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Help Provide Meals to Kids in the Summer Consider Sponsoring a Summer Food Site!

You might be shivering in the winter cold now, but before you know it you'll be sweating in the summer heat, which means now is the time to start thinking about Summer Food!

During the school year, low-income children can eat school meals at a free or reduced price through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP). Many families struggle to find a way to make up these additional meals during the summer months, which can mean children returning to school in the fall undernourished and unprepared for another year of learning.

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) helps fill the summer gap by providing meals at no cost to all children 18 and under. Although this program is vital in alleviating childhood hunger, it is one of the most underutilized child feeding programs available. In Montana, only 22% of students who eat Free and Reduce Price school lunch participate in SFSP and there are still many communities that offer no Summer Food site.

Consider sponsoring a Summer Food site in 2015! Unlike school meals, SFSP can be run by a variety of community organizations including nonprofits, churches, local governments and camps. The program is administered by the Montana Office of Public Instruction and sponsors receive federal reimbursements for serving kids at approved meal sites.

If you would like more information about SFSP or want to know how to sponsor a site in your community visit www.mfbn.org/summerfood or give us a call at 406-721-3825. Also, keep a look out for the new "Summer Food Service Program Best Practice Guide" highlighting successful sites from across the state. This new resource will be available soon!



Featured Product: Hams

It's already time to start thinking about Easter. Find hams on the MFBN Wholesale Shopping List, item #17195. The delivered cost is \$56.00 per case or approximately \$2.00 lb. We have 180 Cases available. Each Case weighs approx. 28 lbs and contains 8 hams (3.5 lb average each).

Product Information

Centerpiece Boneless Hickory Smoked Ham
*Southern Style Smoked Ham w/ Water

Pack:	8/3.5 lbs
Storage:	Frozen Since Production
Preparation:	Heat & Enjoy
Dating:	Freeze By: 2/5/15
Shelf Life:	365 Days Frozen

Montana Legislative Update

What You Can Do to Protect Hunger and Anti-Poverty Programs

Montana's State Legislative Session is underway and there are a number of bills we are watching closely and encourage you to follow also. We will provide additional information as the bills progress, however please contact us directly if you are interested in testifying at a bill hearing or would like more information on contacting your legislator. You can track the bills and find information on your legislators at www.leg.mt.gov/css.

The Montana Food Bank Network strongly supports Medicaid Expansion in Montana, which would help address one of the root causes of hunger in our state, inadequate access to health care.

House Bill 249, the Healthy Montana Plan, expands access to Medicaid for up to 70,000 Montanans. HB 249 has been assigned to the House Human Services Committee and is awaiting a hearing date. Please contact your Legislator (especially if he or she sits on this committee) and ask for support on this important legislation!

- Lack of access to health care and medical expenses are significant challenges for our food pantry clients, contributing to their need for food assistance.
- Providing health insurance coverage to all Montanans would mitigate many hunger-related health consequences, prevent treatable diseases and conditions from progressing in severity and cost, and ultimately lower health care expenses for our clients and our state.

The following bills would severely limit access to food and other assistance, worsening hunger and poverty in our state.

Senate Bill 206, establishing numerous limits on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). This bill has been assigned to the Senate Public Health, Welfare and Safety Committee and is awaiting a hearing date. Please urge Senators on this committee to vote NO on this bill.

- The bill includes a number of damaging policies including limiting client choice in food purchasing (a policy that research has shown to be ineffective, complicated and costly to institute, as well as prohibited by the USDA) and a reinstatement of the resource limit (a policy that would make it even harder for households to get back on their feet, while creating additional paperwork and red tape for both clients and caseworkers).

House Bill 200, requiring drug testing of certain TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) recipients. This bill has already passed out of committee and will be heading to the House floor, which means that all House members will be voting on it. Please urge your Representative to vote NO on this bill.

- This bill would further stigmatize the TANF program and its recipients, and makes unsubstantiated claims concerning the need for such legislation. A number of other states have tried similar policies, identifying an extremely small number of individuals who test positive, while costing state dollars to administer and manage the testing.

