From the Desk of Dustin Hardison

As Harvester kicks off a new fiscal year, we’re looking for new agency representatives to help us grow and strengthen our network by serving on our Agency Advisory Council.

The commitment involves serving a two-year term, attending quarterly meetings, and giving practical input on operational aspects of agency capacity, interests, and issues. All agencies are invited to apply.

I was a member of the first Agency Advisory Council, and I highly recommend it. I learned more about food banks and the relationship to partner agencies than I could have imagined.

The relationships I developed were some of the most important I had during my time at a partner agency. I made the decision to serve, even though I knew I didn’t have the time, was unsure what to expect, and how important my representation would be on the council. After the first meeting, I knew I’d made the right choice and made serving a priority. Others agree.

“The best part of serving on Harvester’s Advisory Council is learning about other agencies and networking with the people behind the agencies that serve our community.”

Jill Tompkins, Kitchen Manager, Safe Home Agency Advisory Council Member

The first meeting will be September 12 from 9-10:30 a.m. Applications to be a member of the Advisory Council are due August 15. Meetings are held at both Harvesters locations in Topeka and Kansas City. Selections will be made to ensure adequate representation from our full-service area, program types, and program sizes.

Apply here.

Sincerely,

Dustin Hardison
Director of Agency Partnerships and Capacity

Collect Food for Your Agency

Harvesters invites partnering agencies to participate in the Our Community CAN food drive.

Harvesters will provide bags for the food drive as well as customizable labels. All food collected by your agency remains with you to distribute directly. Simply report the pounds received to Harvesters.

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Immigration Issues

If you are looking for information and resources on immigration guidance, please check out the Immigration Issues information on our Agency website.

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Transport Food Safely

Food safety is a priority at Harvesters and throughout our Agency Network. To comply with requirements of the Food Safety Modernization Act and Food Safety America, please remember, agencies are required to provide active (coolers with ice packs or refrigerated vehicles) or passive (insulated freezer blankets) refrigeration devices for the transportation of refrigerated or frozen foods picked up at Harvesters, regardless of distance.

If you do not have freezer blankets, you can purchase them through online ordering on Harvesters Express. They are available in two different sizes.

Hunger in the News

Why Are Many of America’s Military Families Going Hungry? [NBC News]

Dollar Sizes Are Everywhere. That’s A Problem for Poor Americans [G/O]

Many College Students Are Too Poor to Eat [The Atlantic]


Product Recall

Flower Foods Issues Voluntary Recall of Hamburger and Hot Dog Buns

Making America Announces Voluntary Recall of Select Varieties of Baguette Sauce

Kroger Recalls Select Frozen Private Selection Berries for Possible Health Risk

Older recall notices can be found here.

Check out these seasonal recipes:

Stir Fry Salad

Rainbow Pasta Salad

Green Goddess Dressing With Waffle Chips

Nutrition Kitchen

Regional Meetings/Webinars

In response to feedback received at the agency conferences, Harvesters will offer a series of regional meetings for network partners starting in the next couple months. Our goal is to make them more convenient for you to attend and more conducive to conversations and networking. All meetings will have the same conversation topics.

We also plan to offer several webinars throughout the year on a wide variety of subjects.

Watch for more details coming soon on both of these.

Healthy Program Partnerships

Are you looking for ideas on how to improve your pantry setup or create cues to help your clients make healthier choices?

Then check out the Healthy Program Partnership. We’re still accepting applications for the short-term and long-term partnerships. Learn more and sign up below.

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