



St. Louis Area Foodbank

# Setting the Table

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

November 2007

## FREE! FRESH PRODUCE

The St. Louis Area Foodbank has established a FREE fresh bagged produce program for ALL member agencies.



We consistently have fresh bags of potatoes, carrots, oranges; apples, etc. available at **no shared maintenance or handling fees.**



These fresh items are not second hand items - they are directly from the grower and have a much longer shelf life than traditional produce donations.

Again, all these items are always available at **no shared maintenance or handling fees.** To order, visit the St. Louis Area Foodbank's online ordering program. See page 2 inside for details on how to register.

### CLOSED FOR YEAR-END INVENTORY RECONCILIATION

*We will be closed from Mon., December 24, 2007 through Tues., January 8, 2008 for required inventory reconciliation.*

*We will re-open distribution to agencies at 8:00 a.m. on Wed., January, 9, 2008.*

## HOLIDAY DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE

The Foodbank will be closed Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23, 2007 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Therefore, all online orders placed on or after Wednesday, November 21, we are requiring 2 (two) business days between your order date and your pick-up date.

### ORDER DATE

WED., NOV. 21  
THURS., NOV. 22  
FRI., NOV. 23  
SAT., NOV. 24  
SUN., NOV. 25  
MON., NOV. 26

### 1ST AVAILABLE PICK-UP DATE

WED., NOV. 28  
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Please remember that online orders will not be able to confirmed until Monday, Nov., 26 at the earliest. We will resume the standard order/pick-up day schedule starting Monday, November 26, 2007 which only requires 1 (one) business day.

## FOODBANK ONLINE ORDERING SYSTEM PROVIDES 24-HOUR SHOPPING FOR MEMBER AGENCIES

As many of you already know, the Foodbank began enrollment into our new web-based online ordering system in June 2007. Those already enrolled have reported back to us that the system is accurate and easy to use.

In the past, the Foodbank has accepted fax orders for agencies that already get USDA deliveries. However, beginning September 1, 2007 we will discontinue this option and require that all orders be made online.

As always, agencies will still have the option of visiting the Foodbank to shop for items on the floor. However, because most items are racked throughout our warehouse, not every inventory item will be available for floor shopping. On the other hand, everything we have stored throughout the facility will be available online.

If you haven't already enrolled, please send an **e-mail** to **TDONOVAN@STLFOODBANK.ORG** to register.



### Steps to ordering online:

Visit the St. Louis Area Foodbank's website at [www.stlfoodbank.org](http://www.stlfoodbank.org) and click on the "Members Area" link on the left side of the page.

From there, you can click on the "Agency Express" link where you can log in and browse the Foodbank's available inventory.

Once you submit your online order, you will receive an e-mail letting you know it was received. However, your order is not final until you receive a confirmation e-mail. If you place your order before noon, Monday - Friday, it will be confirmed prior to the end of the day. If you place your order after noon, Monday - Friday, it will be confirmed by noon the following business day.

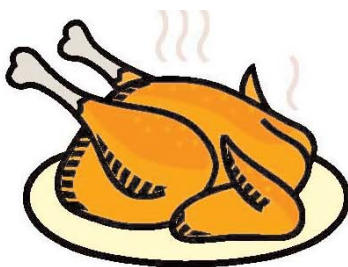
Please remember that the Foodbank requires at least one business day between the order and pick-up date. For instance, if you place your order on a Monday, the first available day for pick-up would be Wednesday. If you place your order on a Friday, the first available day for pick-up would be Tuesday.

**Deliveries:** We currently provide delivery of online orders to those agencies that are already receiving monthly USDA deliveries so long as there is room on the truck for your order. We will introduce soon a delivery option for non-USDA agencies as well (nominal fee included).

For questions, please contact:

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## ATTENTION AGENCIES

**THE HOLIDAY CHICKENS ARE IN!**

**AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.**

### **ORDERING INFO:**

- ABOUT 12 CHICKENS PER CASE
- EACH CHICKEN WEIGHING ABOUT 4LBS
- 10 CASE LIMIT PER AGENCY
- \$21.00 PER CASE
- ALL ORDERS MUST BE PICKED UP BY 12/21/07.

**HOLIDAY CHICKENS MUST BE PAID FOR UPON PICK UP WITH AN AGENCY CHECK SEPARATE FROM ANY OTHER ITEMS.**

ALL HOLIDAY CHICKEN ORDERS MAY BE PLACED THROUGH THE ON-LINE ORDERING SYSTEM ONLY. LOG INTO AGENCY EXPRESS FROM THE MEMBERS' AREA OF THE FOODBANK WEBSITE: [WWW.STLFOODBANK.ORG/MEMBERS](http://WWW.STLFOODBANK.ORG/MEMBERS)

THANK YOU,

ST. LOUIS AREA FOODBANK STAFF

### **Sampling of DONATED items distributed during September and October that were available to ALL agencies:**

- \* Chicken Spring Rolls
- \* Grapefruit
- \* Oranges
- \* Cooking Spray
- \* Assorted Salvage (27,000 lbs.)
- \* Minute Maid Apple Juice
- \* Fruit Punch
- \* Pepperoni Pizza (11,000 lbs.)
- \* Garlic Breadsticks
- \* Three Meat Pizza (28,000 lbs.)
- \* Pepperidge Farm Stuffing
- \* Freschetta Pizza Crust
- \* 25,000 pounds of assorted cereals:
  - Honey Bunches of Oats
  - Cinnamon Toast Crunch; Cheerios; Kix
- \* Lunchables Mini Hot Dog packs
- \* Campbell's assorted soups (2,000 lbs.)
- \* Fresh Organic Milk (5,000 lbs.)
- \* Fresh Eggs (1,500 lbs.)
- \* Laundry Detergent (97,000 lbs.)
- \* Tyson Breaded Chicken (1,500 lbs.)
- \* Assorted dry pasta (22,000 lbs.)

This is only a **small sample** of the variety of product we have available to all active agencies at different times. For those already ordering online, continue to review products on a consistent basis. For those yet to enroll in online ordering, please see the opposite page for information.

## **FOOD PANTRY TAX CREDIT UPDATE**

In the May 2007 edition of "Setting the Table" we informed you that House Bill 453 (authorizing income tax credits for donations to local food pantries) had passed legislation and was signed into law by Governor Blunt. For more on the bill, please refer to your May 2007 issue or visit [www.stlfoodbank.org/members](http://www.stlfoodbank.org/members) and click on the link for the May 2007 edition.

**UPDATE:** The Department of Revenue has been working on the Food Pantry Tax Credit and they have finished first drafts of the paperwork and will be

ready to take applications during this upcoming tax season.

Rep. Rod Jetton's office explained the process of getting the tax credit like this...

Anyone interested in receiving the food pantry donation tax credit will have to:

1. Check the correct box on the State tax return if they made a food pantry donation.
2. Get the form that will be required for the pantry owner/operator to sign verifying the donation.

If the donation was made this year, DoR

is willing to accept a written note from the pantry operator stating that the individual donated to that pantry.

As for the written note for donations this year, it's expected that a clarification of who donated, to whom they donated, when and how much would be good enough for DoR.

As the language was drafted, DoR will wait until April 18th to appropriate all of the available tax credit dollars to those individuals that checked that box.

**For more on the bill, visit [www.house.mo.gov](http://www.house.mo.gov) and use the search box for HB 453.**

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