

Second Harvest Food Bank Advocacy and Agency Update



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**Free Friday
items are now
viewable on our
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every Friday
morning.**

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News You Can Use

Hunger Hero Volunteer of the Year Award

Each year at our Empty Bowls dinner we present the Hunger Hero Award to a volunteer that has demonstrated remarkable commitment to the mission of Second Harvest. This year, at Empty Bowls (October 14, 2017) we would like to award this honor to a volunteer who has made an impact at one of your organizations. Please note the enclosed nomination form, and the following details:

Nomination forms are due by September 1, 2017

The winner will be notified by September 15, 2017

The award winner will receive two complimentary tickets to Empty Bowls for him/herself and a guest.

A bio and picture of each nominee will be featured on a display board at the Empty Bowls event.

Questions? Feel free to contact Erin Dallago at edallago@caclv.org or Briana McGonagle at bmcgonagle@caclv.org for more details.

We are really looking forward to hearing about all of the awesome volunteers that help make your work possible!

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Advocacy

From FRAC, Food Research & Action Council, July, 2017

College Student Hunger:

1 in 5 L.A. community college students is homeless, survey finds – LA Times, June 28, 2017

Nearly two-thirds of the Los Angeles Community College District's 230,000 students cannot afford sufficient food, according to a survey commissioned by the system's board of trustees. About 6,000 students participated in the online survey, which found that about 65 percent are unable to afford balanced meals, and 60 percent cannot afford additional groceries when their food runs out. A study released last year by the California State University system found that 1 in 5 students had issues with food access.

The College Students Who Are Starving in Silence – Pacific Standard, July 6, 2017
Hunger among college students can result in lower grade point averages and an almost 10 percent reduction in the likelihood of a student obtaining a degree, according to the 2017 "Hungry and Homeless in College" report from Wisconsin HOPE lab. Many colleges are establishing food pantries to help hungry students, said Clare Cady, director of the College and University Food Bank Alliance, but "more is needed." SNAP is available, but students without children must work 20 hours a week in order to qualify for benefits.

Gov Brown Signs CA State Budget – Approves \$7.5 Million for "Hunger-Free College Campuses" - Swipehunger.org, June 27, 2017

The California state budget recently approved by Gov. Brown designates \$7.5 million to address college student hunger in the state. "We know food-insecure students are 52% more likely to skip class as a result of their hunger," said Rachel Sumekh, executive director of Swipe Out Hunger. The college systems in the state will receive funding to support anti-hunger initiatives, including designating employees to help students with the CalFresh (SNAP) enrollment process.

UI to host national conference on student hunger – News-Gazette, June 30, 2017

Next March, the University of Illinois will host a national conference on college student hunger, which is expected to draw up to 150 university presidents, chancellors, deans, and at least 200 students. Officials say college student hunger is linked to higher college expenses and a growing number of first-generation college students, who tend to struggle more financially. A 2016 study of hunger on college campuses found 20 to 25 percent of students were food insecure, and 32 percent believed that hunger or housing problems interfered with education.

Note: Northampton Community College now has a food pantry for NAC students.

More News You Can Use

Reminder:

Renewal applications are due **NOW!** Failure to return will jeopardize your membership with Second Harvest.

Monthly reports are due by the 5th of the following month from all agencies. This also includes CSFP reporting.

We will be closed Monday September 4th to observe Labor Day. If you have a standing pickup or delivery appointment, please call Shawn to reschedule.



SECOND HARVEST
Food Bank
of Lehigh Valley
in Berks
County/Pennsylvania

Empty Bowls 2017
October 14, 2017
6:00-9:00 PM
6969 Silver Crest Road
Nazareth, PA 18064
Call (484) 287-4015 for details

Save the date to join us for an extraordinary evening,
and help us fill the empty bowls in our community!