on the front lines of feeding people and fighting hunger and learning how the Foodbank can improve to help make operating their programs easier.

## WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE NETWORK PARTNERS TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?

I've been on the agency side and understand their challenges - and that I believe in them and want to empower them.



## Join us for the Network Summit

The Network Summit is a biennial event with a goal of bringing together network partners to learn, share and grow. In addition to updates about the Foodbank, the morning session will feature keynote speaker Dr. Terry Gordon.

Dr. Gordon is a nationally recognized heart specialist whose illustrious career in mainstream medicine spanned over a quarter century. Taking a spiritual approach to all facets of life, he is known as the "conscious cardiologist." He is a man of compassion, whose life is dedicated to giving himself away every day. For his far-reaching and life-saving humanitarian efforts, he was named the American Heart Association's National Physician of the Year in 2002.

The Network Summit will also feature Foodbank President and CEO Dan Flowers, who will share information regarding the Foodbank's plans for a second facility in Canton and our strategy to provide enough food for all in our region by 2025.

## SAVE THE DATE



# Help Us Grow the Network and Close the Meal Gap

Strengthening and growing the infrastructure of our hunger-relief network is key to the Foodbank's goal of closing the Meal Gap by 2025. With the aim of making enough food available to everyone in need, the Foodbank is committed to sourcing the product to meet the demand. This is no small task, but equally important is the need for more like-minded community organizations, churches and nonprofits like you to join the network.



By growing the number of programs across our eight-county service area, together we will ensure there are enough places, days and times available for individuals and families to access

food easily. Whether it is adding a new activity to an existing program or encouraging a new organization to join the network, more is better. No single program can end hunger alone.

The Foodbank is hosting open houses for potential new organizations and community partners to tour the Foodbank, learn more about our work, and understand the process to start a food program. Please share the open house dates with any community organization that may be interested.

## JOIN US!

**Saturday, July 20, 2019**

10:00am-12:00pm

**Wednesday, August 21, 2019**

4:30pm-6:30pm

Please contact **Gary Green at [ggreen@acrfb.org](mailto:ggreen@acrfb.org) or Linda Steinhebel at [lsteinhebel@acrfb.org](mailto:lsteinhebel@acrfb.org) to learn more.**

## New Site Visit Form Enhances Site Visit Process

The Foodbank recently started to use a new site visit form. The development of this new form started at the beginning of 2018 when staff members recognized that the site visit process may not always be clear for network partners on expectations, results or follow-up.

To resolve these issues, NPP team members partnered with Akron Children's Hospital's Center for Operational Excellence to learn Lean Six Sigma; a business concept of continuous improvement. This concept was pioneered by the works of Eli Whitney, Henry Ford, The Bell Telephone Company, Boeing and Toyota.

Lean Six Sigma focuses on reducing unnecessary steps and reducing variation to create a more streamlined and standardized process.

Rooted in the Foodbank's strategic mission goals of providing enough food for all and being connected in service, the new form is a result of more than 14 months of class work, team meetings and countless revisions.

The form now includes four main sections: General Information, Program-Specific, Paperwork and USDA guidelines, and Facility Evaluation. Included in the form are new questions that focus on the network partner's capacity development and program goals in addition to standardized guidelines for records and food safety. The new form also provides a color-coded score for network partners at the end of the visit to ensure clarity about the site visit and any potential next steps.

If you have any questions regarding the new site visit form, contact **Gary Green at 330.777.7575 or [ggreen@acrfb.org](mailto:ggreen@acrfb.org).**