



Partner Primer:
**Movement Toward
Choice Pantries**



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AMERICA**
Eastern Wisconsin



SERVICE AREA

Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin provides food and resources to those facing hunger across 35 counties. The leading hunger-relief organization in the state, the food bank has locations in Milwaukee and Appleton.



Traditional Pantry

- Uniform boxes given to individuals or households
- Drive-thru options (COVID)
- Boxes can be tailored or multiplied based on family size



Downsides of a Traditional Model

- Certain items may become overstocked as food is distributed through standardized boxes or because food is dispensed based on availability rather than nutritional value
- High environment and the operational costs as a result of goods being thrown away by the client
- Food pantries purchase items that, if given a choice, a majority of neighbors may not want or need
- Neighbors often have little flexibility in other areas of their lives, and feel further undignified at having their food chosen for them as well



What is a choice model?

- Offering your neighbors the chance to pick the food that they will take home with them!
- Examples:
 - Point system based on cost
 - Point system based on poundage
 - Food pyramid system (# of products/food category)
 - Number of total items
 - Item list/order sheet



Choice Model Vs. Traditional Model

Benefits of choice:

- More dignified experience for neighbors
- Money saved on food products
- Less food waste
- Less worrying about stocking enough of the same items



Who in our network is already operating choice programs?

Let's hear from people who are already successfully running choice models!



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Name: _____

Date: _____

Appointment Time: _____

Number of people in household: _____

OUTSIDE INSIDE

<input type="checkbox"/> Canned tomatoes	<input type="checkbox"/> Jelly: Grape or Strawberry
<input type="checkbox"/> Canned green beans	<input type="checkbox"/> Oatmeal
<input type="checkbox"/> Cereal	<input type="checkbox"/> Chips/popcorn/snacks
<input type="checkbox"/> Relish	<input type="checkbox"/> Canned kidney beans
<input type="checkbox"/> Instant potatoes	<input type="checkbox"/> Canned baked beans
<input type="checkbox"/> Canned vegetable beef soup	<input type="checkbox"/> Canned pineapple
<input type="checkbox"/> Canned chicken & rice soup	<input type="checkbox"/> Canned peaches
<input type="checkbox"/> Peanut butter	

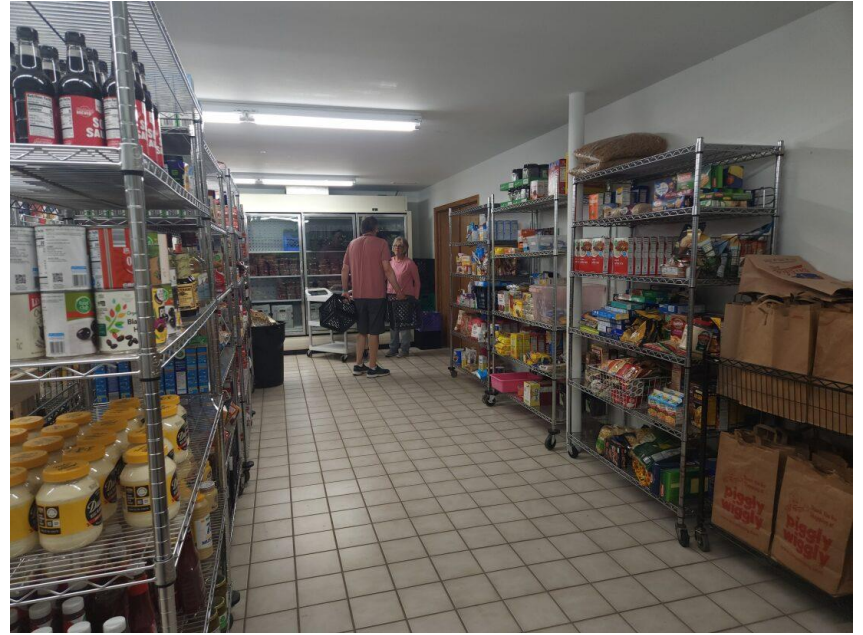
PERSONAL CARE

<input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper
<input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant: men's and/or women's
<input type="checkbox"/> Dog/Cat food _____

OUTSIDE ONLY

Meat	Eggs
Bread	Milk

Have dietary needs or need specialty foods? Please ask about the items we have available. Here's an example of the items we may have available:
 Unique cooking oils, honey, low carb pasta, gluten free, low sodium, oat or almond milk, sugar free, plant-based meats. Please list what you are looking for.





Food Pantry of Waukesha

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How about you?

Is your pantry operating a choice model? A modified choice model? What barriers to a choice model does your organization face?



Questions / Comments / Thoughts



Schedule of Partner Primers 2023

September 11th 2023	Movement toward Choice Pantries
October 2nd 2023	Using Technology at Pantries
November 6th 2023	Food Drives – 101
December 4th 2023	Pantry Budgeting and Grant Writing



Thank you.

