2021 Feds Feed Families News

This newsletter provides updates on the Feds Feed Families 2021 Food Drive, how to get involved, and resources on our website, aka “the FFF Hub.” Feel free to share any and all of these items in your internal communications channels (such as internal staff newsletters) to help motivate federal giving at your agency. Questions? Email us at fedsfeedfamilies@usda.gov.

New theme – Veterans and Hunger

The theme for July 26 – August 8 is Veterans and Hunger. According to USDA research, 1.1 million or 6.7 percent of all veterans nationwide lived in poverty in 2019. The challenge of hunger is still present, so please help support healthy eating for veterans in need. You can use this downloadable flyer in the graphics and flyers section of our tools page to generate interest and tag your conversation on Feds Feed Families social media @TKOHUNGER (Twitter) and @fedsfeedfamilies (Facebook and Instagram).
4 million pounds donated!

To date, federal employees have donated 4,003,839 million pounds of food through the Feds Feed Families food drive. NASA’s Johnson Space Center went to the moon with a recent donation of 5,875 pounds. and Department of Health And Human Services (HHS) Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals was in tip top shape with a donation of 2,500 pounds. Thanks to all those who gave, every pound makes a difference!

A most egg-cellent success story

Andrea Bye of the Merrimack-Belknap-Hillsborough County Farm Service Agency (FSA) office shared a story on the FFF Success Stories page. Her office is no stranger to gleaning and got a call about a few local producers who had hundreds of trays of “pullet eggs” that did not meet the market specifications because they were too small. This FSA office helped find the 188 pounds of eggs a suitable home at the Wakefield New Hampshire Food Pantry. Read more about this story and more and share your own success stories to inspire more giving! Agency chairs and comms liaisons, please remember to review and approve these stories so we can share them with the FFF community on our website. If you need guidance on how to approve success stories, check out this presentation with step-by-step instructions.

Thank you!