WELCOME
And Thank You!
You make the difference for our communities!
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 tailors 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!
UWM Food Center and Pantry

Allie Dorshorst, Basic Needs Coordinator
Milwaukee, WI
Family Sharing of Ozaukee County

Todd Bugnacki, Food Pantry Director
Kera Karagodsky, Pantry Manager
Ozaukee, WI
Name:

Date: 

Number of people in household: 

Appointment Time: 

OUTSIDE □  INSIDE □

Canned tomatoes
Canned green beans
Cereal
Relish
Instant potatoes
Canned vegetable beef soup
Canned chicken & rice soup
Peanut butter

Jelly: Grape or Strawberry
Oatmeal
Chips/popcorn/snacks
Canned kidney beans
Canned baked beans
Canned pineapple
Canned peaches

PERSONAL CARE

OUTSIDE ONLY

Meat

Eggs

Bread

Milk

Deodorant: men’s

and/or women’s

Toilet paper

Dog/Cat food

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

Laura Amenda, Food Resource Manager
Waukesha, WI
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
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Thank you.