



## An UPDATE for PARTNERS of FEED MY PEOPLE



### Are you interested in being a part of our PRODUCE LOTTERY?

This is a program we have offered in the past to help us move short-dated produce. It is *additional* produce you'd be willing to take on *any* given delivery we'd put it on. Extra surprise FREE produce! This produce generally comes to us every Wednesday and every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday. We never know the amount or quality of the product we are getting. Like Food Rescue, the percentage of waste can be expected to be up to 50%. But that also means 50% or more of it is still good to distribute to your guests!

Please consider this, especially if you are someone who gets deliveries on Thursdays or Fridays. Picking it up from Feed My People is an option as well, keeping in mind you need to be within 30 minutes drive time of our warehouse since this is refrigerated product. When we receive this produce, we want to turn it around to you as quickly as we can since it most likely won't last through the weekend. \*Late summer/early fall, more produce comes on other days besides Wednesdays and Thursdays, so keep that in mind as well.

Any waste from the *Produce Lottery* can be given to farmers, gardeners, etc. to use as animal feed or compost and we recommend a [Notice of Intent form \(click here\)](#) is filled out. (This form is a sample that you are welcome to add your logo/name to and use.) This form certifies that the signer knows the produce is unfit for human consumption due to quality issues. It can be filled out once and kept in your file system onsite. (This form can also be found on our website by clicking on *Network Partners*, then FOOD SAFETY under Agency Info.)

If you are interested, please contact Lisa at [lisa@fmpfoodbank.org](mailto:lisa@fmpfoodbank.org) or 715.835.9415 ext. 108, including:

1. Agency ID #
2. Agency name
3. Delivery days (ex. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays)
4. Maximum number of pounds you'd be willing to take at any given time

Thank you for considering this great opportunity! **Please respond by Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>** as we plan to start the *Produce Lottery* on Monday, June 3rd.

## Food Safety Spot



### Food Safety for Food Rescue Partners

**Temping:** Remember to record temperatures both when you *pick up* from the store and when you *arrive* at the pantry. Don't accept food donations in the "danger zone"-- between 41 and 125 degrees. Temping guidelines are included in the Food Rescue Manual. If it isn't safe, it isn't food!

**Transport:** While you transport food from the store to your pantry, keep it safe and cool. That means using a freezer blanket or cooler every time, even on those cold winter days! Make sure you are using a clean area of the vehicle, far away from anything dirty or dangerous (especially motor oil, coolant, etc.).

**Take everything that's offered:** If you're partnered with a Blue Receipt donor like Kwik Trip, Dollar General, ALDI, WalMart, and Marketplace, you are required to accept all food safe donations. Only unsafe donations like badly damaged or too warm items can be refused. Yes, even if you have to throw them out later, you need to take them and weigh them. If you're getting too much food in, consider setting up a Sub-Distribution partnership!

**Tracking Stats:** Without you to track your donation pickups, the stores you work with won't get the recognition they deserve for their hard work. They can even appear to be out of compliance with their company's policies. Please remember to weigh and upload your Food Rescue pounds to MealConnect. Just like FMP's other stats, Food Rescue stats are due by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Food Rescue Coordinator, Rin:  
[rin@fmpfoodbank.org](mailto:rin@fmpfoodbank.org) or (715) 835-9415 ext. 121

# FREE Cooler!

## Stepping Stones of Dunn Co. has a FREE cooler for you!

Not only could this cooler be yours, but our fine friends at Stepping Stones will deliver it to you.

If you are interested, please contact Angela Wolf at 715.235.2920 ext. 204.



## Quick Reminder on how to check your Order History:

After you place an order in Partner Hub, you can check the status of your order by:

1. Go to our website at <https://www.fmpfoodbank.org/>
2. Click on the **black** ribbon at the top of the screen on *Network Partners*
3. Log in to **PARTNER HUB** by clicking on the top ORANGE stripe
4. Click on the green ribbon at the top of the screen on *Order History*

Once in your Order History, you will be able to see if your order was *submitted* and what the *status* of that order is by understanding the terms below:

### Order Status Definitions

- Data Entry - the order has not been submitted
- Entered - the order has been submitted
- Reviewed - the order has been reviewed by our warehouse

- Released - the order is being processed
- Picked - the order is picked and waiting for shipment or pick-up
- Confirmed - the order been shipped or picked-up

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**Pop-Up  
Schedule**

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