October 2019 Agency e-newsletter

From the Desk of Dustin Hardison

Thank you for participating in the regional meetings we held last month. It was great to see many of you and to receive your feedback. Highlights from the meeting in the news blurs below.

As you know, September was Hunger Action Month, and I want to recognize some agencies that helped us with media stories. Bishop Sullivan Center – Dining with Dignity (Doug Langner), After the Harvest - cleaning (Lisa Osley and Sandy Vivenzio), Kids Cafe with Youth Ambassadors at the De La Salle Center (Malory Gobeli), and Clay County Public Health Mobile Pantry.

(Gary Zaborzcz and Kelsey Nehl)

Harvesters is proud to highlight the good work of our Agency Partners. If you have a story you would like to share, please send it to me directly or post to our Agency Facebook page. If you haven’t joined the Facebook group for Harvesters’ Network of Agencies, please request to join at https://www.facebook.com/groups/790479934283067.

We appreciate all you do for the hungry in our communities. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at dhardison@harvesters.org.

Sincerely,

Dustin Hardison
Director of Agency Partnerships and Capacity

Holiday Meats

The holiday meat distribution for 2019 was discussed during the regional meetings. More information about this distribution and what agencies need to do can be found by clicking here.

There also is a webinar available about this program. To view the webinar, please complete the form found at https://www.harvesters.org/Agencies/Webinar- 2019-Holiday-Meat-Program.

Read More

Disaster Response

During the regional meetings we discussed how Harvesters responds to disasters. We’re a part of a multistate disaster response cohort. We are starting to organize a Disaster Agency Network and would like to have agency contacts in each county in our service area. Participating agencies would distribute food and cleaning kits provided by Harvesters. If you would like to learn more, please contact Agency Services at customercare@harvesters.org.

New Members Join Advisory Council

Welcome to our new Agency Advisory Council members: Erin Bishop, Cats Cupboard; William Cunningham, ECAN; Kathy Lincoln, EGAT; Leta Grom, Lexington Food Pantry; DeOnne Schaller, Community Food Pantry; Angela McMillan, Preserving US, Inc.; Kevin Howard, Heartland Community Church; Mary Morgan, Kansas City Veterans Administration Medical Center; Melodie Chrieman, Community Services League; Michelle Allen, Community Action, Inc.; and Karen Whitson, New Haven SDA Church. We are delighted to have you on board!

They join returning members: Channell Zak, Bishop Sullivan Center; Carolyn McNeel, City Union Mission; Julia Istraila, Guardian Angels Church; Jerold Norris, Heart of America Ministries; Darrell Cantrell, Independence Blvd.; Christian Church; Gary Moore, Life City Church; Julie McCaw, Redemption Social Services Center; Gerald Palmer, Eaton Center; Sterling Roach, St. Paul's Episcopal Church; Erin Eaton, The Salvation Army Children's Shelter; and Jennifer Chappel, Good Samaritan Center.

The Agency Advisory Council gives practical input on operational aspects of agency capacity, interests, and issues.

Meet the Team

Liz Burney is a new member of the Agency Services Team. Liz is working with our agency partners in Jackson County. She loves tacos, enjoys soccer and running, and served at Harvesters last year as one of our Americorps members. Liz can be reached at eburney@harvesters.org.

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