



Feeding Chittenden November 2021 Newsletter



Thanksgiving is Almost Here!

Can you believe that Thanksgiving is just one month away? Here we are—already at turkey season!

November is one of the busiest times at Feeding Chittenden, and even though the holidays will still look different this year, we will continue to work to make sure that families and individuals can celebrate with a warm meal. Feeding Chittenden is committed to providing food assistance and resources to the nearly 12,000 people we serve annually, and those affected by the COVID-19 crisis.



If you would like to support our mission and **help us hit our goal of feeding 3,500 families this season**, we encourage you to practice social distancing and ensure the safety of our community by donating via our Virtual Food Drive.

Through this drive, you can fill a virtual shopping cart with the items we need most—all without leaving home. A donation of just \$25 will provide a full Thanksgiving meal to a family of four!

For more information and instructions on how to donate, please visit the link below!



Statement on Sears Lane and Encampments for People Experiencing Homelessness

The board of the Champlain Valley of Economic Opportunity, parent organization for Feeding Chittenden, recently released the following statement regarding homelessness in our community and the situation at the Sears Lane encampment site. Feeding Chittenden works with many members of the homeless community, and we stand by CVOEO's stance on providing opportunity and support to those who need it.

“CVOEO believes that housing is a human right and that every individual should have the opportunity for safe and affordable housing. A lack of affordable housing and support services has led to homelessness in Vermont and around the country. This is why CVOEO opposes the forced removal of encampments where individuals and families experiencing homelessness live. CVOEO believes that our communities should provide opportunities, including supportive engagement and services, to people who do not have access to safe and affordable housing, as well as to those who may want to continue living in nontraditional settings. We also understand and empathize with the neighbors and city officials who are concerned about the encampment and find it untenable. CVOEO has been providing daily outreach and referral services as well as food delivery to the Sears Lane encampment since early July. We are currently working with residents to provide safe exits from the encampment if they choose to leave. We try to support the city, the community and especially the most vulnerable through our outreach and other anti-poverty programs.”

UPCOMING EVENTS!



Drs. Marko Family Chiropractors 31st Annual Food Drive **November 1st, 3rd, and 5th**

- Established patients: November 1st (Monday) - Receive complimentary adjustment for food, cash, or check donation.
- New patients: November 3rd – 5th (Wednesday & Friday) - Receive x-rays, examinations, and first chiropractic adjustment with a donation of \$60.
- There will also be a raffle with prizes from local businesses.

Trotting of the Turkeys

Saturday, November 6th 11am-12pm on Church Street

The 8th Annual Trotting of the Turkeys is a benefit for Feeding Chittenden and the Burlington Sunrise Rotary. Grab a frozen turkey and trot it down Church Street. Each turkey will be donated to Feeding Chittenden upon completion of your trot!

- The \$250-team, \$100-family, or \$50-individual registration covers the cost of the turkey and provides the needed resources for the Burlington Sunrise Rotary Club's community support efforts. Donations at any level are also welcomed. Proudly sponsored by Morgan Stanley.

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/trotting-of-the-turkeysregistration-192914381107>

Shelburne Vineyard Food & Wine Festival

November 6th - 8th 11am- 7pm

This annual drive collects non-perishable food and cash donations for Feeding Chittenden.

Feed Your Neighbor Food & Fund Drive

Saturday, November 20th 9am-3pm, Costco

Presented by WIZN, 99.9 The Buzz, and Vermont Federal Credit Union, the annual drive collects non-perishable food and cash donations for Feeding Chittenden.

Green Mountain Athletic Association Turkey Trot 5K

Thanksgiving Day

Run for charity in the annual Turkey Trot 5K, hosted by the Green Mountain Athletic Association! The race will take place at 11am in the Gutterson Field House on the University of Vermont campus. The Field House is located at 147 Spear Street, Burlington.

- Suggested donation of \$5/person (\$10/family) and/or a food donation, though runners are welcome to donate more! All donations will benefit Feeding Chittenden. Checks can be made payable to GMAA. There are no refunds, deferrals, or transfers. Find more here: <https://gmaa.run/>

Event details are subject to change. For more information, please contact Angela deBettencourt, Volunteer & Special Events Coordinator, adebettencourt@cvoeo.org

Visit from Rep. Peter Welch

We had the honor of welcoming Congressman Peter Welch back to Feeding Chittenden last month and it was such a pleasure to share some of our updates and new initiatives in the works. Mr. Welch took the time to speak to several community members before touring our Food Access Center, which has undergone many changes since the start of the pandemic to provide prepared meals and groceries for pick-up onsite and to facilitate safer, low-contact interactions for our staff, community, and volunteers. We so appreciate Mr. Welch's support of our work and his commitment to improving the health and wellbeing of all Vermonters!



Appreciation Event at Switchback



Last month, we hosted a donor appreciation event at Switchback Brewery, which was expertly catered by Community Kitchen Academy students in the Good Food Truck. This outdoor event gave our students more practical experience in and outside of the kitchen, and their curated menu was a major highlight for all who attended—we're still getting rave reviews!

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