

Happenings

a newsletter
for member agencies

Food Bank policies keep frozen food safe to eat

We continue to have issues with agencies not following procedures in regards to the handling of frozen products (meats). We are committed to ensuring the safety and integrity of all products from the time the product arrives at the Food Bank through its distribution. As the summer months approach, it is going to be of the utmost importance that ALL agencies adhere to the following procedures.

All agencies are required to have either a cooler or an insulated freezer bag. If you bring a cooler, the lid must be closed on the cooler. If you bring an insulated freezer bag, the zipper must be able to zip and close the bag, making the meat secure inside. Absolutely no meat will leave the Food Bank in a cooler without the lid shut completely or in an insulated bag that is not zipped completely closed.

All agencies must bring coolers or insulated freezer bags in the building with them while they are selecting items to share. Agencies are strictly prohibited from putting meat in boxes, grocery carts or on the shopping carts. **ALL COOLERS OR FREEZER BAGS MUST BE INSIDE THE BUILDING IN ORDER TO SHARE OUT FROZEN MEATS!**

Any agency that does not follow these procedures will be asked to return the product, and the agency account may be suspended due to not following procedures set forth by the Second Harvest Food Bank of North Florida. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this matter.

PRODUCT RECALL INFORMATION

- * Torres Hillsdale Country Cheese - Oaxaca Cheese (4/22)
- * Walgreens - Deerfield Farms Mediterranean Fruit and Nut Blend (4/21)
- * Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc. clarifies ID codes of recalled wholesale products (4/20)
- * Amalgamated Produce, Inc. - Crunchy Sprouts in Northeastern United States (4/18)



Member agencies are required to have coolers (above) or freezer bags in order to transport frozen products.

- * Ivar's Soup, Seafood and Sauce - Turkey Soup Products (4/17)
- * Jeppi Nut and Candy Company - Natural Pistachios (4/17)
- * L and H Industries - Nutty Nanner Product (4/17)
- * Papa Joes Gourmet Market and Catering Stores - Pistachio Recall (4/16)
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- * Whole Foods Market South Region - Bulk Pistachio Products (4/15)

► See <http://www.fda.gov> for more information and a list of recent recalls.

FOOD SAFETY TIPS:

Safe steps in food handling, cooking, and storage are essential to prevent food borne illness. You cannot see, smell or taste harmful bacteria that may cause illness. In every step of food preparation, follow the four Fight BAC!™ guidelines to keep food safe: Always,

- * Clean – Wash hands and surfaces often.
- * Separate – Don't cross-contaminate.
- * Cook – Cook to proper temperatures.
- * Chill – Refrigerate promptly.

Refrigeration Temperature: 40 to 35 degrees

Freezer Temperature: 0 to minus-10 degrees

Second Harvest Hours of Operation

Mon.-Thurs..... 7:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Fridays..... 7:15 a.m.-noon

Non-Discrimination Statement (USDA)

Agencies are required to include the USDA non-discrimination statement on all publications, Web sites, etc.

► See <http://www.WeNourishHope.org/partners> to copy the Non-Discrimination Statement and to learn about other USDA updates.

Agency E-Mail Addresses

It is very important to have an e-mail address for all our agencies. This is a quick and efficient way to notify agencies of product recalls, new product arrivals (hotsheets) and other important information. If your agency does not have an e-mail address, we can also send information by fax. Please contact Sandy at 904.353.3663 or by e-mail at smanasco@WeNourishHope.org to add or update your agency e-mail address or fax number.

Kids Cafe Summer Meals Program

Kids Cafe is still taking applications for the Summer Meals Program. The program is designed to provide children hot and nutritious meals during the summer months while school is out. All food and beverages, paper products, serving utensils is provided all at no fee. This is a great opportunity to feed children throughout the summer, absolutely free. If your organization is interested in participating or would like more information, please contact the food bank at 904.353.3663 ext. 238.

What do parents do when there's not enough food for everyone in the family? They feed their children first.

The mission of the Second Harvest Food Bank of North Florida is to distribute food and grocery products to hungry people and to educate the public about the causes and possible solutions to problems of domestic hunger.



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► To learn more, see <http://www.WeNourishHope.org/how-to-help>.

TAKE A BITE OUT OF HUNGER AT THE ANNUAL FOODFIGHT

Each year, volunteers representing the local restaurant community host an event called "The Jacksonville FOODFIGHT" that features 50 of Jacksonville's finest restaurants and beverage wholesalers/distributors who are engaged in a friendly competition to "take a bite out of hunger." The Jacksonville FOODFIGHT will take place this year on Thursday, June 4, to raise funds and awareness for the Second Harvest Food Bank of North Florida. More than 1,000 guests are tempted to taste everything they see from the glorious variety of the finest foods and spirits displayed throughout two floors of the fabulous Crown Royal Touchdown Club East in Jacksonville Municipal Stadium. Live musical entertainment, a silent auction and an exciting raffle round out the evening.

Concern about having enough money to pay for basic living needs is a real problem for at least 12 percent of the people in the Jacksonville

area because they live in poverty. As the economy worsens, an increasing number of people in our community are forced to make the hard choice between eating and paying their rent or mortgage. Especially vulnerable are the working poor and their families. In the Jacksonville area, one in six children (more than 90,000) are at risk of going to bed without dinner each night. For every dollar raised, the Food Bank can rescue \$53 worth of food and distribute it to more than 520 member agencies that feed these families in need. Since 1989, the Jacksonville FOODFIGHT has raised more than \$850,000 in the fight against hunger.

General Admission tickets are \$50, and VIP tickets are \$75. They may be purchased by visiting www.JacksonvilleFoodFight.org or calling 904.739.7074.

► See additional events at <http://www.WeNourishHope.org/news-and-events>.