

**Second Harvest Partner Newsletter
May 2016**

GOT SNAP?

Second Harvest is stepping up its partnership with member agencies to encourage and facilitate SNAP application assistance. Pictured here is our very talented (and bilingual!) Elizabeth Bobo answering questions and explaining SNAP last month at the Mexican Consulate in New Orleans. The consulate office will begin offering monthly in-person SNAP application assistance to Spanish-speaking clients, providing another invaluable resource to our community.



If your agency would like to receive SNAP training, we have openings for upcoming training sessions. Please contact Elizabeth at 504.729.6352 or ebobo@secondharvest.org.

NEW: FY17 USDA INCOME GUIDELINES

The Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry just released income guidelines for all agencies that distribute USDA TEFAP food between July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017.

Under the new guidelines, combined gross household income must meet the following criteria (130% of the federal poverty guidelines). Please update your handbooks, inform your volunteers and plan to insert into your 10-file folder system, folder #6, when we post the official memo in June.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	MONTHLY INCOME LESS THAN:	YEARLY INCOME LESS THAN:
1	\$1,287	\$15,444
2	\$1,736	\$20,826
3	\$2,184	\$26,208
4	\$2,633	\$31,590
5	\$3,081	\$36,972
6	\$3,529	\$42,354
7	\$3,980	\$47,749
8	\$4,430	\$53,157
For each additional family member add:	\$451	\$5,408

FY17 DONATED FOOD INCOME GUIDELINES

For donated food, remember eligibility is 200% of federal poverty guidelines. Please follow this chart when distributing retail, donated, purchased and other non-government food in FY17.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	MONTHLY INCOME LESS THAN:	YEARLY INCOME LESS THAN:
1	\$1,980	\$23,760
2	\$2,670	\$32,040
3	\$3,360	\$40,320
4	\$4,050	\$48,600
5	\$4,740	\$56,880
6	\$5,430	\$65,160
7	\$6,122	\$73,460
8	\$6,815	\$81,780
For each additional family member add:	\$693	\$8,320

SAVE ON HARVEST WHOLESALE

The following Harvest Wholesale items are on sale in May. For questions or requests for Harvest Wholesale, please contact Megan Nuismer at 504.729.6338 or mnuismer@secondharvest.org.

Item	Case	Original Price	Sale Price
Mashed Potatoes	12/6 oz	Was \$10.45	Now \$9.50
Canned Sweet Potatoes	24/15 oz	Was \$16.89	Now \$16.00
Wide Egg Noodles	12/12 oz	Was \$10.51	Now \$8.75
All-Purpose Baking Mix	12/16 oz	Was \$11.50	Now \$10.50
Meat-Flavored Pasta Sauce	12/24 oz	Was \$13.00	Now \$12.40
Chicken Stuffing	12/5 oz	Was \$10.99	Now \$10.00

COMMUNITY ACTION AWARENESS MONTH

Our friends at SMILE Community Action Agency based in Lafayette are presenting a series on poverty every Thursday in May in celebration of Community Action Awareness Month. Here is the general schedule, but please call ahead at 337.234.3272 to verify location, time and other details:

- **May 5:** ALICE report released, “Are You Programmed” seminar with Amerigroup at the Lafayette Parish Sheriff’s Office
- **May 12:** “A Day in the Life of Poverty” presented by Total Community Action in New Orleans at the Cecil J. Picard Center in Lafayette
- **May 19:** “Poverty Summit” at Clifton Chenier Center in Lafayette
- **May 26:** “Understanding the Dynamics of Poverty” presented by Hope Ministries at South Louisiana Community College in Lafayette

NEW ORLEANS: SAVE THE DATE:

Please spread the word to your clients about our next health fair:

- **Second Line to Health Fair at St. Thomas Community Health Center:** Saturday, June 25, 10 a.m.- 1p.m. at 1936 Magazine St. In addition to a free box of produce for every family, we will have more than 20 vendors on site and free health screenings, physicals and referrals. Contact Kate McDonald at 504.729.2840 or kmcdonald@secondharvest.org for more information.

LAFAYETTE: WE’RE HIRING

Check out this [exciting job opening](#) for a customer service representative based out of the Lafayette warehouse. We are looking for a friendly face to serve our Lafayette and Lake Charles partners and programs. Please spread the word!

SUMMER FEEDING IS ALMOST HERE

If your church or organization wants to feed kids this summer, don’t delay. Click [HERE](#) to apply today. We still have openings in greater New Orleans only. You can participate in meal and/or snack service in conjunction with a summer program or on your own as an “open site” to hungry kids 18 and under, June-August. For questions, contact Tanya O’Reilly at 504.729.2842 or toreilly@secondharvest.org.

ARE YOU THE WINNER?

Let your coordinator know if you are the lucky winner. We will mail you a gift card and special prize.

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PANTRYTRAK HAS STARTED

Trainings for phase one pilot pantries have begun, and we have four agencies using the paperless system, with many more to come.

If you want to participate in phase two this summer, contact your coordinator today.

If you want to check it out, here is the information to access our PantryTrak demonstration account:

- <https://demo.pantrytrak.com/login.php>
User Name: demo@lafoodbanks
Password: m@rdigras!