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Agency Scoop



With the start of a new year, Great Plains Food Bank requires new annual agreements from all agency partners and new annual Retail Rescue or Agency Enabled Retail Rescue Agreements from partners as applicable.

2023 annual agreements were deployed by email through Dropbox Sign. If you did not receive this email, connect with your RSM. Signed program agreements are due by January 31, 2023. Once your agreement is signed the annual membership fee will be invoiced to your PWW account.

Check out the updated [Partner Agency Resource Center Webpage](#)

- 2023 GPFB Holiday Schedule
- 2023 Partner Handbook
- Food Recall List
- 2023 Order and Delivery Calendar

Statistics & Account Balance

2022 statistics need to be submitted to your PWW account ASAP. When you click on the Statistics tab, you can review all past and missing entries. Statistics are required for all pantry and on-site meals AND recording retail rescue receipts each month. If you see discrepancies, reach out to Nicole or Kayla for assistance.

Account Balances can also be reviewed in your PWW account. Click on the My Documents tab to view order invoices and agency statements. Please check your account for any outstanding invoices from 2022.



THE BIG 9

Effective January 1st, The FDA announced that **SESAME** has been added to the major food allergen list. Sesame is now required to be labeled as an allergen on food packaging by manufacturers. Please be aware of food recalls and correct labeling at your food distribution sites.



Announcements



- GPFB will be closed January 16th for Martin Luther King Day. 2023 marks the 37th anniversary of this federal holiday to honor the memory of Dr. King's activism and civil rights work.
- In December we said farewell to our inventory manager John Stone. We are grateful for John's service with our organization. Our new inventory manager Hope Olson started her new role and is eager to work with our partner network soon. Once she is settled into her role, Hope will be the new point of contact regarding your order status. In the interim, please continue to reach out to your RSM regarding any order or invoice mistakes.

A Note About Delivery...

Agency Partners,

You may have experienced as our agency partner, sometimes our delivery schedules don't go as planned. We're battling winter weather, sub-zero temperatures, truck fleet health, staffing shortages, training, and orientation, to work to get you your deliveries each month. We appreciate your patience with us. It's never ideal to have to reschedule a delivery and we want you to know that it is always a difficult decision for us to make considering we recognize the implications of not being able to get food assistance out to our neighbors throughout our network. We appreciate all your volunteer efforts surrounding receiving deliveries in less-than-ideal weather conditions and taking time to receive and redistribute the food to the communities you serve. Thank you for your continued support for our staff as we continue to work through changes in delivery schedules to provide you with the best possible service in a difficult time. If you'd like to confirm your delivery the day of, please work with your RSM to confirm so you don't have to drive or reschedule your day. Nicole and Kayla, Jenae and Patricia are happy to assist you. We are so grateful for you and thank you for your patience!

Thank you for your continued collaboration and support as we work to end hunger today, tomorrow, and for good. We're Better Together!

-Janelle Brandon, Program Director, Great Plains Food Bank



Product Highlights

New Items Available to Order

#22668 ND USDA Vegetable Soup

#38910 ND USDA Ground Beef



Mobile Food Pantry

January 18: Belcourt & Dunseith

February 1: Rugby

February 15: Carrington, Linton & Steele

Announcements about upcoming mobiles are posted on the GPFB website

Mobile Food Pantry flyers are posted to the GPFB Facebook page. Please check it out and spread the word!



Agency of the Year

The Great Plains Food Bank (GPFB) will soon be opening the nomination process for 2022 Agency of the Year!

This is the highest award we offer our hunger relief partners, and we need your help to identify them! The Great Plains Food Bank lives by the values of Passion, Service, & Innovation and we honor our partners adopting these values through our collaborative community partnerships.

Stay tuned for more details coming soon!

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