



Agency News



Agency Conference is September 8

August 2011

Get information and Network with Food Bank Agencies

Mid-South Food Bank's annual Agency Conference provides informative workshops, an inspiring keynote speaker, door prizes and awards for those agencies that have distinguished themselves in the last year. It's also a great time to meet and talk with other Food Bank partner agencies and Food Bank staff. This year's conference is Thursday, September 8, at a new location: Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, 70 N. Bellevue Blvd, Memphis. You can register using the attached form or by downloading the form from our website, www.midsouthfoodbank.org. Fill out a form for each person attending and fax it to Jason Smith, 901-528-1172, or by mail or bring it to 239 S. Dudley, Memphis 38104. Deadline to register is August 31, 2011. **NEW:** Mid-South Food Bank's Agency Conference now has a \$5 per person fee. This fee can be paid by bringing or sending a check or money order payable to Mid-South Food Bank to the address above. Indicate Agency Conference on the check.



Networking is one of the best things about the Agency Conference

This year's workshops offer a variety of information designed specifically for Mid-South Food Bank partner agencies. The goal is to help you do more to assist your clients. The 2011 workshops are

- **Safety in Food Handling**
- **Utilizing Extension Service Programs (Nutrition Education)**
- **Best Practices Roundtable Discussion**
- **Creative Cooking with Food Bank Products**

This year's keynote speaker is Robert Ferguson, author of *Diet Free for Life*. Visit www.dietforlife.com to learn about Mr. Ferguson. He has wonderful ideas and promises to be a dynamic speaker. Mr. Ferguson's appearance is made possible by United Healthcare

Nominate Your Agency for a Food Bank Award

Recognition and Savings on Shared Maintenance for Winners

All agency representatives are encouraged to nominate their agency for one of the Food Bank's annual awards recognizing outstanding performance by a food pantry, on-site program, youth program and the coveted *Feed the Need Award* for Agency of the Year. You can't win if you don't send in a nomination! You can use the enclosed form or the online form at our web site and submit your nomination by fax to Jason, 901-528-1172, or mail or bring it to 239 S. Dudley, Memphis 38104. Get those nominations in soon! The Agency Advisory Committee will choose the winners. All nominations by must be submitted by noon on Monday, August 22!

New USDA Income Scale Now Available

The 2011-2012 income eligibility guidelines for TEFAP are now available and effective immediately. These are the Income Poverty Guidelines issued by the Department of Health and Human Services which are to be used to qualify clients to receive services. REMINDER: These guidelines are never to be made public or shared with clients! You can access the guidelines for Tennessee and Mississippi on our web site. The guidelines are password-protected. Use the same password as the shopping list. If you would like to have the guidelines mailed or faxed to you, please contact Christina Anaman, 901-373-0420.



New Rules for USDA

Tennessee pantry programs must now keep records of the specific USDA products that are received by each household. There is no additional form; simply write the products and quantities on the back of the current Client Eligibility form. For questions or more information, contact Christina, 910-373-0420 or canaman@midsouthfoodbank.org.

Agencies Support Mid-South Food Bank

Mid-South Food Bank greatly appreciates partner agencies that are also supporters. Agencies participate in the yearly Operation Feed campaign, the workplace food drive where employees collect food and funds for the Food Bank. All money collected is used to purchase food. Friends for Life has an Operation Feed campaign annually. This year, they collected 457 pounds of food and \$1,050. Other agencies, such as the Pantry in Oxford, MS, and Case Management in Memphis make financial contributions to the Food Bank. We are so grateful to our partner agencies who make the extra effort to support the work of Mid-South Food Bank.



Incoming Case Management Executive Director Florence Hervy presents a check to Mid-South Food Bank President & CEO Estella Mayhue-Greer



WE NEED YOUR HELP! Join in the fun and help feed hungry people at the Run to Fight Hunger, Saturday, October 1, at Gold Strike Resort in Tunica! Agencies can form teams of runners and walkers and help us

get the word out in your community! If you have contacts with local newspapers or other media, or you know any runners or groups we can contact, call Marcia Wells, 901-405-0073. We would love to have as many agency teams or individual participants as possible. This is our first big fundraising event in North Mississippi. We hope to raise the equivalent of 50,000 meals. Go to our web site for entry fees, times and all details!

Welcome New Agencies!

Life Church food pantry, Cordova, TN
Flat rock Baptist Church food pantry, Hickory Flat, MS
Boys & Girls Club of Jackson, TN backpack program

Thermal Blankets: Please Don't Forget Them!

All agencies that transport fresh or frozen food should now have their thermal blankets to ensure that food safety rules are being followed. Use of these blankets is now required to receive frozen or refrigerated products. If you do not have your blankets, you will not be allowed to pick up your order of fresh or frozen products.

