



An UPDATE for PARTNERS of FEED MY PEOPLE August 2026

Feed My People will be CLOSED on September 7th (Labor Day)

This may affect your ordering window, delivery route, or customer pick-up. If this affects you directly, you should've received an email on August 18th. If you plan to do a customer pick-up, please follow the order deadlines by day on our ordering page in Partner Hub.

The Fine Print Fun

2026 Partner Manual: Discrepancies

Reporting a Discrepancy

- It is the responsibility of the Partner to check the items you received against the packing slip.
- If there are discrepancies (incorrect product, too few, too many, etc.) please go to the Network Partners webpage and fill out the Report a Discrepancy form.
- Partners must notify FMP within three (3) business days of receiving the order to receive credit.
 - o Even if no credit is given or expected, please report all discrepancies via the Discrepancy Form on the Network Partners page so current inventory may be adjusted accordingly.
- Please report discrepancies to FMP via the Discrepancy Form, and discussing if there is anything additional FMP can do to support the work you are doing in your community.
- FMP will send you information on how to prepare for your upcoming site visit prior to your visit.

2026 Food Safety Manual: Safe Storage

Safe Storage is a requirement for all product received through FMP and FMP Food Rescue Relationships.

- All products may only be stored and distributed in locations disclosed to, inspected by, and approved by Feed My People.
 - o Storage in locations which have not been approved (even temporarily) is not allowed.

- o Storage in private homes is never allowed.
 - o New locations or programs must be pre-authorized before Feed My People's products can be used.
 - All products must be stored safely.
 - o May not be under leaking pipes or stairs.
 - o May not be in mechanical or utility rooms.
 - o May not be in bathrooms.
 - o May not be in rooms where garbage is kept.
 - o May not be anywhere that moisture, chemical, or physical contaminants are present.
 - For a copy/poster of storage requirements, please visit the Network Partners page.
 - o Click the + located to the right of Food Safety, which is written in green, on the right side of the webpage, and choose Storage Guidelines.
 - First In, First Out (FIFO)
 - o Please use this method to ensure that older inventory is used before new inventory is used.
- § New food items should be placed below or behind older items.

The *Food Safety Manual* can be found on the FMP website under *Network Partners*. In *Network Partners*, click under [Agency Info](#) on the orange plus button to the right of FOOD SAFETY. The directory link is labeled : **2026 Food Safety Manual**.

Click here to visit our Network Partners page to find the 2026 Partner Manual, the Food Safety Manual, and the 2026 Partner Directory

Partner Proud

We love celebrating the amazing partners and volunteers who make a difference in our communities! Since we're spread out across the area, we don't always get to see each other or hear about all the wonderful things happening. We'd love for you to share your stories and highlights with us—so we can give you the recognition you truly deserve! Feel free to send pictures and stories in so we can highlight you!

Please send to angela@fmpfoodbank.org

This month we want to feature an amazing staff member, volunteer driver, and intern of Feed My People. All three of these wonderful folks helped to make the We Care Eau Claire event a hit. Thank you to Kristi, Scott, and Aariah. The partnership team is extremely grateful for the work you put in to this event. We also want to thank our food sourcing and warehouse departments for acquiring the apples and coordinating the trucks. The We Care Crew was able to hand out over 1500 backpacks to kids from 4k to High School. They worked hard all year to coordinate this and it was fantastic! Thank you for having us as your partner in this event.



Apples are on the Way!

Feed My People should start to see apples rolling in soon! Here is an easy recipe for applesauce that you can print and give to the neighbors at your pantry.

Sarah's Homemade Applesauce

Prep Time: 10 mins

Cook Time: 15 mins

Total Time: 25 mins

Servings: 4

Ingredients

- 4 apples, peeled, cored, and chopped
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup water
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup white sugar or to taste
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground cinnamon

Directions

1. Gather all ingredients.
2. Combine apples, water, sugar, and cinnamon in a saucepan; cover and cook over medium heat until apples are soft, stirring occasionally, 15 to 20 minutes.
3. Allow apple mixture to cool, then mash with a fork or potato masher until reaches desired consistency.

Cook's Note

You can experiment with different spices, such as nutmeg, allspice, cardamom, cloves, or ginger for a different flavor.

Community Partnership Incentive Program

The Community Partnership Incentive Program is designed to support pantries in expanding the services available to their clients beyond food assistance. By inviting outside community resources—such as human services, public safety, healthcare, or other local support organizations—into pantry distributions, partners help connect households to critical services that promote long-term stability. To recognize and encourage this collaborative approach, Feed My People will provide a food credit to participating pantries, helping offset future food purchases while strengthening community impact. Please see the program details below.

Recently we had numerous pantries send in submissions for this incentive, resulting in them getting food credit! Huge thank you to these agencies for bringing in resources to help your neighbors. Some examples include FSET, WIC, CCS, Public

Libraries, local banks, Seed Programs, the Chippewa Valley Cat Club, and many more.

Even if you already have something scheduled, or a recurring event, we would still love to work with you on this and hear all of the great details! Reach out to your Partnership Team so we can get you all set up for potential incentive.

[Incentive Program](#)

Pop-Up Schedule



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