

# NOURISHING NEWS

Together with our partners...

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## Preparing for Autumn, and Looking Back on Summer

As summer 2022 is officially ending, AFBF would like to highlight some valuable statistics that show the importance of the work that you all do throughout the community.

With the gas price fluctuations and local double-digit inflation rate, the pantries saw a steady increase in visits, food requested, and overall demand.

### Total number of pantry visits by month

- ❖ June 15,612 pantry visits
- ❖ July 15,424 pantry visits
- ❖ August 16, 812 pantry visits

### Total number of meals served by month

- ❖ June 17,065 meals served
- ❖ July 16,880 meals served
- ❖ August 14,054



### WHAT'S NEW

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# Partner Agency Spotlight: Janie's Garden

**Location:** 2300 Central Ave., Sarasota, FL 34234

**Pantry Open Since:** August 2022

**Hours of Operation:** First Fridays (restricted site)

**Number of Households Served:** 25 for now!

All Faiths Food Bank would like to shine the spotlight on our newest agency at Janie's Garden in the Newtown area. While the three-phased neighborhood itself has been around for many years, the addition of a free pantry is the newest component to the Better Tomorrow's managed facility. The initiative was spearheaded by Janie Garden's Social Service Coordinator, Brian Glick.

Brian is not a newbie to food pantries, in fact he used to volunteer at New Life Worship Center for the last three years. Upon starting his new position with Better Tomorrow's at Janie's Garden just 90 days ago, he was determined to open a working pantry for the 400+ residents of the community. Brian indicated that the residents, similar to everyone else in the community, are going to the grocery store and spending more but buying less. Today's purchasing power is exceedingly low, while the average prices for goods keep on rising. To help combat food insecurity, Better Tomorrow's was immediately on board with the pantry plan.

Better Tomorrow's held their first pantry on the morning of Friday August 5<sup>th</sup>. With great surprise, the pantry actually ran out of food and the number of clients reached just above 25. The plan is to slowly grow the pantry on the first Friday of each month during which Better Tomorrow's also provides additional wrap around services. Not only will the pantry target food insecurity, Brian hopes it will become a community bonding event. He indicated that, "the hope of the pantry is bringing the residents together while also working to destigmatize visits to a pantry, or requesting assistance in a time of need."



The goal for Janie's Garden pantry is to remain a choice pantry, while growing its popularity among the residence and potentially expanding to serve weekly. Janie's Garden is home to around 450 residents, hopefully who will know they can depend on the pantry when they really need to.



# Food Bank Updates

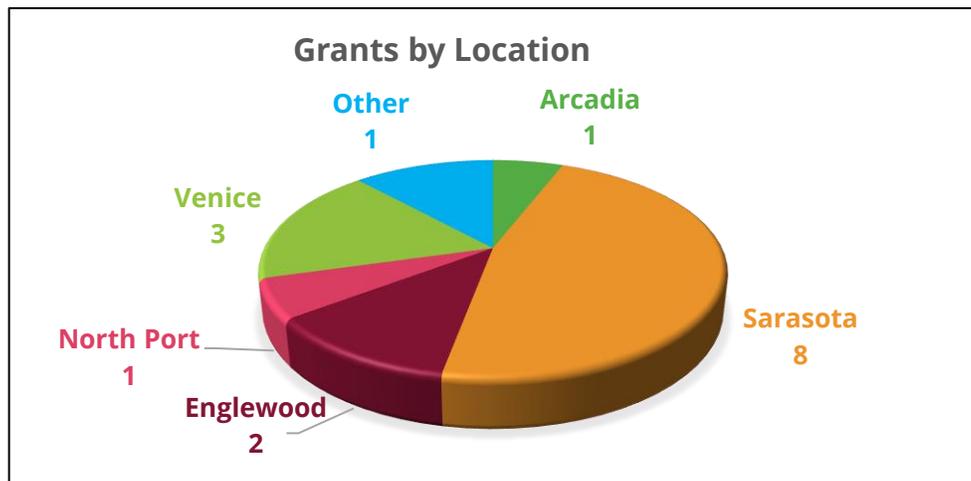
## CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

