



April 2017

**HUNGER WON'T
WIN HERE.**

NETWORK NEWS

Something

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IS HAPPENING

The FoodBank will be announcing a

NEW BRAND IDENTITY

We want to invite you to an

EXCLUSIVE PREVIEW PRESENTATION

This will be revealed at our annual
USDA/TEFAP Meeting

We will also be introducing the
New Partner Portal.

Please keep an eye out for your invitation and RSVP so we can ensure that all our partners are in the know prior to the public announcement, which will take place on May 23rd. You may also choose to attend the official unveiling.

FoodBank Closures

The FoodBank will be closed on **Friday, April 14th** in observance of Good Friday and **Monday, May 29th** in observance of Memorial Day. ***Remember, this means that you should not count these days when figuring out when you need to place your orders. Questions? Please contact the NET at net@foodbankmoc.org*



Stamp Out Hunger

On Saturday, May 13th, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) will be collecting non-perishable donations from homes as they deliver mail along their postal routes. According to the NALC, "Stamp Out Hunger" is the largest one-day food drive in the nation. Stay tuned for more information about picking up food in your area, or ordering PO Boxes directly from our shopping list.

To inquire about this food drive, or if you have any questions, please contact the NET: net@foodbankmoc.org.

Member Trainings

Safe Food Handling

Thursday, April 13th, 2017, 2:30 pm
3300 Route 66, Neptune Monday, June 5th, 2017, 2:30pm

Tuesday, May 2nd 2017, 2:30pm
The BEAT Center-1769 Hooper Ave, Toms River

Must be completed at least every three years. *If you are unsure of your expiration please contact the NET, as programs with an expired certification will be placed on hold until it is renewed.* If your agency has had turnover of staff or volunteers, training must be completed as soon as possible for those new representatives.

Agency Express

Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 10 am
At the BEAT Center location

If you plan to attend, please make arrangements to bring your own laptop or tablet to use. The Agency Express Manual and Reference Sheet can be sent to you by contacting the NET.

PLEASE EMAIL THE NET OFFICE TO RSVP TO ALL TRAININGS. INCLUDE NAMES, CONTACT NUMBER, AND PROGRAM NAME.



MANDATORY UPDATE MEETINGS FOR USDA/TEFAP

If your program receives USDA/TEFAP and SFPP food, a representative from your group is **REQUIRED** to attend an annual update meeting as outlined in your USDA/TEFAP and SFPP agreements. We have two meetings scheduled in May as follows:

Monday, May 15th at 1 pm
Salvation Army, 1738 Route 37, Toms River

Thursday, May 18th at 2 pm
Camp Oakhurst
111 Monmouth Rd., Oakhurst, NJ

PLEASE RSVP BY CONTACTING THE NET
AT 732-643-5889 OR

EMAIL net@foodbankmoc.org.

Spring Eats: Asparagus and Potato Chowder

Eating what's in season is a great way to get your fruits and vegetables at their best, while also saving money. Asparagus is a delicious springtime vegetable. It is also an excellent source of folate and vitamin K. Look for it at your local supermarket this spring.

Ingredients

- 1 Tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 cups fresh or frozen asparagus, chopped
- 1 large potato, peeled and diced
- 3 cups low-sodium chicken or vegetable broth
- 1 can (15 ounces) cream-style corn
- 1 cup peas, frozen or canned and drained
- Salt and Pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup grated cheddar cheese

Directions

1. Heat oil in large pot over medium heat (300 degrees in an electric skillet). Sauté onion, asparagus and potato until soft, about 10 minutes.
2. Add chicken or vegetable broth and corn. Cover and simmer until potato is tender, about 10 minutes.
3. Add peas and simmer 2 to 3 more minutes.

Welcome Dana!

Dana Van Houten began volunteering with the FoodBank while completing her undergraduate degree in Cultural Anthropology at Monmouth University, where she focused her studies on food systems and how health practices vary around the world. As of Wednesday, March 8th, she joined our team as part of our Network Engagement Team (NET) as a NET Associate. Dana thrives off meeting and communicating with new people, and looks forward to becoming an integral member of our staff. She can be reached at dvanhouten@foodbankmoc.org, or at ext. 5873.