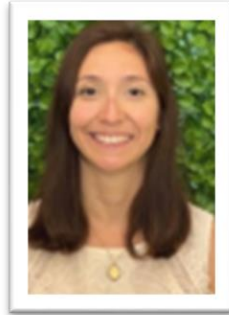
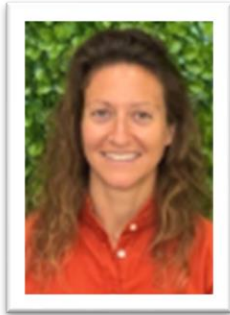


NOURISHING NEWS

Together with our partners...



Welcome Our New Team Members: Hannah & Rocio

Hannah Mazkour has joined All Faiths as the Agency Relations Manager. She recently moved to the area after spending 8 years in Jordan, Greece, and Lebanon providing humanitarian assistance to refugee and vulnerable populations. For the last 4 years she was with the United Nations World Food Programme in Lebanon focusing on food security, livelihoods, and capacity building of the country's social safety nets. Hannah is also a certified nutrition coach as well as a running coach.

Hannah will work with our partner agencies on capacity building opportunities and ensure maximum impact for the neighbors who access services across our network.

Rocio Melendez has joined All Faiths as the Client Registration Coordinator. She is a former practicing dentist from Venezuela. Prior to that, she was a Monitoring and Evaluation Consultant for health programs at German corporation, GIZ.

Rocio will oversee the Link2Feed system and assist with Link2Feed training, neighbor registration, and evaluation activities across the network. Rocio enjoys yoga, swimming, and biking.

WHAT'S NEW

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT

Meet Trinity United Methodist Church of Arcadia

FOOD BANK UPDATES

USDA Updates and Annual Civil Rights Training

Capacity Building Program

Awaken - 1 year Anniversary

INGREDIENT SPOTLIGHT

Instant Milk

Partner Agency Spotlight:

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ARCADIA

Location: 304 W Oak Street Arcadia, FL 34266

Years Open: 11 years (2011)

Hours of Operation:

Meals: Mondays & Wednesdays 11:00 am–12:30 pm

Pantry: Thursdays 10:00 am–11:30 am

Monthly Number of Neighbors Served

Meals: 680+ Meals

Pantry: 30+ Households; 80+ Individuals



Trinity United Methodist Church sits near the center of Arcadia which is one of the most impoverished communities in Florida. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the median household income between 2016 and 2020 was \$34,000 compared to \$56,000 in Sarasota. Furthermore, it is estimated that 30% of Arcadia's population live in poverty. To address this pressing issue, Trinity serves the community as a dual feeding site with both a pantry and a meal program. In fact, Trinity is the only meal distribution site affiliated with All Faiths Food Bank in Desoto County and serves over 650 meals monthly.

The pantry is operated by Nancy Keys and her husband Dennis who have attended the church for 13 years. They took charge of the pantry 6 years ago after 3 years of volunteering. As far as stories that have touched Nancy, she recalls how numbers peaked during the pandemic: “we saw several large families – 6 or more – that were very happy to receive food and any other items through our ministry.” While she notes that the numbers have gone down over the past year, she and the other volunteers keep their eyes on the mission and treat their neighbors with respect and dignity: “as a volunteer, we are to be pleasant, helpful, and listening to our clients, so we provide and meet their needs. All God’s children need help no matter what their age, nationality, or color.”



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Food Bank Updates

USDA TEFAP PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear USDA Agencies,

We have two updates regarding TEFAP:

First, **clients will have to sign for themselves on the TEFAP form beginning July 1st**. During the pandemic, staff and volunteers across the network were permitted to sign on behalf of the clients to limit direct contact. This practice has been extended, and we intend for all agencies to transition back 100% at the beginning of the USDA's fiscal year in July. If you have already transitioned back to this and are having clients sign for themselves, then you do not need to take any further action. If your staff or volunteers are still signing the TEFAP forms on behalf of the clients, please communicate with them and prepare them for the upcoming transition.

Second, we will be holding a **mandatory Civil Rights Training** at our main office in June. We will still have a restriction on the number of people that can be present in the training room, so we have four timeslots available for you to register on a first come, first serve basis. ***All TEFAP agencies are required to send at least one representative for training.***

Available Dates:

Monday, June 13th: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Friday, June 17th: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Wednesday, June 22nd: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Friday, June 24th: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Please register for a spot on the Agency Portal under [Training and Education](#).



Note for the Month of May

Dear Partners,

I will be out of the office on vacation starting Friday May 13th and will return Wednesday June 1st. I will not have access to email or cell service while I am gone. If you have any time sensitive issues, please contact Amber Lee, Director of Community Partnerships, at (941) 549-8130 or alee@allfaithsfoodbank.org.

