



St. Louis Area Foodbank

Setting the Table

A NEWSLETTER FOR PARTNER AGENCIES OF THE
ST. LOUIS AREA FOODBANK

May 2007

ALL-AGENCY CONFERENCE SET FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2007 AT NEW ST. LOUIS AREA FOODBANK FACILITY

When: **Wednesday, June 27, 2007**
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Where: St. Louis Area Foodbank
70 Corporate Woods Drive
St. Louis, MO 63044

Fee: \$20 per person
As an added benefit, half of conference fees paid this year will be applied as credit for product available at the St. Louis Area Foodbank!

For instance, if your agency pays \$40 in conference fees for 2 representatives to attend, your agency will receive a credit for \$20 in future product!

RSVP: By Tuesday, June 05, 2007

SEE INSIDE FOR CONFERENCE DETAILS & REGISTRATION INFORMATION.

FOODBANK CLOSED MAY 21 - JUNE 04, 2007

The St. Louis Area Foodbank will be closed Monday, May 21 - Monday, June 04, 2007 in order to move from the St. Louis Avenue location to the new facility.

We will re-open at the the new facility located at 70 Corporate Woods Drive, St. Louis, MO 63044 at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 05, 2007 in recognition of National Hunger Awareness Day.

For directions, please refer to your April Agency Newsletter or visit www.stlfoodbank.org/members for information.



Blunt Signs Legislation to Benefit Local Food Pantries

JEFFERSON CITY - On May 1, 2007, Gov. Matt Blunt signed legislation that will help keep shelves stocked at local food pantries. House Bill 453, sponsored by Speaker Rod Jetton, authorizes income tax credits for donations to local food pantries.

"Missourians are very generous when it comes to helping their neighbors during their times of need," Blunt said. "This legislation rewards that generosity by offering incentives to Missourians who help feed the hungry by donating to their local food pantries. This legislation will help support the excellent services Missouri's food pantries provide."

The bill authorizes a tax credit that equals one-half of the food or monetary gift and cannot exceed \$2,500. The total amount of tax credits issued each year will be limited to \$2 million.

House Bill 453 also revises the Residential Treatment Agency Tax Credit so that eligible donations to a state agency that provides residential treatment services to children can include monetary gifts, publicly traded stocks and bonds, and real estate.

Last year the governor signed legislation providing new protections for grocery and convenience stores that donate canned and perishable food items to charity and nonprofit organizations. The legislation enables grocery and convenience stores to donate food to organizations that offer free distribution without fear of being subject to criminal penalties or civil damages because of the condition of the food, unless an injury is related to the gross negligence, recklessness or intentional misconduct of the grocery or convenience store.

Thanks to all who attended Hunger Advocacy Day in Jefferson City this past April to encourage our legislators to pass this bill! Our efforts make a difference!

CONFERENCE DETAILS & REGISTRATION

7:30 - 8:30 REGISTRATION

12 - 1:00 Lunch

8:30 - 9:15 GENERAL SESSION - Panel Discussion

1:15 - 2:15

9:30 - 10:30

- Energy Conservation and Weatherization
- Business Etiquette 101
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2:30 - 3:30

- The Importance of Advocacy
- Business Etiquette 101
- Register your agency for online ordering

Note: At the conclusion of the conference, a brief tour of the "new" St. Louis Area Foodbank will be given to all interested.

ABOUT THE SESSIONS

General Session (Foodbank Staff): A free-flowing discussion about topics important to our shared mission of feeding hungry people.

Energy Conservation & Weatherization (Rich Krueger of Community Action Agency): Energy efficiency is a critical issue for affordable housing. The cost of heating and cooling a home is the highest cost of ownership outside of the mortgage loan. CAASTLC offers a home energy rating service designed to reduce a home's energy costs by lowering the amount of energy usage. The purpose of this service is to increase home ownership while fostering housing that is more comfortable, of higher quality, and more affordable to own.

The Weatherization Assistance Program is designed to reduce the impact of high home energy costs for low-income residents by implementing energy-efficient measures that may include reducing air infiltration, installing insulation, heating system replacement, water heater tank upgrade, and minimal building envelope repairs.

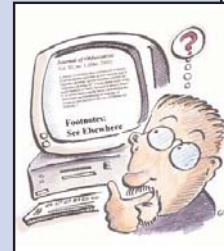
Business Etiquette 101 (Melenie Broyles of Etiquette Saint Louis): Proper etiquette and professional appearances are important to anyone in the business world. Well-mannered and confident professionals leave the longest impressions upon clients; therefore, executives today must be well-versed in real manners and business etiquette. Gracious manners are not only about where to place one's fork, but also about how to treat others



in a competitive world. The consideration and prudence with which people treat each other is the hallmark of an outstanding company, and real manners are a reliable key to establishing solid interpersonal relationships. Men and women are more confident and self-assured when they know what to do, when to do it, and why it has to be done.

The Importance of Advocacy (Speakers TBA): Advocacy plays an important role in our ability to feed hungry people. Discover how to advocate and why your agency should.

Training for New Foodbank Online Ordering System (Foodbank Staff): The overwhelming reason for acquiring a new facility was because our St. Louis Avenue location did not provide adequate dry or cold storage space to accept all available food items. With our new 92,000-square-foot facility in the Earth City Business Park, that will no longer be an issue. However, due to the size of the floor space, making every item we have available on a "shopping" basis would be too difficult. Each agency representative would have to walk a mile in order to see everything available.



So, to make it easier on you - our partners - we've taken strides to make our inventory available online. You'll be able to sign-in, review all available inventory, and order what your agency would like. Then, when you arrive to pick up your order, it will be waiting for you on a pallet which will be delivered to your car/truck/van by a Foodbank warehouse associate.

The process of online ordering has become popular for similar food banks across the country. Therefore, the details have already been developed and enhanced.

Missouri USDA Training (Foodbank Staff): All Missouri USDA agencies must attend at least one USDA training session annually. Topics include USDA food distribution practices and discrimination policies. For questions, please contact Anitra Jynes at 314-292-5387 or via e-mail at ajynes@stlfoodbank.org.

COMPLETE FORM AND SEND ALONG WITH PAYMENT TO THE ADDRESS BELOW.

Please contact any person listed below with questions:

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To register, simply complete the information below and send along with a check for the full amount due made payable to St. Louis Area Foodbank to:

St. Louis Area Foodbank
Attn: Karen Dennis
70 Corporate Woods Drive
St. Louis, MO 63044

**BE SURE TO RSVP BY
TUESDAY, JUNE 05, 2007!**

Name of Attendee(s): _____ Agency Name/Number: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____ Amount Enclosed (\$20 per person): _____

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Foodbank Tour

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