

Wheels of Sharing Mobile Food Pantry



Purpose and Goals of the Program

- **To fill the existing gaps in emergency food assistance**
- **Remove barriers to food including:**
 - **Geographical barriers**
 - **Transportation issues**
 - **Limited funds**
- **Meet the needs of specific populations**
 - **Provide access to social services**
 - **Help complete food stamp applications**
 - **Allow clients the dignity to choose the foods they take home**

How are locations/distribution sites determined?

Gap Analysis

- **Poverty level is a good indication of need**
- **Number of available pantries in the area**
- **The amount of food currently reaching the community from the Capital Area Food Bank**

Who are our partners?

- **The Non profit and for profit organizations in the communities being served**
- **Organizations willing to provide volunteers who will be available during each distribution for a 3 hour time commitment**
- **The agency that provides the parking area for the distribution**
- **Organizations and community members willing to spread the word about upcoming distributions through flyers, newspaper ads, church bulletins and word of mouth**

The Distribution: How it Works

- The truck arrives at the distribution site
- CAFB staff and volunteers begin setting up the tables and food items



The Distribution: How it Works

- Bulk items are sorted into family-sized portions



The Distribution: How it Works

- Intake table is set up
 - This includes a station for the Food Stamp Outreach Workers as well as a station for client intake



The Distribution: How it Works

- Clients begin arriving
- First time clients fill out the Capital Area Food Bank intake form



The Distribution: How it Works

- At the designated start time, clients begin receiving food
- All distributions are client choice



The Distribution: How it Works

- Volunteers assist with the distribution of food and may also assist clients with carrying their grocery bags



The Distribution: How it Works

- Clients leave with an average of 25 pounds of nutritious food
- Flyers are distributed announcing the next distribution date
- Distributions are held at the same day and time each month

For example: The second and fourth Wednesday from 10am until 12pm



Metrics: Measuring Success

- **Are the contents of the bags a good nutritional mix?**
- **Did clients apply for or receive information about food stamps?**
- **Are clients first time visitors to a food pantry?**
- **Was the distribution site convenient?**
- **Was there interest in a nutrition workshop?**
- **Did the distribution time meet the need of the clients?**
For Example: Did clients take time off work to visit the distribution?
- **Did the partnering organization provide adequate support?**
- **Was the distribution adequately promoted?**