Additional information and talking points available at www.mfbn.org/learn/public-policy/legislative-action. For more information, please contact Lorianne at 721-3825 x230 or lburhop@mfbn.org

Feeding America Reports **new metric, new opportunity**

Starting this year Feeding America is using a new metric to determine the county-level compliance of its member agencies, like MFBN, moving from Pounds Per Person in Poverty (PPIP) to Meals Per Person in Need (MPIN). These quarterly reports analyze information including the number of food insecure individuals and the number of meals distributed in each county to illustrate the level of assistance provided and where more improvements can be made. MFBN uses the reports to determine how to allocate resources and prioritize outreach efforts statewide. The biggest change in the new metric is that completed SNAP application assistance will now count towards our compliance! Better compliance equals more resources, so MFBN will be hosting webinars and providing more information at this year's Hunger Relief Forum. Stay tuned for more details on this fantastic opportunity!

DELIVERY SCHEDULE:

* All delivery times will be published online and in the Affiliate concurrently. If, for any reason, your scheduled delivery time changes from what has been published, MFBN staff will notify you.

Date	Time	City	Partner Agency
18-Feb	10:00-10:45	Bozeman	Gallatin Valley Food Bank, Headwaters Area Food Bank, West Yellowstone Food Bank, Gardiner Food Pantry, Big Sky Youth Home
18-Feb	12:45-1:30	Helena	Helena Food Share, Margaret Stuart Boys and Girls Home, Elkhorn Treatment Facility, Transitional Living Facility, Helena Pre-Release, Lewis and Clark Group Home, Alternative Youth Adventures, Salvation Army
19-Feb	8:30-9:30	Great Falls	Great Falls Community Food Bank, St. Vincent DePaul, FISH, Salvation Army, Great Falls Schools Backpack, Chouteau County Food Bank
19-Feb	10:15-10:30	Fairfield	Fairfield School Food Pantry
19-Feb	10:45-11:30	Choteau	Teton County Food Pantry, Pondera Food Pantry
19-Feb	12:45-1:00	Browning	Blackfeet Food Bank, Browning Schools Backpack
24-Feb	8:30-9:00	Dillon	Beaverhead Community Food Pantry, Dillon School Backpack
24-Feb	10:30-11:30	Butte	Butte Emergency Food Bank, Butte Schools Backpack
24-Feb	11:30-11:45	Butte	Butte Rescue Mission
24-Feb	12:30-1:00	Anaconda	Project Care, Discovery House, Anaconda Schools Backpack
24-Feb	1:45-2:15	Maxville	Granite County Food Bank
26-Feb	9:00-9:30	Thompson Falls	Community Harvest Food Bank, Thompson Falls Seniors, Thompson Falls AOG Church, Sanders County Coalition for Families, Thompson Falls School Backpack
26-Feb	10:00-10:30	Trout Creek	Open Gate Ranch Youth Group, Trout Creek Seniors, Trout Creek School Backpack
26-Feb	10:45-11:30	Noxon	Community Services Fellowship, Noxon Seniors, Heron Seniors
26-Feb	12:15-12:30	Troy	Troy Community Baptist Church Food Pantry
26-Feb	12:30-1:30	Troy	Troy Food Pantry, the YAAK Food Cupboard
26-Feb	1:45-2:15	Libby	Libby Food Pantry, Libby Christian Church, Libby Seniors
3-Mar	8:15-8:30	Livingston	Livingston Food Pantry
3-Mar	10:00-10:45	White Sulphur Springs	Meagher County Nutrition Coalition, White Sulphur Springs School Backpack
3-Mar	1:15-1:45	Lewistown	Central Montana Community Cupboard, FCCOA, B/G of Lewistown
3-Mar	3:15-3:30	Roundup	Musselshell County Food Bank, Roundup School Backpack
4-Mar	7:15-7:45	Hardin	Helping Hands, Set Free Ministries, Hardin School Backpack
4-Mar	8:15-8:30	Garryowen	Center Pole Foundation
4-Mar	10:00-10:30	Billings	Family Service, INC., Alternatives/Passages, Montana Rescue Mission, Friendship House, Teen Pantry Program, Lockwood School Backpack
4-Mar	11:00-11:30	Laurel	Community Hope, Laurel School Backpack
4-Mar	12:00-12:15	Joliet	Joliet Food Pantry, Boys and Girls Club of Carbon County
4-Mar	12:45-1:30	Columbus	Project Hope, Columbus School Backpack
4-Mar	2:15-2:45	Big Timber	Big Timber Community Food Bank
6-Mar	8:00-8:15	Alberton	Alberton Seniors
6-Mar	8:15-8:30	Alberton	Alberton Community Food Pantry
6-Mar	9:00-9:30	Superior	Community Food Bank of Mineral County, Superior School Backpack
6-Mar	10:30-11:30	Plains	Plains Community Food Bank, Shekinah Kitchen, Plains-Paradise Seniors, Plains School Backpack
6-Mar	12:00-12:30	Hot Springs	Hot Springs Food Pantry, Hot Springs Seniors, Hot Springs School Backpack
6-Mar	1:30-2:00	Dixon	Dixon Seniors, Dixon School Backpack
10-Mar	8:00-8:15	St. Ignatius	St. Ignatius Seniors
10-Mar	8:15-8:30	St. Ignatius	Mission Valley Food Pantry

