



## All Faiths Food Bank Volunteer Core Values

### Introduction:

We believe in honoring the dignity of our community members. Our approach is rooted in respect. By upholding this principle, we aim to foster an empathetic environment where everyone feels valued and heard.

### Kindness in Action:

Respecting the individual is paramount in all our engagements with neighbors, volunteers, staff, donors, and community partners. We recognize that access to healthy food is a basic human right and everyone, regardless of their background, race, socioeconomic status, etc. should be given the opportunity to rise above their situation and achieve economic stability for themselves and their families. We will endeavor to practice kindness, compassion, acceptance, and understanding when communicating with anyone we encounter as representatives of All Faiths Food Bank.

### Dispelling Misconceptions:

We are committed to challenging stereotypes and embracing the complexity of human experiences. Stereotypes diminish individuality and perpetuate harmful narratives. We urge volunteers not to presume a neighbor's situation based on superficial factors like appearance or material possessions. All Faiths Food Bank exists to provide support to all members of our community who seek out our services, without making judgments about who warrants help and who does not.

## Recognizing Every Story:

Our communications and interactions reflect the broad range of backgrounds in our community. Each conversation with a neighbor is an opportunity to amplify voices that have been marginalized or overlooked. Through the connections we make, we strive to build bridges of empathy and understanding, linking us more deeply through commonalities and shared experiences, realizing that we are more alike than different.

## Conclusion:

As volunteers of All Faiths Food Bank, we hold ourselves to the highest standards of integrity and respect. By recognizing the inherent value of every individual, we elevate the stories and experiences of our community members. Together, we can create an environment where all are welcome, despite their circumstances.

