

*Helping Families
Keep Food on the Table*



Food Bank
of Central New York

hunger & hope



FOOD BANK OF CENTRAL NEW YORK is a not-for-profit organization working to eliminate hunger through nutritious food distribution, education, and advocacy in cooperation with the community. The Food Bank is the primary food supplier for 280 emergency food programs in our eleven county service region of central and northern New York.

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Executive Director's Message



Sunny days and summer breezes, just the way summer should be! Our Summer Feeding sites have been busy providing breakfast and lunch to children out of school and our Mobile Food Pantry has expanded distributions to 10 sites in five counties.

Throughout the year we work with our 443 partner agencies to provide 12.5 million meals across our eleven county service area. We are able to do this because of strong partnerships with donors and supporters that range from local and national companies, wholesale to retailers, and farmers and growers.

This issue highlights some of the work we are doing to provide wholesome food to individuals and families in need, including working with elected officials on legislation that affects our work and the people we serve.

We would not be able continue our work without your support. Thank you for believing in our mission. Together we can solve hunger!

Warmest regards,

Kathleen

CNY CARES COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP

Food Bank of Central New York established a new partnership with the Central New York Care Collaborative (CNY Cares) more than a year ago. Through a New York State initiative called DSRIP (Delivery System Reform Incentive Plan), CNY Cares works to improve the coordination of healthcare services, enhance the quality of service, and create an overall better system of care for Medicaid patients. By participating in specific projects, coalition meetings, and learning collaboratives hosted by CNY Cares, the Food Bank has connected with healthcare and community based service providers. This valuable partnership has allowed the Food Bank to learn about the range of healthcare services in the community, engage in discussions about how to meet individuals' medical and social needs, and raise awareness of other organizations about the Food Bank's role in the health of the low income population.



ADVOCATING FOR HUNGRY FAMILIES

The Farm Bill establishes policy around some of the largest, most meaningful programs affecting the Food Bank and the individuals and families in need of food: The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). It sets U.S. food and farm priorities by funding programs that provide a safety net for agricultural producers and for low income Americans. The current legislation is set to expire on September 30, 2018.

The Food Bank receives nutritious food through TEFAP which we distribute to our eligible partner agencies at no cost. Additionally, we receive funds to help offset a portion of our expenses for the storage and distribution of TEFAP food. The amount of funding for TEFAP food as well as for storage and distribution is outlined in the Farm Bill.

SNAP is the largest nutrition assistance program and works by providing monthly benefits for low income people to purchase groceries through SNAP eligible retailers like their local farmers' markets, grocery stores, and even their Food Bank Food \$en\$e site. The Farm Bill establishes SNAP eligibility, benefit levels, and program access. SNAP bridges the gap for millions of children, seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities in America who are facing tough times and struggling to put food on the table.

We've been communicating regularly with Members of Congress within our service area, including Reps. John Katko, Claudia Tenney, and Elise Stefanik, to ensure they understand fully the negative impact the policy proposals the House Farm Bill would have. We applaud Rep. Katko for voting against the bill, knowing it would take food off the table of families in need.

As the process moves forward, we continue to educate and engage our network on opportunities to advocate for the strengthening and protection of SNAP and TEFAP. Our Paper Plate Project provides program guests with the chance to share a message with their legislators. We've continued our Advocacy Education Series, offering in-person trainings on topics ranging from Advocacy 101 and how to be an advocate, as well as an in-depth look at the Farm Bill. Follow the Food Bank on social media for calls to action with steps that you can take to protect the programs supporting our mission.

SAVORSYRACUSE AND GOLF OPEN

Our annual SavorSyracuse event was held on April 12 in the Grand Ballroom of the Marriott Downtown Syracuse. More than 350 guests enjoyed delicious food and drink from local restaurants, caterers, breweries, and wineries. We thank all those that attended and our sponsors Delta Air Lines, Wegmans, Welch Allyn, TOPS Friendly Markets, The Image Press, and Exelon Corporation. Save the date for our next SavorSyracuse on Thursday, April 11, 2019.

On July 10, we hosted our sold out Golf Open at Camillus Hills Golf Club. We thank the 152 golfers who enjoyed a day on the course while helping to raise funds for our mission. Our presenting sponsors for the Golf Open were Dunkin' Donuts and Delta Air Lines. Save the date for our next Golf Open on Tuesday, July 9, 2019.



SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

With school out for the summer, many families worry about how they will feed their children, who typically receive free or reduced price breakfasts and lunches during the school year.

Fortunately, there is the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), a federal child nutrition program that helps fill the meal gap for school age children during the summer. As an SFSP sponsor, the Food Bank provides nutritious meals at youth programs that offer educational, recreational, and physical activities.

During the summer of 2017, the Food Bank provided 23,816 meals to an estimated 725 children at 15 sites in Onondaga, Cayuga, St. Lawrence, and Lewis counties. One of the SFSP sites the Food Bank sponsored in 2017 was Booker T. Washington Community Center, a program located in Auburn which served 4,267 meals.



This summer, we expect to help close the summer hunger gap by sponsoring 17 sites and providing more than 24,000 meals to approximately 750 children.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 9: Paddle for the Pantry

August 18: BaconFest

August 31: New York State Fair Parade

September: Hunger Action Month

September 23: If Music Be the Food Concert

October-December: Neighborhood Food & Fund Drive Challenge

December 14: Food for Families at TOPS Friendly Markets

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