DELIVERY SCHEDULE continued

10-Mar 9:00-9:30	Ronan—Ronan Bread Basket, Mission Valley Seniors
10-Mar 11:15-11:45	Columbia Falls—Columbia Falls Food Bank, Columbia Falls Schools Backpack
10-Mar 12:00-12:30	Whitefish—North Valley Food Bank, Whitefish Schools Backpack
10-Mar 1:30-2:15	Eureka—Tobacco Valley Food Pantry, Eureka Four Square Church, Tobacco Valley Seniors
12-Mar 8:15-9:00	Polson—Polson Loaves and Fish Pantry, Polson Seniors, Polson School Backpack
12-Mar 10:15-11:00	Kalispell—Flathead Food Bank, Lighthouse Christian Home, Samaritan House, St. Matthews Church
12-Mar 11:15-11:30	Kalispell—North West Montana Veterans Stand Down
17-Mar 9:00-9:30	Stevensville—Pantry Partners
17-Mar 9:45-10:00	Victor—Victor School Backpack
17-Mar 10:15-10:45	Hamilton—Bitterroot Valley Calvary Chapel
17-Mar 11:00-12:00	Hamilton—Haven House, WMMHC Eddy Meuchel Group Home, WMMHC ADT New Beginnings
17-Mar 12:00-12:15	Hamilton—Daly Elementary School, Hamilton-Corvallis Schools Backpack
17-Mar 12:45-1:15	Darby—Darby Bread Box
19-Mar 8:15-8:30	Arlee—Arlee School Backpack
19-Mar 10:15-10:45	Lakeside—West Shore Food Bank, Lakeside School Backpack
19-Mar 11:00-11:30	Bigfork—Bigfork Food Pantry, Bigfork School Backpack
19-Mar 12:45-1:15	Seeley Lake—Seeley-Swan Food Bank, Seeley Lake School Backpack
24-Mar 12:30-1:00	Ashland—St. Labre Food Pantry
24-Mar 1:45-2:00	Colstrip—Colstrip Community Food Bank
24-Mar 3:30-3:45	Miles City—Custer County Food Bank
25-Mar 8:30-9:00	Wibaux—Wibaux Food Bank
25-Mar 9:30-10:00	Glendive—Dawson County Food Bank
25-Mar 11:00-11:15	Sidney—Fellowship Food Pantry, Jitterbugs Preschool and Daycare Center
25-Mar 12:00-12:45	Culbertson—Culbertson Food Bank
25-Mar 1:30-1:45	Poplar—New Life Mission
25-Mar 3:15-3:45	Glasgow—Valley County Council on Aging
25-Mar 3:45-4:15	Glasgow—Valley County Emergency Food Bank
25-Mar 5:45-6:15	Malta—Malta Food Bank, Malta Opportunities, INC
26-Mar 8:00-8:15	Harlem—Harlem Food Pantry, Harlem Seniors
26-Mar 8:45-9:15	Chinook—Chinook Food Pantry
26-Mar 9:45-10:30	Havre—Havre Food Bank, Feed My Sheep, Boys and Girls of the Hi-Line
30-Mar As Scheduled	Missoula—Missoula Agencies begin scheduled pick ups



Events and Reminders

SAVE THE DATE

Montana Hunger Relief Forum

Friday, May 1

NEW LOCATION!

