From the Desk of Dustin Hardison

I hope 2020 has started off strong for all of you in our Agency Partner Network. I’m excited to announce the new year brings us a new manager for our Nutrition Services Department. Rebecca Collier is a registered dietitian and brings with her lots of ideas and enthusiasm to lead our team in providing all of you with nutrition education, tips and support. Learn more about Rebecca below. March is National Nutrition Month, so watch for some extra information coming your way. You can also find more resources here.

Regional Meetings will resume this spring (March 30-April 16). Watch for more details coming soon. These meetings will be specifically focused on information and best practices for our Mobile Pantry Partners.

We’re beginning work this year on a new and enhanced website for our Agency Network. We’re in the initial stages now and will have more information and a timeline soon. In the meantime, if there are resources and content you’d like to see in a new site, please let us know.

We’d also like your input as we develop a new three-year Strategic Plan for Harvesters. The new plan would take effect in July of 2021. The Agency Advisory Council will be asked to share their thoughts during the process. If you have suggestions/comments for us to consider, share them with one of the representatives on the Council. Click here for the list of members on the Council.

As always, thanks for your continued dedication and hard work in the fight against hunger. Your partnership is critical to the work we do.

Sincerely,

Dustin Hardison
Director of Agency Partnerships and Capacity

Census 2020

Why is the 2020 Census important to you and those you serve? A fair and accurate census is critical to the fight to end hunger. The census:

• Determines how billions in federal funding will be spent on federal food programs, from SNAP to WIC
• Measures how many people in America need food
• Shapes everyday business decisions that help create jobs

People your agency serves are often from populations most at risk of being undercounted. Our network has deep, trusted roots in communities across the nation, meaning we are equipped to successfully get out the count.

Click the button below for more information about the 2020 Census.

Read More

Disaster Response

When a disaster strikes our region, we need to know which of our agencies are able to assist in response. Learn more about Harvesters’ disaster response efforts and what you can do by watching this video. If you would like to be part of our Disaster Agency Network, please contact Agency Services at customercare@harvesters.org

Resources for Volunteers/Food Drives

Do you need help recruiting volunteers to help in your pantry or a mobile food distribution? Let us know by completing our agency volunteer recruitment form here. Also, if you would like help with a food drive, check out these resources.

Meet the Team

Rebecca Collier is Harvesters’ new Nutrition Services Manager. Rebecca is a Registered Dietitian whose favorite foods are grilled cheese with soup, seafood and Indian food. When not helping people make healthy food choices, she likes to tend her flower garden (in good weather), read, hike and bike. Rebecca can be reached at rcollar@harvesters.org or 816.628.3004.

Product Recall

Culinary International
Chicken Barito Products

Hungry in the News

AmeriCorps Waste $240 Billion in Food Each Year
U.S. News & World Report

Feeding Change: An Ode to Volunteers on M.K. Day of Service. Thrive Global

How a 2020 Census Undercount Would Hurt Efforts to Fight Poverty in Dallas for the Next Decade. The Dallas Morning News

Nutrition Kitchen

Here are some resources for your guests on cooking with lentils:

• How to Prepare Lentil Video
• Lentil Basics
• Cauliflower and Lentil Curry Recipe
• Lentil Soup Recipe
• Sweet Potato, Lentil Soup Recipe

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