



# Feeding Chittenden March 2022 Newsletter

## Congratulations to the first Community Kitchen Academy class of 2022!

The first Community Kitchen Academy session of 2022 wrapped up with a graduation ceremony showcasing each student's particular strengths and goals. It's always such a treat to hear graduates open up about their long-term plans after finishing the program, and this time was no exception: with talk of polished business plans and pollinator-friendly kitchen gardens in the works, we can't wait to see where these bright individuals head next. We're so proud of their accomplishments in and out of the kitchen!



## Celebrating Thirty Years of Collaboration with City Market



This February marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of City Market's downtown store, and with that in mind, we took a stroll down memory lane to reflect on how our relationship with City Market has evolved over three decades (!) as neighbors in the community of Burlington. Over the years, we have received high-quality organic food donations, shared recipes and meals, gained expert advice and funds for culinary equipment and supplies, as well as donations of time and energy by City Market staff members to support our hunger relief efforts. Since its launch in 2014, the Rally for Change program has encouraged members to "round up" their order to the nearest dollar, resulting in over \$728,788 in donations to Feeding Chittenden, or the equivalent of 485,858 meals distributed to food insecure community members. We hope to continue our partnership to create innovative ways of alleviating hunger in our region. Here's to many more years!

If you would like to learn more about our partnership with City Market, please read [our recent blog post](#), which gives greater context to the work Feeding Chittenden is able to do in

our community thanks to their help. Director Rob Meehan also [made an appearance in City Market's 20th Anniversary video](#), sharing some words about the spirit of our relationship.

## Feeding Chittenden Receives Donation from Burlington's First "Fines for Food" Program

On February 10<sup>th</sup>, we received a \$40,000 donation from the [Department of Public Work's pilot "Fines for Food" program](#). The donation was presented by Mayor Weinberger, City Councilor Karen Paul, and the staff of Burlington's Department of Public Works. We are so grateful for their support of our mission to alleviate hunger and cultivate opportunities!



## Approaching Another Milestone at Feeding Chittenden

March 16th brings the second anniversary of adopting COVID-19 program changes at Feeding Chittenden. While this period has presented a number of challenges, thanks to the creative thinking and flexibility of our staff, volunteers, and recipients, we have been able to continue to serve our community essential food, supplies, and opportunity. Though the realities of our changing world will still be different from what we're used to, we look forward to finding solutions and celebrating the strength of our community. We thank you for your vital support!



*We are still seeing a significant increase in community members needing our services and expect that number to continue to grow. 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.*

**[To join the Full Plate Club, please click here.](#)**

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