



**GREAT PLAINS
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Agency Scoop



May 2023



SAVE THE DATE:

Cultural Food Initiatives Lunch & Learn
with Zoe Absey

Thursday, May 25th @ 3:30PM CST

Join us to learn about the cultural food initiatives happening with the Ending Hunger 2.0 team and how you can support your neighbors! North Dakota and Minnesota are growing more and more diverse. It is imperative for GPFB to be culturally responsive and provide our charitable feeding network support in creating more access for all communities.

Meeting via Microsoft Teams. Email invite coming soon.



MAY 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 May!

[View Upcoming Mobile Stop Details Here](#)

May 3-4 | Dodge, Mandaree, New Town, Plaza

May 10-11 | Trenton, Williston, Grenora

May 17 | Hankinson, Wahpeton

May 19 | Felton, Comstock, Moorhead

May 23 | Wilton, Underwood

May 25 | Four Bears, Parshall, White Shield

May 31 | Napoleon, Wishek, Edgeley, Oakes



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Product HIGHLIGHTS

#22150 Dawn Disinfecting Wipes - 75 wipes/container - \$0.00

#21095 ND USDA Pork Chops - 40/1lb chops/case

#20620 ND USDA Toasted Wheatful Cereal - 10/16.4 oz boxes

#61506 Fruity Pebble Pancake Kit - 5/26.27oz - \$0.00

#76751 Butterscotch Pudding Pack - 12-4/3.25 oz containers - \$0.00

#62691 Girl Scout Samoas Cookies - 12/7oz boxes - \$0.00

#78982 Girl Scout Peanut Butter Patties - 12/6.5oz boxes - \$0.00

#99772 Liquid Glucose Berry Burst/Punch - 36/2oz bottles - \$0.00

#38015 Starbucks Cold Brew - 6/32oz bottles- \$0.00

#40102 Lean Vegan Meal Replacement (protein powder) - 10/23.2 oz - \$0.00

#97549 Purchased Mac N Cheese - 24/7.5oz cans - \$22.88/case

Repacked cereal will be on the order sheet VERY SOON!

Also coming soon, a variety drink box! The boxes are assembled in house and will have 10 assorted drinks/box at no cost.

SPOTLIGHT



Lisa Johnson, Barnes County Food Pantry

Barnes County Food Pantry is the only food pantry located *in* Barnes County servicing an average of 230 HH and distributing an average of 16,500#'s per month out of the South Central Senior Center. They do a pre-box distribution method giving 100-200# for a small family and 200+# for a larger family. They offer a nice variety in the box and always provide a swap if needed. They consider this a 10-day emergency basket so grocery vouchers are also provided for some staple items they may not have.

We are back on the road with the Mobile Food Pantry program after many weather cancellations and behind the scenes strategic planning. We are sending an overwhelming thank you to all that volunteer, host, and champion our Mobile Food Pantry Program! We could not do it without you.



Photo from a MFP in Leeds, ND.



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Announcements

WELCOME!

Programs and Agency Services has added our SNAP coordinators, Heather Martinez and Kris Mount, back to our team! Any curiosities about the SNAP program and how to provide more information to neighbors can be directed to them.

- hmartinez@greatplainsfoodbank.org
- kmount@greatplainsfoodbank.org

Request! We want to respect your time away from the food pantry, meal site, or shelter. If another individual will be assuming your role while you're away, it is helpful to let GPFB staff know if it impacts orders, deliveries, and other pertinent contact requirements. You can share the interim individual's information with your RSM or our office manager, Emily Otto.

Reminder: The **Cargill Grant** is still available for agency partners who participate or want to start **AERR**. Funds can be used for infrastructure such as a refrigerated enclosed vehicles for purpose of retail rescue, equipment, staffing, training, technology, capital improvements, coolers, freezers etc. Many possibilities! You can reach out to food resource managers Stephanie (East) and Grant (West) for more details.

- serickson@greatplainsfoodbank.org
- gnieters@greatplainsfoodbank.org

Agency Enabled Retail Rescuers - Stephanie has added an "other" category to those who participate in AERR. This is intended for retail donations that do not occur on a regular basis such as non-food pickups or covering for another agency at a retail location you do not pick up from.

*You do not have to record community donations.



If you're interested in being added to the **Hunger Free Garden produce** donation list, use the [THIS LINK!](#) HFG donates produce from local growers homes, communities, or school gardens to the charitable feeding network.

There is an **update** to our Handbook regarding fee structure. It is located on **page 19**. Contact Janelle at jbrandon@greatplainsfoodbank.org with any questions!