All Faiths launched its call for Capacity Building in May this year. The program's purpose was to encourage agencies to expand operations, build on their existing activities using technology, or replace/purchase new equipment for storage. For this round of calls, grant awards were up to \$5,000. **While the current proposal period has passed, be on the lookout for the next call!**

### SUMMARY OF GRANTS

Number of applications:	17
Total amount requested:	\$72,940.48
Total amount granted:	\$34,795.98
Amounted granted via Emergency funding:	\$4,000.00
<b>Total amount to disperse:</b>	<b>\$38,795.98</b>

### LOCATION OF AGENCY



### FUNDING CATEGORIES

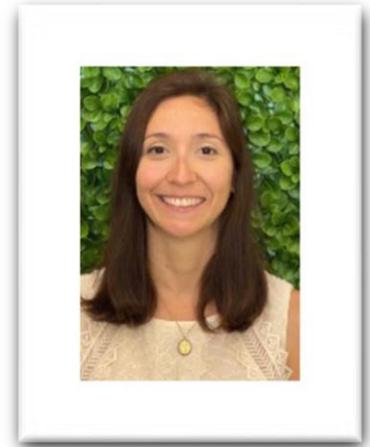
There are four primary funding categories:

- ❖ Service Insights Capacity Needs
- ❖ Food Storage/Food Safety Capacity Needs
- ❖ Facility and Other Equipment Needs
- ❖ Other Needs

# Food Bank Updates

## Link2Feed

Here are a few tips and tricks from AFFB's Link2Feed expert, Rocio Melendez.



### Client card: How to issue and to whom to issue it?

The client card allows you to search for clients by their name or ID number to make the registration process quicker during their visits to the food pantries.

#### HOW?

Once the client is registered, Link2Feed will automatically generate a client ID number. The client ID number is then used to issue a client card, which will have the name and client ID number. This client card can be used at any All Faiths pantry.

A screenshot of the Link2Feed web interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 1 PERSONAL, 2 MONTHLY INCOME, 3 SCHOOL, SERVICES, NOTES, and ACTIVITY. Below the tabs, the 'PERSONAL' section is active, showing 'Personal Information' and 'You are creating a new client profile'. On the right side of this section, there is a dropdown menu labeled 'Last Name, First Name' with the value '9452358' selected. A green arrow points to this dropdown menu.

- **For TEFAP sites**, please also fill out the date on the client card when the TEFAP form has been first signed or updated. After updating, please collect the old card and discard it and issue a new one with the new TEFAP date.
- **For Non-TEFAP sites**, please leave the space for "TEFAP SIGNED" date blank.

**Do not** write the date of birth in this space. **Only use for signed TEFAP accounts!**

## TO WHOM?

The client card should only be issued to the primary household member.

- There is no need to issue an extra card for household members.
- Additional household members can use that same card to collect the food.
- Do not set up additional household members as a proxy because they belong to the same household.

### Difference between Primary and Additional household members

The **primary household member** is the main member of the household, or the person that we initially registered.

An **additional household member** is anyone else who belongs to the household, and who has a relationship with the primary household member (e.g., spouse, child, parent, roommate, etc).

### How to verify the setup of a primary household member in Link2feed?

Please see in Link2Feed under the client's name in the top area, if you don't see a blue banner, it is a **primary household member**.

The screenshot shows the Link2Feed interface for a primary household member. At the top, there are navigation tabs: PERSONAL, MONTHLY INCOME, SERVICES, NOTES, and ACTIVITY. Below this is the 'Personal Information' section with a 'See Client in View Mode' link. On the right side, there is a dropdown menu with a blue banner. A green arrow points to this banner with the text 'Primary household member'. Below the navigation tabs, there is a 'First Visit' field with the date 'Oct 14 2019', a 'Status' field with a green 'Active' button, and a 'Last Profile Review' field with the text 'Last Profile Review'.

For additional household members, Link2Feed will appear with a blue banner asking you to click to switch to the primary household member.

