

Food Access Network: Action Planning

Idea/Strategy yo Explore	What is the value proposition/s behind the idea? What goal/s is your idea trying to accomplish? What change do you expect?	What key idea (strategy or activity) could help meet those expectations? Idea that will help change?	What key challenges do we see with this idea?	Who is this activity intended for?	Which key partners could help implement the idea?	What resources would be needed to implement the idea?	Timeline
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NOTES FROM 1/31/17 Community Conversation

Partner w Local Resources	Get more food	Buy in bulk	Storage, Distribution of product	Collect excess product	Master Gardeners, Social Services		
	more food	advertise, buy in bulk	someone to organize this	food pantries		large scale regulations	
	ID local VA Farmers/Farms	Create a database with info	Need people, staff, volunteers		Glean Team, Farmers Mkts, Participants	List of Farms	
	Partner with producers and large stores	ID Food Providers and reduce waste, Create a list of producers farms w their parameters, create a database	people to glean	anyone that distributes food	farmers market producers, glean team, VCE	list of producers/farms	
	How to expand where cooked food can be distributed	How to can and preserve food for longer shelf life.	organization, formatting a letter on "Who are we and what is the Food Access Network"			Master Gardeners/nurseries	
	Limit food waste, Increase food security		Connection to farmers, food hubs,				
	Buyer/Seller Meet & Greet (include Farmers in this Network)		ensure food quality and safety				
Develop a Hunger Relief Network	Improve our ability to provide food to those most in need	Meetings are beneficial, shared technology,	Who will keep this going? Who will keep up with technology?	NPOs, targeted at leaders of the organization, not the clients		people to help develop and maintain	
	Connection and collaboration without competition			Key partners are those with food to donate and those orgs that need it			
	Everyone will be fed	Create a common list of resources for the NRV, accessible by anyone	keeping it updated	food providers	Community Foundation	organize and support the network	6 months
		Build Relationships		The "wholeness" of the Community	Community Foundation, and all providers	organize, technology, staff, volunteer	6-12 months
	lessen the need of food insecurity and use of food pantries	utilize commuinty partners w theme focus	marketing, getting the word out, education,	individudals that need it	Feeding America, Glean Team, VT, Others who rec. extra food.	pantry space, volunteers, freezers, fridges	make a detailed plan, location. Develop community partners and resources
	Quality food and nutrition	food drives	Opening the minds of people who utilize the food pantry	trying to reach all people, homeless, homeless teens, etc.	Create a "Stop Hunger" Foundation	what food are you accepting?	supplies, freezer, fridge, what are the goals of support?

Other Notes from 1/31/2017 NRV Food Access Community Conversation

What are some of the limiting factors of developing a NRV Food Access Network and moving this idea forward?

- Open mind to build a greater capacity (within individuals and organizations)
- Space – Storage - \$\$\$
- Regulations
- Internal Policy of organizations or potentially of the network we would like to create
- Feeding America Guidelines

Need Space for:

- Relationship Building
- Development of Resources (could be a collection of existing resources)
- Develop a “volunteer experience”
- Help the community and partners learn how to effectively utilize volunteers
- How to expand student volunteers to all parts of the NRV and not just Bburg.

IDEAS/SUGGETIONS:

- Create a logo for the NRV Food Access Network
- Create a Committee to address emails with one common email address for the network (create a gmail address)
- No shared editing. One person or team responsible for updating list and sending out emails
- Quarterly/semi-annual reports from directory members on their progress and growth
 - Shared Success, Collective Impact
- Central website that comes up when you do a Google search for info on Food in the NRV
- Facebook Group