



An UPDATE for PARTNERS of FEED MY PEOPLE November 2025

Feed My People Holiday Closures

Feed My People will be closed for the Holidays on November 27th and 28th. We also will be closed on December 24th and 25th, December 31st, and January 1st. This may change your order window and delivery time, so contact your Regional Representative if you have questions.

The Fine Print Fun

2025 Partner Manual: Site Visits

The goal of a site visit is to strengthen Feed My People's relationship with Partners, provide assistance and support, and ensure compliance with Feeding America's guidelines.

Site Visit Procedure

- A site visit is required through our agreement with Second Harvest Heartland and Feeding America.
- A site visit is required at a minimum of every two years.
- FMP reserves the right to conduct site visits more frequently as deemed necessary.
- The Site Visit will include an intentional conversation about how things are going, gathering information about your processes and impact on your community, conducting a food safety site inspection, 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.

2025 Food Safety Manual: Food Borne Illness

Foodborne illness can be prevented by following the following food safety tips below.

1. Don't allow sick workers/volunteers to serve or prepare food for guests.
- a. Anyone experiencing vomiting or diarrhea should be sent home/not permitted to attend the distribution in any capacity.
2. Wash Your Hands!!!
3. Do not use your bare hands to touch ready-to-eat foods.
4. Remember that home-prepared food isn't allowed.
5. Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold.
6. Cook raw meats, poultry, seafood, and eggs to the correct temperatures.
7. Wash dishes and surfaces properly.
8. Avoid environmental contamination.
9. Avoid cross-contamination (keep foods separate, clean surfaces when switching product).

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

Banana Boxes



Please make sure to return your empty banana boxes with our driver. We reuse these or recycle them if they are not able to be reused.

Wisconsin's Deer Donation Program

Hunters can help Wisconsin residents in need by donating deer harvested in Wisconsin through the DNR's deer donation program. Venison from donated deer is processed and distributed to food pantries across the state. Since the program began in 2000, hunters have donated over 100,000 deer, which were processed into over four million pounds of ground venison.

Here is the link to the DNR website, Deer Donation Program.

[Click here!](#)

Below is the Pantry Packet that has a ton of information to help you through this process.

[Pantry Packet](#)

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 are excited to shine the spotlight on some younger volunteers!

The Pack 90 Webelos built two amazing storage totes for the Feed My People Food Bank pop-ups. These totes allow the Partnership Team to bring all of their needed items to pop up pantries in different communities. We appreciate you!

On Friday, November 21, 2025, the student advisory committee of the Jim Falls Elementary school delivered to the Jim Falls Food Pantry 363 pounds of food that had been collected from the students. The students are learning early how to share with those in need.

Amazing Job!



Pack 90 Webelos



Student Advisory Committee

School Pantry Donation Ideas

If you are looking for other ways to increase the food in your pantry, there are lots of creative ways to do this that involve your school too! Food drives, competitions, contests...you could have students bring in cereal boxes and line the hallways, knocking them over like dominoes...assign each grade level a color and build towers/create sculptures with the items...put together a small "requested items" list and send home with students - could add a grade level competition into this if you wanted...have theme drives like "Winter Wonderland" (ask for warm foods like dry and canned soups, dry and canned beans, crackers, stuffing, canned pumpkin and cranberries, canned meats, applesauce, hot chocolate and marshmallows)...or "Let's Dish for Hotdish" (ask for Potluck favorites like noodles, tuna, cream soups, sauerkraut, pork and beans, canned vegetables, rice, stuffing mix, and instant potatoes. There are loads of fun ideas on Pinterest! Have fun with

it. Involving kids in opportunities like this can create a life-long heart for service.

**Pop-Up
Schedule**



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