The screenshot shows the Link2Feed interface for an additional household member. At the top, there are navigation tabs: PERSONAL, MONTHLY INCOME, SERVICES, NOTES, and ACTIVITY. Below this is the 'Personal Information' section with a 'See Client in View Mode' link. On the right side, there is a dropdown menu with a blue banner. A green arrow points to this banner with the text 'Additional household member'. Below the navigation tabs, there is a blue banner with the text 'Click here to switch to the primary client of this household.' Below the banner, there is a 'First Visit' field with the value 'Unknown', a 'Status' field with a green 'Active' button, and a 'Last Profile Review' field with the text 'Last Profile Review' and 'Aug 19th — 6 days ago'.

**Please be aware, if you need any Link2Feed assistance or troubleshooting, feel free to contact Rocio!**

September-December distribution schedules are out now!

# Spotlight Ingredient

## Sweet Potatoes



### Taco Ground Turkey Sweet Potato Skillet

#### Ingredients:

- ❖ 1 tbsp. olive oil
- ❖ 1 medium finely diced white onion
- ❖ 1 tbsp. tomato paste
- ❖ ½ tsp. chili powder
- ❖ ½ tsp. garlic powder
- ❖ ½ tsp. ground cumin
- ❖ ½ tsp. ground oregano
- ❖ 1 tsp. salt
- ❖ 1 lb. ground turkey
- ❖ 2 cups diced sweet potato
- ❖ 15 oz. can black beans
- ❖ 15 oz. jar salsa
- ❖ ½ cup shredded cheddar cheese, optional

#### Directions:

1. In a large skillet, heat the olive oil over medium-high heat.
2. Once oil is hot, add onions, salt, chili powder, garlic powder, cumin, oregano, and tomato paste. Cook until the onions start to turn translucent or approximately 2 minutes.
3. Add the ground turkey. Use a wooden spoon to break up the turkey as it cooks. Cook for 5-7 minutes or until the turkey is mostly browned.
4. Add diced sweet potatoes, black beans, and salsa to the skillet. Stir to combine.
5. Cover the skillet and cook until the sweet potatoes are tender, stirring occasionally, about 12-14 minutes.
6. Once the sweet potatoes are tender, sprinkle the cheese over the top (if using), and cover the skillet until the cheese is melted.  
Serve and enjoy!



# Food Bank Updates

## REMINDERS

Just a few reminders to leave you all with!

**WHEN SUBMITTING YOUR ORDERS, PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO CLICK CHECKOUT!**

Home **Orders** Order Entry

**Order Ref #401671**

**Contact Information**

Name:

Phone Number:

E-mail Address:

Comment:

**Shipping/Delivery**

Method: DELIVERY

Date: 8/22/2022

Time: 8:00 AM

Order Status: Entry NOT complete, Must Check Out

Item Count: 8    Total Weight: 586    Purchase Cost: \$66.82    Service Fees: \$0.00    Total Cost: \$66.82

Ref	Product	Storage	Type	Weight	Category	Price	Unit Measure	Available	Qty	Del
1010033	Non; Laundry Detergent (limit 5)	Dry	01-NON-FOOD	25	Donations	\$0.00	CASE WEIGHT	47	<input type="text" value="6"/>	✘
1070001	Dairy; Assorted Dairy Items	Refrigerated	07-DAIRY PRODUCTS	1	Donations	\$0.00	POUNDAGE	346	<input type="text" value="50"/>	✘

### TURKEY SEASON

Be on the lookout for the Turkey Distribution form at the beginning of September via USPS. The form will indicate how many turkeys your agency is allocated, the pre-packaged sides, and for delivery dates and time windows. Please keep in mind this is a very busy time of year for us, so please allow for a 2-hour delivery time window—we appreciate your flexibility and understanding! Deadline for submission October 7<sup>th</sup>.

### UPCOMING NETWORKING EVENT SEPTEMBER 21ST

Stay tuned for our invite to the ALL-NEW agency networking meeting! These meetings will be recurring quarterly and will be a great way to exchange best practices, engage with other agencies, and learn more about what is being done in the community. We will also have short training sessions conducted by guest speakers!



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