Missoula Community Theatre

RSVP to jgutierrez@mfbn.org

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First Time Clients and Households

If you have not yet completed your January Monthly Activity Report, please remember that all clients and households are first time households and clients in the January report. We use this number to determine the total number of clients and households served throughout the state in a year. Help us make this number as accurate as possible. And thank you for all of your hard work with reporting throughout the year!

Food Security Council Nominations Open

Every other year, Montana Food Bank Network's Food Security Council recognizes individuals and businesses that have made significant contributions to the fight against hunger. This year's award ceremony will be on April 17th in the Capitol Rotunda in Helena. We invite you to submit your nominations by submitting the Nomination Form found on our website at www.mfbn.org/fsc/awards or requesting a copy by emailing ggifford@mfbn.org.

The awards have been restructured this year to allow for nominations within the following six categories:

Volunteer

Treasure State Award: For the Most Treasured Volunteer

This award will go to a volunteer at the local, regional or state level

Public Sector

Gates of the Mountains: For Opening the Gates to End Hunger

This award will go to a public employee or agency (including schools)

Private Sector

Glacier Award: For Moving Mountains to End Hunger

This award will go to an individual or organization in the non-profit arena

Business

Big Sky Award: For Business of the Year

This award will go to an individual or business

Local Healthy Food

Amber Waves of Grain Award: For Promoting Local Healthy Food

This award will go to an individual, non-profit or business connected with local food and agriculture

Other

Lewis and Clark Award: For Discovering Ways to Fight Hunger

This award will go to an individual, group or business that has made a significant contribution to ending hunger that does not clearly fit within the above categories

Nominations will be accepted through Friday, February 27, 2015. For further questions, contact Gayle at ggifford@mfbn.org.



A Heartfelt Farewell from our Chief Policy Officer

After 11 years, the time has come to say farewell and move on to a new challenge. I will be leaving MFBN to accept a position at the Missoula City-County Health Department managing nutrition programs including the WIC program.

Over the years, I have had the opportunity to work with and get to know so many inspirational, dedicated and passionate anti-hunger leaders in Montana. Many of you have participated and contributed to the growth of MFBN's advocacy and outreach work. Together we have made a positive impact increasing access to food through direct food distribution, program outreach and policy advocacy. While so much has been accomplished, much remains to be done. We'll continue to need your voice to shape the policies that come out of our state legislature this session, and to shape policies at the federal level that impact our state.

I will continue to work hard to ensure children in need have access to adequate nutritious food. I look forward to continuing to partner with MFBN on increasing access to adequate food in Montana. And I look forward to crossing paths with many of you in the future as well.

Thank you for your tireless work to help those in need.

Sincerely,
Kate Devino



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To end hunger in Montana through food acquisition, distribution, education, and advocacy.

VISION:

A Montana free from hunger where everyone has equal access to nutritious food.

CORE VALUES:

Justice
Respect
Integrity
Trust
Excellence
Diversity



Ham and Potato Frittata

A recipe for ham leftovers, using Featured Product Item #I7195

Ingredients

3 eggs
3 tablespoons milk
2 tablespoons butter
2 potatoes, cubed
1/2 cup cubed fully cooked ham
1/4 cup chopped onion
1 1/2 teaspoons minced garlic
salt and black pepper to taste
1/4 cup shredded cheese



Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to broil and place rack 6 inches from heat source. Beat eggs and milk in a bowl.
2. Melt butter in a large, oven-safe skillet over medium heat; cook potatoes, ham, onion, and garlic in butter until potatoes are tender. Season with salt and pepper.
3. Pour egg mixture over vegetable mixture. Cook, without stirring, until eggs are slightly browned on the bottom.
4. Broil in the preheated oven until eggs are nearly set, about 5 minutes. Sprinkle cheese over eggs and broil until frittata is completely set and cheese is melted, about 5 minutes.

"Those who have the privilege to know,
have the privilege to act."

-Albert Einstein

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