



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.



The 2021 Feds Feed Families national team would like to thank you for your participation in this year's Feds Feed Families food drive. We hope that you will continue to participate and record your contributions on the FFF Hub throughout the year and be United Against Hunger!

Thank you for participating in the FFF 2021 summer food drive

As our summer food drive comes to a close, the Feds Feed Families national team thanks all our colleagues across the federal government for your generosity of time, service, and food to help those in need. As of August 27, you have recorded donations of more than **six million pounds** of food to help people facing hunger. The FFF Hub will be available through 2021 and 2022. You are still welcome to participate and record donations to food banks and pantries of your choice all year long on the FFF Hub. We applaud your open hands and open hearts.

Sample thank you letter now available on website

If you need a sample thank you letter that your federal agency principal can use to thank your agency employees, we have you covered. Please see this [sample thank you letter](#), available on the FFF Hub. You can download it, tailor it to your agency lead's voice, and distribute it to your federal employee team to thank them for participating in the 2021 Feds Feed Families summer food drive.

CFC twofer – donate and record on FFF site

The Feds Feed Families Summer Food Drive is coming to a close, but you can still record donations all year long. If you give to a food bank or pantry through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), use the [Record Donation form](#) to record your donation. The CFC takes place September 1, 2021 through January 15, 2022. Take advantage of this two-for-one opportunity and [learn more about CFC](#).

Fall harvest – still time to donate

If you plan to donate produce from your garden or join a harvest gleaner, you can still [record those pounds of food](#) on the FFF website, which is live and tracking your recorded donations to food banks and pantries all year round.

Surveys are open until Sept. 15

Please share your feedback through the [Participant Closeout Survey](#), and [the FFF Coordinator survey](#). Both surveys will be open until Sept. 15. Thank you in advance for your comments.



Success story – USDA Day of Giving/Stuff the Truck

The USDA FFF team shared their success story about organizing a USDA Day of Giving/Stuff the Truck event. “As the USDA 2021 FFF Co-Chairs, we organized an August 10 USDA National Day of Giving where employees were able to participate in stuff the truck events, virtual donation events, and independent events of their choice. USDA employees nationwide recorded donations of 70,000 pounds of food that day. The stuff the truck events in the National Capitol Region were a big hit. Several USDA agencies organized socially distant drive by/drop-off events. Volunteers set up tents to greet guests. Leaders from the Office of the Secretary and USDA agencies attended D.C.-area events. Representatives from Martha's Table and So Others Might Eat were onsite in the D.C. location. The camaraderie of employees and guests was a wonderful experience as we navigated an extraordinary event during a global pandemic. Co-Chair Lula Wallace remarked ‘The participation of USDA employees in our national day of giving verified the commitment that they make each day as public servants. Helping others and providing service is what we do and what we as USDA employees are made of.’”

We couldn't agree more, Lula. And we second that notion for all federal employees who so generously gave to those in need through the Feds Feed Families summer food drive.

