

# Agency Scoop

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*Agency Scoop, Arkansas Foodbank Member Newsletter, is your inside scoop for exclusive dates, information and stories from Arkansas Foodbank members. Distributed monthly, this is our primary contact to distribute information that applies specifically to our members.*

## AGENCY INSPECTIONS

According to Feeding America guidelines, all member inspections are required to be conducted every 18 to 24 months. So, **effective January 1st, 2019** the Arkansas Foodbank will adhere to this policy – allowing us to focus more on agency trainings, Foodbank University and building more and new community partnerships.

If your organization participates in the **USDA TEFAP** or **CSFP** program, your inspections will continue to be conducted **annually** (2019, 2020, 2021 etc.)

The Agency Relations Team members who are Connie, Shamim, Taryn and Rebecca will be in contact to schedule your inspection in 2020.

Please feel free to contact us at 501-565-8121 if you have questions.

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*We could not feed over 280,000 Arkansans each year if not for you, our valued member.*

## **Delivery Fee:** A Note from Foodbank CEO Rhonda

Starting February 1, 2019 the Arkansas Foodbank will begin charging \$15 per delivery for each order we delivery directly to agencies. This was not an easy for leadership at the Arkansas Foodbank and we spent more than a month researching before making the decision.

Several years ago we put a \$50 delivery fee in place but were able to cover those fees with grants from funders. Over the past two years several of those grants have been eliminated or reduced causing us to look for other sources to absorb all of the delivery expenses. The \$15 is a small portion of the actual cost of deliveries to you. It will help us continue to provide robust services and increased quality of food for those we serve.

Feel free to contact Chief Operating Officer **Eric Shelby** at [eshelby@arkansasfoodbank.org](mailto:eshelby@arkansasfoodbank.org) with concerns and I thank you in advance for your understanding.



Rhonda Sanders  
CEO, Arkansas Foodbank

### **2018 WARREN DELIVERY SCHEDULE**

**February 5, 12, 19, 26 | March 5, 12, 19, 26**

**April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | May 7, 14, 21, 28 | June 4, 11, 18, 25**

**July 9, 16, 23, 30 | August 6, 13, 20, 27 | September 3, 10, 17, 24**

**October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | November 5, 12, 19 | December 3, 10, 17**

## TEFAP Agencies



The Foodbank is receiving more refrigerated products and fresh produce. Therefore, you will see an increase of these products on your invoice. If you do not have the capacity to store it, please contact the families that have been approved to receive it to get it out of your doors to those in need.

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## Government Shutdown - Effects on Hunger Relief

As you know our federal government has now been partially closed for over 30 days. This is the longest shutdown our nation has ever experienced. This means that some current clients will be experiencing additional difficulties and some new clients will be presenting at your agencies possibly for the first time ever. At this point we do not know when to expect the shutdown to end but we do know as it stretches into late January and early February we will see increasing need.

Have your served clients been affected by the shutdown? Is your pantry or community doing something specific for Federal Employees who are furloughed? We want to know. Please send your stories to our Agency Relations Data Coordinator **Rebecca** at [ragyei@arkansasfoodbank.org](mailto:ragyei@arkansasfoodbank.org).



## Chicken Tortilla Soup

Makes 8 Servings



### Ingredients

- 1 lb boneless, skinless chicken breast
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 (15-oz) can diced tomatoes
- 1 (15 oz) can corn kernels
- 1 (10 oz) mild red enchilada sauce
- 1 (4 oz) can chopped green chili peppers
- 1 (14.5 oz) can chicken broth
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- 1 bay leaf

### How to prepare

1. Place chicken in a large soup pot and cover with enough water to fully submerge chicken. Bring water to a boil and cook chicken over medium heat for 30 minutes, or until no longer pink inside.
2. Remove chicken and shred. Pour out cooking water, but reserve 2 cups.
3. In the same soup pot, sauté onion and garlic in oil 5 min.
4. Return shredded chicken and 2 cups reserved water to pot. Add remaining ingredients, bring to a boil and then reduce heat to simmer. Cover and simmer 30 min to one hour.
5. Serve with crushed tortilla chips.

Share your stories with us!

Keep up the great work!  
And please remember to send us your pantry/agency stories.

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