– Sebastian Plank, Agency Relations Coordinator

Food Bank Updates

COMING MAY 16TH: CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

Be on the lookout this month! All Faiths is excited to announce the Capacity Building Program. The program is a competitive process that awards funds to partner agencies seeking to make improvements to their program and thereby allowing them to serve our community more effectively. Grant awards up to \$5,000 may be requested on the condition that applicants can clearly demonstrate how the grant funding will either expand existing services or replace/continue existing capacity. ***Please note that funding is reimbursed with proof of purchased.***

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A GRANT?

- ❖ Partner agencies that have an active account and are in good standing with the Food Bank
- ❖ Partner agencies who are **not** on the IRS Automatic Revocation of Exemption List
- ❖ Partner agencies that consistently use Link2Feed to track visits
- ❖ Partner agencies that meet all paperwork and statistical reporting requirements for AFFB and do not have an outstanding balance with AFFB over 60 days old at time of grant application

WHAT CAN THE GRANTS BE UTILIZED FOR?

- ❖ **Service Insights Capacity** – laptops, desktops, computer accessories, tablets, hotspot or wifi extenders, wifi-service subscriptions (up to 1 year), etc.
- ❖ **Food Storage/Food Safety Capacity** – refrigeration units, freezer units, walk-in cooler units, thermal thermometers, freezer blankets, shelving, etc.
- ❖ **Facilities & Other Equipment** – renovations & repairs for food pantries, refrigerated vehicles, parking area pavement, etc.
- ❖ **Other Capacity Needs** – This is the “catch all” category that provides you the freedom to demonstrate needs that go beyond the other three categories.

TIMELINE

May 16th – Application posted online and emailed to partner agencies

June 17th – Grant application deadline

June 18th – July 8th – Grant review period

July 11th – Notifications of decisions emailed and mailed

July 31st – Deadline for grant approval and acceptance letter to be signed and returned to All Faiths

December 31st – Deadline to submit receipts, invoices, and other proof of purchase documents for reimbursement

Spotlight Ingredient:

Instant Milk (Powdered)



What is Instant Milk?

Instant milk is a dairy product made from fresh milk. It is made by removing the cream and water and still contains the calcium, minerals, vitamins, natural sugar, and high-quality protein that makes liquid milk a nutritious food.

How to Store:

- Dry milk should be stored in a tightly covered container in a cool, dry place.
- After milk has been mixed with water, it should be stored in the refrigerator like fresh milk.

POWDERED MILK CONVERSION CHART

Fresh Milk Equivalent	Milk Powder	Water
2 Cups	½ Cup/8 Tablespoons	2 Cups
1 ½ Cups	6 Tablespoons	1 ½ Cups
1p Cup	¼ Cup/4 Tablespoons	1 Cup
¾ Cup	3 Tablespoons	¾ Cup
½ Cup	2 Tablespoons	½ Cup
¼ Cup	1 Tablespoon	¼ Cup

ADAPTING POWDERED MILK FOR USE

Buttermilk	Condensed Milk	Evaporated Milk	Chocolate Milk	Vanilla Milk	Strawberry Milk	Pancake Mix
Reconstituted Milk (1 Cup) + White Distilled Vinegar or Freshly Squeezed Lemon Juice (1 Tbsp)	Milk Powder (1 Cup) + Sugar (1 Cup) + Butter (1 Tbsp) + Hot Water (½ Cup)	Milk Powder (1 Cup) + Cold or Lukewarm Water (1 ¼ Cup)	Reconstituted Milk (1 Cup) + Unsweetened Cocoa Powder (½ Tbsp) + Powdered Sugar (1 Tsp)	Reconstituted Milk (1 Cup) + Vanilla Extract (¼ Tsp) + Powdered Sugar (1 Tsp)	Reconstituted Milk (1 Cup) + Powdered Strawberries (1 Tsp)	Homemade Pancake Mix (1 Cup) + Milk Powder (3 Tbsp) + Water (¾ Cup of Water) + 1 Egg + 2 Tbsp of Butter
Let stand for 1 minute before use.	Blend to combine. Store in the refrigerator for up to 5 days	Whisk to combine. Use immediately or store in the refrigerator for up to 5 days.	Let stand for 1 minute before use.	Let stand for 1 minute before use.	Let stand for 1 minute before use.	Let stand for 1 minute before use.

Food Bank Updates

CELEBRATING ONE YEAR: AWAKEN FOOD PANTRY

On Friday March 25th, Awaken Church Food Pantry celebrated one year as a partner agency! The pantry, located at 4940 Pan American Boulevard in North Port, is open Tuesday through Saturday. The pictures here are from their weekly drive-thru event on Fridays. Larry Grant, Outreach Director, and Angela Engel, Food Pantry Leader, (both in the yellow shirts) have done a magnificent job in the short time they've been serving the public. Awaken recently doubled its pantry space to increase their overall capacity in serving the North Port community. Congratulations!



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