

# Feeding Chittenden July 2022 Newsletter

### Feeding Chittenden's Food Access Network in the News

The Food Access Network and the new ordering and food delivery program, Online Market, have been in the local spotlight!

The Vermont Foodbank recently profiled the early stages of the Access Network and the online ordering initiative, detailing the first successes, collaborative partnerships, and lessons learned along the way. Feeding Chittenden is a network partner of the Vermont Foodbank.



The Access Center is also collaborating alongside the Foodbank with Helping and Nurturing Diverse Seniors (HANDS) to begin the Diverse Pantry pilot, which will source and distribute a wider range of culturally appropriate ingredients to previously underserved seniors within the BIPOC and New American communities. <u>Read more about this exciting new</u> collaborative project here.

## Our Summer "Lunch Hour in the Garden" Workshop Series Begins July 12th (TODAY!)

Join us for our Lunch Hour in the Garden workshop series on all things gardening! Grab lunch at Feeding Chittenden and eat it by the gardens as you learn about direct seeding root veggies, pruning & trellising tomatoes, and more!

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If interested, please email Angela at adebettencourt@cvoeo.org or simply show up!

#### **Delivery Volunteers Still Needed!**

We're still seeking volunteers to help make food deliveries to our community members!

If you're interested in helping us take action against hunger and getting to know your neighbors, we might just have the right opportunity for you! Feeding Chittenden is expanding access to our services by reaching people right at their homes. Help us hit the road and deliver food right to the doors of people in need!

To apply, please <u>complete the volunteer</u> <u>application on our website.</u>

#### <u>Delivery Volunteers</u> Home Delivery (Food Access Network)

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- Tuesday, Thursday, and alternating Fridays
- Times vary, but generally volunteers pick up orders around 11 AM
- Deliveries are usually around 1 hour (2 hours at most)
- You will need to use your own vehicle (small sedans have worked fine!)
- Recurring shifts and a commitment of at least three months are desirable



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.

#### <u>To join the Full Plate Club, please click here.</u>

