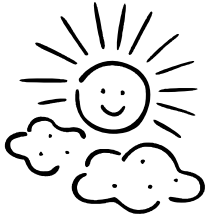


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It is an attitude, an expression,
a look, a touch. It is anything that
lifts another person.***

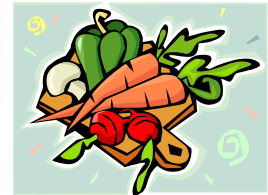
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July In-Service: Local Foods Connection/Recipe Group

Please join us for the July in-service that is scheduled for Monday, July 24, 2006 at 10am. The Local Foods Connection staff will be presenting information about their program. Our own recipe group will also be talking with us about their plans.

Veggies

During the growing season the pantry receives produce from the Local Food Connections. New vegetables will generally show up in the refrigerator on Fridays. Labeling the vegetables and storing them in Ziploc bags makes it much easier for families to see what vegetables we have for the week.



Volunteers working Saturday shifts or assigned "Monday" tasks are asked to help keep the veggies in order if time allows. To do this, we have the following suggestions:

- Break vegetables into a reasonable size and place in a Ziploc bag. Label the bag using a permanent marker with the vegetable name and the date it was received in the pantry. If you do not know the vegetable name, just date the bag.
- Some vegetables (i.e. collard greens) may not fit in a large Ziplock. In this case, place in a plastic bag and attach a label to the outside.
- Try to place like vegetables together in the refrigerator, with older vegetables near the front and new ones in the back.
- Please discard any vegetables that no longer look fresh when processing the new vegetables.

Families are welcome to take whatever they would like for produce each week – there are no limits.

ABCD Nomination Form

Our volunteer team has finished this document. We will be making 50 copies to distribute to families. Please place a form in each family's sack over the next week or so to help them become familiar with the document. We want to encourage families and volunteers to complete the nomination forms. We want to acknowledge pantry volunteers who are doing something extra special!

Needed: Tubs

We are in need of small margarine tubs for breaking down laundry detergent into sizes more appropriate for families. If you have any, please put them in the box in the bottom of the volunteer cabinet in the pantry. Thanks!

Odoban

A volunteer has brought in a bottle of anti-odor spray to freshen things up in the pantry. It is sitting near the trash can. It can be sprayed in the air. Please spray it around the pantry and near the clothing. It should help to keep a neutral scent in the pantry.

Up-coming Meetings/Trainings

07/12/06 – (7:00 pm) Administration Team Meeting
07/18/06 – (7:00 pm) Connections Team Meeting
07/19/06 – (6:30 pm) New Volunteer Pantry Orientation
07/24/06 – (10:00-11:30 am) **In-Service Training - Local Foods Connection/Recipe Group**
08/01/06 – (4:00 pm) Recipe Group Meeting
08/03/06 – (6:00 pm) Operations Team Meeting
08/07/06 – (6:30 pm) Volunteer Support Team Meeting
08/16/06 – (7:00-8:30 pm) **In-Service Training – A Day in the Life: What Other Volunteers Do In the Pantry**
08/24/06 – (6:30 pm) New Volunteer Pantry Orientation
09/--/06 – (AM) **In-Service Training – Volunteer Feedback**
10/--/06 – (PM) **In-Service Training – Review of Other Pantries**
11/--/06 – (AM) **In-Service Training –**

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