

# Agency Newsletter



January 2019

Letter From the Director's Desk:

Happy New Year! I hope you've enjoyed wonderful holidays. The long cold days of winter begin now, which is yet another challenge for those in need. The coming of winter (high heating bills, etc.) tend to add to difficulties for those struggling to make ends meet. I appreciate all you do to work with us to provide food for all of those in need.

Also be sure to mark your calendars: Empty Bowls 2019 is February 1 at the Delta Hotels Center! You should have received the information via email and/or by the mailed invitation. Or, of course, you can visit our website. This year we are happy to share that our presenting sponsor is Seaboard Triumph Foods (THANK YOU!). Tickets are already on sale, so call us now to make your reservations. We are looking forward to our evening of dinner (soup, bread, dessert), the silent and live auction, the live harp music provided by Mary Watts, the Koated Kernels popcorn bar, and of course the beautiful hand-crafted bowls. Remember that you can support this event by attending, by donating an auction item, by volunteering to help during the evening, or by making a donation to Empty Bowls. And, of course, when we have a successful event, it benefits all of our agency partners and those in need. So let me say "Thank You" in advance for helping to make our 15th Annual Empty Bowls a success!

Thank you to each of you for all the great work you do. I believe feeding the needy is more than just our business — it is our passion. Thank you for joining us.

Linda



### **Agency Reminders**

2018 starts a new inspection year. Remember that every year, your agency is inspected to insure it is up-to-date on ServSafe food safety. Additionally, if your agency receives TEFAP/Commodity products, staff or volunteers who hand out food must review Civil Rights training once a year. All information can be found on the Food Bank webpage.

Early note: please mark your calendars the Food Bank will be closed on Monday, February 18, for Presidents Day.

#### Warehouse Notes

Please remember the warehouse is not open for business (i.e. pickups or shopping off the shelf) until <u>9:00 a.m</u>. Please ask for assistance in the walk in cooler (as not all product there may be available for off the shelf shopping). <u>We have increased the weekly limit to 100 pounds in the shopping area, so please take advantage!</u> Produce has NO limit, so please take as much as your agency can use. The garage and lift might be slippery, so please be aware. Finally, <u>PLEASE</u> ring the bell if you leave cardboard to recycle. Thank you for the help!

## Featured Products

1) Latin Rice:

29 lbs., Prod. Ref. #123, Shared Maintenance \$5.22 This case contains 36, 13.8 ounce units of rice. The

product is packed in Omaha, and is a flavorful take on rice. Order some today to spice up your agency's shelves!

#### 2) Chicken, Breaded & Uncooked:

13 lbs. Case; Contains 5, 2.5 lbs. pkgs.; Prod Ref #15596; Shared Maintenance \$2.34

This product was a donation from Tyson, then repacked by a partner of the Food Bank for easier distribution. It is easy to hand out, easy to cook by either fryer, oven, or stove, and has a low shared maintenance per unit. Order some today

PLEASE INCLUDE: agency name and number on all correspondence! PHONE: 712-255-9741

EMAILS: Jennie at operations@siouxlandfoodbank.org or Jake at jacob@siouxlandfoodbank.org
Office hours are 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Orders must be placed by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) or it will be sidered "received" on the following business day (i.e. Order Monday at Noon for Wednesday).

<u>Warehouse hours</u> are 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Agencies may pick up orders or shop our "Off the Shelf" section during warehouse hours only. 100 pound limit on dry & diary; Produce is unlimited.