



**GREAT PLAINS
FOOD BANK**

Agency Scoop

April 2023



SAVE THE DATE:

Virtual Community Conversation

April 13th @ 1:30-2:30PM CST

Topic: 2023 Mobile Food Pantry
GPFB Staff will discuss the 2023
mobile food pantry program and
strategic rationale* behind changes.
Meeting via Microsoft Teams. Email
invite coming soon.

Civil Rights Training

April 19th @ 3-4:30 PM CST
**This training is required for
all Agency Partners.** Please
make arrangements with
your schedule to attend.
Meeting via Microsoft
Teams. More details will be
announced soon.



GREAT PLAINS FOOD BANK

Celebrating 40 Years of Service & Community Impact



1984

Name is changed to the Great Plains Food Bank to reflect an expanding service area within North Dakota and west central Minnesota.



1998

The Great Plains Food Bank is operating with a staff of five and fed 13,400 neighbors with the help of 130 partner agencies.



2010

The Great Plains Food Bank launches its mobile food pantry and backpack program and distribution nearly doubles over the next five years.



2021

Following a stellar career spanning more than three decades, CEO Steve Sellent announces his retirement. Current CEO and hunger-relief veteran, Melissa Sobolik is named the organization's next Chief Executive Officer.



2020

The Great Plains Food Bank shatters records as a result of COVID-19, serving 17.7 million meals to more than 146,000 individuals.

The regional service center is opened in Bismarck, bringing the \$5.1 million Feed the Future campaign to a close.



2023

APRIL MOBILE FOOD PANTRY STOPS

We are excited to be back on the road with the Mobile Food Pantry and we have many on the docket in April!

[View Upcoming Mobile Stop Details Here](#)

April 11 | Bowman, Hettinger

April 12 | Dickinson, Richardton, New Salem

April 13 | Carrington, Linton, Steele

April 14 | Belcourt, Dunseith, Rolette

April 18 | Jamestown, Valley City

April 19 | Rugby

April 20 | St. John, Pembina, Park River, Emerado

April 26 | Drayton, May-Port

**April 28 | Ulen, Hawley, Barnesville, Glyndon,
Dilworth, Moorhead**



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Product HIGHLIGHTS

#12637 Veggie Pasta - 12/12oz box - \$0.00

#64064 Purchased Canned Chicken Alfredo - 24/7.5oz cans - \$20.29/case

#97448 Purchased Canned Yams - 24/15oz cans - \$0.00

#64441 Tasty Bite Indian Matras Lentils - 6-8/10oz packs - \$0.00

#40153 ND USDA Tomato Soup

#63785 LFPA Onions packaged - 4#/bag (ND sites only)

#10867 LFPA Pinto Beans - 10/4# bags (ND sites only)

#79961 MN USDA Navy Beans

#07925 MN USDA Walnut Pieces



The North Dakota Department of Agriculture has recently launched a new program known as the **Local Food Purchasing Agreement (LFPA)** enabling food banks like ours to purchase locally grown/ raised/ produced food.

All food purchased with this program will be available to North Dakota sites and will be listed on the order sheets under LFPA.

LFPA product is free of charge!

Announcements

Great Plains Food Bank is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year! We are so thankful to our network of statewide agency partners. We will end hunger together!

Payments by check and mail:

The accounting department requests that all payments made with check and mailed include your **agency reference number** ensuring payments are applied to the correct account.

***More on Mobile Food Pantry:**

A rationale was sent out via email to all Agency Partners and Champions who help make the program amazing. If you missed it, here is the link to access the email.

WELCOME!

We have onboarded **two** new pantries into the network in the first quarter of 2023:

- *Church of God's Word Food Pantry* in West Fargo, ND
- *Park River Area Food Pantry* in Park River, ND

These pantries have already made a huge difference in their communities!

Email reminders were sent from Dropbox Sign last week to those who have **not** completed their 2023 Agency Agreement.

If your site participates in agency enabled retail rescue, please be sure to enter your pick-up receipts on a weekly basis into your PWW account. Reach out to Stephanie with any questions serickson@greatplainsfoodbank.org

Starting April 1, 2023, North Dakota will begin regular Medicaid renewals for people whose coverage was temporarily extended due to the COVID-19 public health emergency to make sure they still qualify. This means that some Medicaid members may lose their coverage if they don't take simple steps now. Link for more info: <https://www.hhs.nd.gov/human-services/medicaid/StayCoveredND>

Did you miss the March Partner Lunch and Learn? Watch the recording on the PARC [here](#). More information found [here](#).

Do you have questions about your order or missing items after delivery?

Contact Inventory Manager Hope Olson at holson@greatplainsfoodbank.org or (701) 476-9124.