



Feeding Chittenden February 2022 Newsletter

Feeding Chittenden in the News

Feeding Chittenden was recently featured in the *Seven Days* article, [“How Pandemic Need, Federal Dollars and Local Collaboration Are Driving Better Ways to Help Food-Insecure Vermonters,”](#) along with a number of our partners across the state! It’s an excellent reflection on the push for creative solutions to hunger throughout Vermont during the ups and downs of COVID, as well as a great reminder of available services--no matter where you are located.



Making Meals for the Community Resource Center



The Community Resource Center, an initiative of the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity, has acted as a daytime warming shelter as well as a touchpoint for free services, aid, and access to computers, phones, and housing resources throughout the season, has been experiencing an increase in visitors during the cold weather months. As temperatures dip below freezing, Feeding Chittenden has provided hot meals for distribution to visitors to the Center.

“It’s a really valuable partnership,” says Abbey Jermyn, Project Coordinator for the Community Resource Center. “We give out at least 50 to 100 meals per day...it has made so much of an impact for visitors to be able to come and get good, high quality food that they don’t need to prepare.”

The Community Resource Center is open daily from 9am-4pm at the Howard Plant VFW Post 782 on South Winooski Avenue in Burlington. We’re thrilled to hear that these meals have been helpful to the visitors and staff at the CRC!

Connecting the USCRI with Culturally Relevant Foods for New Vermonters

Over the last three months, Feeding Chittenden, along with the Vermont Food Bank, the Islamic Society of Vermont, and the People's Kitchen, has been providing culturally relevant food boxes to new Afghan arrivals and refugees resettling in Vermont through the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants Vermont. Thanks to the efforts of our Access Center pilot program in Chittenden county, we have helped provide specific food items that allow these new Vermonters to complete traditional recipes and home-based cooking. Our thanks to the USCRI for facilitating this relationship!



The Community Kitchen Academy is back in session!

The first students of 2022 have joined us in the Feeding Chittenden kitchen to hone their culinary craft and gain professional skills. Check out the incredible food they're already whipping up!



We are still seeing a significant increase in community members needing our services and expect that number to continue to grow as the cold winter months continue. Supporters of Feeding Chittenden who give on a monthly basis join our Full Plate Club! These invested community members prioritize and sustain our work fighting hunger within Chittenden county and greater Vermont. Consistent gifts provide reliable funding to our programs year-round, ensuring that our recipients can count on access to the food they need, whenever they may need it. When you join the Full Plate Club, you are making a promise to fight hunger in your community and stand by your neighbors in need. Your generosity each month helps to expand access, create choice, minimize stigma, and reduce waste.

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