



Support the Wisconsin Dairy Recovery Partnership

April 15, 2020

Hunger Task Force has joined forces with Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection to help provide relief to the growing numbers of underfed and unemployed by connecting milk to emergency food organizations throughout the state. With the newly created **Wisconsin Dairy Recovery Program**, Wisconsin dairy farmers will be paid to supply milk to farmer-owned dairy cooperative Kemps, who will kick off the beginning phase of this week by processing thousands of gallons of milk at its Cedarburg facility.

Hunger Task Force will then distribute milk to Free & Local partner food banks and food pantries through the **Hunger Relief Federation of Wisconsin**, a statewide association that supports food distribution in local communities. With more than 75% of the nation's more than 660,000 restaurants closed as a result of the pandemic, family dairy farms and processors statewide have been hit especially hard. Half of Wisconsin's dairy production was previously destined for the food service industry.

Hunger Relief Federation of Wisconsin

Dairy items will be distributed to local communities through Hunger Task Force and The Hunger Relief Federation of Wisconsin member network. Founded in 2016, the Hunger Relief Federation is a statewide association that connects local and independent food pantries and food banks from across the state. The Federation is not a food bank or a fundraising project. Our goal is to end hunger today— and prevent it tomorrow. We work together to share resources, collaborate and advocate. We are a framework for local hunger fighters to connect. We stay informed on the issues and work strategically for mutual benefit. Every day, we amplify the voices of those struggling to put food on the table. We join together because we believe every person has a right to adequate food obtained with dignity. As the response to Covid-19 continues, we stand ready to respond in our home communities.



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and to promote public policies to end future hunger.



The Hunger Relief Federation of Wisconsin invites local food pantries and food banks to participate in the Wisconsin Dairy Recovery Program. Membership in the Hunger Relief Federation of Wisconsin is 100% free. Member benefits include:

- Information & Resource-Sharing
- Capacity Building and Technical Resources
- Peer-to-Peer Support
- Coordination on Projects for Mutual Benefit
- Updates on Policy & Programs
- Research & Methodology Support
- Training Opportunities for Volunteers, Staff and Community
- Food and Fundraising Networking
- Advocacy and Outreach Resources
- Venues to Communicate with Policy Makers
- Leadership in Strategy and Message Development
- Identification and Facilitation of Sharing Information, Resources and Best Practices
- Training in Best Practices for Handling Food Safely, Determining Need, Providing Qualified Assistance, and Preventing Future Hunger.



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Hunger Relief Federation of Wisconsin Charter Agreement

To become a member, each organization agrees to:

- Serve the specific needs in their community and work with the federation to help develop a comprehensive plan to combat hunger in their region.
- Provide food free of charge, not charge a membership fee, and not charge a delivery fee. People receiving the food will not be made to participate in a program of social work, employment or worship. Food will not be exchanged or bartered, either with service clientele, other eligible outlets or the community at large.
- Comply with Federal and State Civil Rights Compliance Requirements, including but not limited to, Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity and Limited English Proficiency.
- Uphold the highest standards of ethical conduct. Employees and volunteers should not use their affiliation with the Hunger Relief Federation of Wisconsin to support or engage in activity to achieve personal, financial or sexual benefit either for themselves, their family or some other personal associate.
- Provide the highest levels of service in all areas to address the short and long-term solutions to hunger.
- Institute and maintain consistent operational practices of accountability for equitable distribution of food resources, and to promote community services and remove barriers to these services for participants.
- Work to improve food security with emergency food *and* connections to existing community services.
- Each local member agrees that supplemental food programs are critical in stabilizing households with persistent food needs.



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Becoming a Member

If your organization would like to become a member of the Hunger Relief Federation of Wisconsin, sign below and send a scanned copy to natalie@hungerrelieffederation.org.

By signing below, the member agency agrees to operate their program in accordance with the requirements outlined above.

Either party may terminate this agreement by providing a 30-day written notice to the other party. The 30-day written requirement may be waived in cases of illegal conduct or gross negligence on the part of either party.

Member Agency (Please Print Name)

Member Agency Representative Signature

Date



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