



## An UPDATE for PARTNERS of FEED MY PEOPLE

### January 2026

#### Feed My People Holiday Closures

Feed My People will be closed for the Holidays on February 16th. This may change your order window and delivery time, so please look out for any changes coming to your email.

#### Produce

Feed My People is able to offer potatoes and onions free at this time! These great pantry staples can be used for so many recipes and can be a wonderful addition to your pantry space.

## The Fine Print Fun

#### 2025 Partner Manual: FMP Driver Role

##### FMP Driver Role

- Drivers will unload pallets from the truck.
- The driver will wait until a site representative comes outside to greet them before beginning to unload product.
- If no one is at the delivery address, the driver will call the contact listed on the packing slip to attempt to get ahold of someone to receive the order at the delivery site.
  - o The driver will wait 10-15 minutes. If no one comes to greet them, they will continue on to their next delivery. Food will not be left without a Partner representative present.
  - They will take banana boxes, milk crates, bread racks, and pallets back to FMP to be reused provided they are organized and stacked.
  - They can also take the plastic wrap from your pallets to be recycled at FMP.
  - o Please remove all paper tags and stickers.
  - The drivers are the only people allowed to be in the truck and on the liftgate.
  - They will depart once all products from the order are off the truck and their sheet is signed.

## 2025 Food Safety Manual: Dry Storage

### Dry Storage

- All product must be stored at least:
  - o 6 inches from the floor.
  - o 4 inches from the walls.
  - o 2 feet from the ceiling.
- Shelving must be sealed from spills (not raw wood).

### Temperatures

- Dry storage spaces must be well-ventilated and stay between 41°F and 70°F.

### Non-Food Products

- Non-food products must be stored separately from food items, ideally on a separate shelf unit, but never above or in contact with food items.

The 2025 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 : **2025 Food Safety Manual**.

**Click here to visit our Network Partners page to find the 2025 Partner Manual, the 2025 Food Safety Manual, and the 2025 Partner Directory**

## Meet the Staff



**Meet Feed My People's Shipping Associate Max. Max primarily handles the cold storage in our warehouse and can be seen bundled up going from freezer to freezer. Max is a huge support to all of the departments of warehouse, and Feed My People as a whole. Max is fairly new to FMP and is looking forward to warmer temperatures and summer life. Outside of FMP Max enjoys camping and gaming. In his free time he builds computers and does small electronic repair.**

## 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](mailto:angela@fmpfoodbank.org)

This month we are highlighting Randy. Randy has been a faithful volunteer at Feed My People for decades. He has volunteered in numerous areas, and at present can often be found at the pop ups setting up cones and directing traffic. Randy is a huge asset to FMP, and we are so glad to have him!



## 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.

### [Incentive Program](#)

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### [Pop-Up Schedule](#)

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