



Hunger Free Communities Network

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QUARTERLY BULLETIN

Happy New Year

We are looking forward to another year of collectively working to end food insecurity in 2021. Last year brought many tough circumstances, but with such moments we witnessed tremendous innovation and resilience!

Whether it was expanding school food distributions, developing new social distancing program models or even advising local governments on implementation of Pandemic EBT—the HFC Network persists.

How did your organization address hunger in your community last year? Did you meet or exceed your goals? Were there any unexpected hurdles or setbacks?

Share your reflections and suggestions with the network. Send your updates [here](#) to be included in the newsletter.

Hunger Free Communities Virtual Summit

The Alliance to End Hunger successfully hosted the very first Hunger Free Communities Virtual Summit!

From November 18–19 guests, presenters, panelists and many from the HFC Network joined the summit to address anti-hunger efforts.

In reflection, the transition to a virtual space allowed for a significant increase in registrations and 350 participants attending “live”—the most participants ever!



The full content of the 2020 Hunger Free Communities Virtual Summit is now available to view on our [website](#).

TRYING TO BUILD YOUR CAPACITY?

Don't forget to check out the Self-Assessment Workbook! You can download it or find and use individual sections on our [website](#).

[Contact us](#) for support using the SAW tool with your organization.



UPCOMING EVENTS

2021 HFC QUARTERLY WEBINAR DATES

Tuesdays from 2:00PM-3:00PM (ET)

March 16 - Register [HERE](#)

June 15 - Register [HERE](#)

September 14 - Register [HERE](#)

December 14 - Register [HERE](#)

Please note we are moving our Quarterly Webinars to Zoom. Participants must now register for each Webinar via the links provided.

RACIAL WEALTH GAP LEARNING SIMULATION WEBINAR

Thursday, January 21, 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM (ET)

In an interactive virtual activity, participants learn how federal policies created structural inequalities and how these policies increase hunger and poverty in communities of color.

To RSVP, email mdegado@alliancetoendhunger.org to receive a zoom link.

If you have questions or feedback, or if you'd like to share any news with the rest of the network in our next bulletin, please reach out to [Jonique Lyles](#).



UPDATES TO OUR RESOURCE LIBRARY

WE'VE ADDED SOME MORE RESOURCES TO OUR LIBRARY! HERE ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS:

[“Race to Lead Revisited: Obstacles and Opportunities in Addressing the Nonprofit Racial Leadership Gap”](#) by Building Movement Project

[“On the Frontlines: Nonprofits Led by People of Color Confront COVID-19 and Structural Racism”](#) by Building Movement Project

[“After School Suppers: A Snapshot of Participation 2020 Afterschool Nutrition Report”](#) by FRAC

[“Not Enough to Eat: COVID-19 Deepens America's Hunger Crisis”](#) by FRAC

[“The Right to Food: Building Upon ‘Food is Medicine’”](#) by American Journal of Preventative Medicine

[“Millions of Adults Ages 50 and Older Rely on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \(SNAP\)”](#) by AARP Public Policy Institute

[“Hunger Free Community Coalition Rapid-Response Assessment and Action Tool”](#) by Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty, Texas Hunger Initiative

[“Hunger Doesn't take a Vacation: Summer Nutrition Status Report 2020”](#) by FRAC

[“Asset-Based Community Recovery Framework”](#) by Jonathan Massimi, City of Kitchener and Heather Kean, Tamarack Institute

[“Racially Equitable Responses to Hunger During COVID-19 and Beyond”](#) by Bread For the World Institute

[“Asset-Based Community Development - A Booklet For Residents”](#) by Western Norway University of Applied Sciences

GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Learn how to apply for Bank of America grant(s): visit website information [here](#).

⇒ **Economic Mobility focused on the needs of individuals and families** (workforce development & education and basic needs) **Applications accepted:** 1/25/2021 – 2/19/2021

⇒ **Economic Mobility focused on the needs of community** (affordable housing, small business, neighborhood revitalization) **Applications accepted:** 5/31/2021 – 6/25/2021

Goodbye's and Hello's—Team Transitions with the Hunger Free Communities Network

2020 brought many changes, with that the HFC Network also saw a few changes to the team. To start, the HFC Network sends a big thank you to the great work of Olivia McConnell. She served as the AmeriCorps VISTA over the past year. Olivia led many innovative projects and supported the very first HFC Virtual summit. She has now departed to continue service in food security work.

With that said, the HFC Network brings on Jonique Lyles, our new AmeriCorps VISTA Hunger Free Communities Associate. She will be the new point of contact for the network.

Last but certainly not least, the Alliance to End Hunger officially brought on Eric Mitchell as the new Executive Director. To learn about him please feel free to [visit this link!](#)

NEWS FROM OUR NETWORK

Second Harvest Food Bank of North Tennessee

This past March, many food banks across the country began to see increased need for food as Americans faced cutbacks and job loss due to Covid-19. Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee (SHFB) knew that they would have to think outside the box to meet food insecurity in their 8 county region, with Feeding America estimating county food insecurity rates had increased 25% - 39.5% in the service counties. Partnering with new and existing donors and agencies, SHFB began to provide mobile pop-up pantries to push out Tennessee Emergency Management Association (TEMA) product and USDA product including Farmers to Families Food Boxes. Fresh produce, meat, and dairy along with shelf stable items were provided during these mobile pop-ups. In addition to utilizing one time only community partners and never used before distribution sites, SHFB also began to host monthly food distributions at our Kingsport, TN warehouse location as well which has served up to 1,400 families. Questions? Contact: [Cecile Wimberley](#).



Community Food Council for Del Norte and Tribal Lands

The current fundraising campaign for the Pacific Pantry is still open. They are looking for donations for the Pacific Pantry to help keep food on the tables of Del Norte's most vulnerable families through the winter. Every little bit counts! They accept checks mailed to Family Resource Center of the Redwoods, 494 Pacific Avenue, Crescent City, CA 95531. You can find more information at: <https://www.mightycause.com/story/Pacificpantrycovid-19>.

End Child Hunger Alabama

End Child Hunger in Alabama (ECHA), a component of the Auburn University Hunger Solutions Institute, has developed a state-wide database of food resources, organized by county, to make sure all Alabama citizens are aware of food resources available in their communities. They are very excited about this project. It is currently maintained with the help of community partners and volunteers to ensure that information is up-to-date. To take a look at the project, please visit aub.ie/foodguides.