

AGENCY NEWS CORNER



Upcoming Holidays!

Philabundance will be closed on Monday, December 25th and Monday, January 1st. There will be no pickups or deliveries on either day. Wishing you a safe and happy holiday!

Submissions Needed!

In addition to Philabundance news, we'd love to include agency news. Please submit any content for the newsletter to agencynews@philabundance.org. Ideally items should be of interest to a food distribution agency, or clients. Submission of an item for the newsletter does not guarantee it will be included. Ideas include:

- Grants available
- Community or educational events
- Resources available
- Potential partnerships
- Agency accomplishments or news

Pennsylvania CSFP Community This Is Your Moment

Join Hunger-Free Pennsylvania in supporting the effort by Senator Bob Casey to:

1. Remove the 6-month [October] "re-certification" verification period.
2. Offer flexibility to the format of the annual "certification" [April] period.

Please take a moment to [read the letter](#)

If you agree [click here to sign your organization onto the letter to Senator Casey](#)



Got Cheese? Lancaster Jack cheese is now available on Agency Express! Lancaster Jack is a raw milk cheese made by Amish farmers in Lancaster County. We will be selling it in 8oz pieces at the low price of \$1.77 each! This cheese is great for snacking, melting and cooking. You can shred the cheese into mac-n-cheese, grilled cheese or on salads for a healthy, natural dairy protein.

Lancaster Jack is all-natural and is made with local milk that is antibiotic- and hormone-free. This cheese has been aged 60 days or more as required by law for safety.

The natural aging process allows for the growth of good enzymes which are helpful in digestion for those who are lactose intolerant. Raw milk cheese contains 10% more B vitamins and 25% more Vitamin C than pasteurized cheese.

Please contact your agency team if you require any additional information. We would love to get your feedback about our partnership with Lancaster dairy farmers!

(**Please note, it is recommended that pregnant women, infants and anyone immunocompromised avoid eating raw dairy products.)

Philabundance Community Kitchen

OPEN HOUSES

BEGIN A CAREER IN THE CULINARY ARTS!

Join us for one of the following
Wednesdays @9AM

11/29 • 12/6 • 12/13 • 1/3

ADDRESS: 1981 N. Woodstock St., Philadelphia, PA
RSVP: Jason Starling, 215-235-5052 x127

PCK classes run 1/16 through the first week of May



ABOUT PCK

Philabundance Community Kitchen (PCK), an adult vocational training program for low-income adults, seeks prospective students for its next class, January 16 through the first week of May.

This 14-week program provides nearly 500 hours of culinary arts training and also offers exposure to guest chefs, catering opportunities, off-site internships and job placement services. In addition, retention services are offered for two full years to ensure that students maximize their training and maintain positive work ethics.

The program is free thanks to our generous donors.

OPEN HOUSES

Prospective students must attend an open house, at which they will have the opportunity to hear what PCK has to offer to individuals looking for a second chance in life or a career in the culinary industry.

Attendees will also take a 7th grade reading and math test. Those who pass will have the opportunity to learn about the next steps for this adult vocational culinary program!



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PHILABUNDANCE



Need help finding volunteers?

We know the holiday season can be a busy one and the Philabundance Volunteer Department would like to help!

If you would like assistance recruiting volunteers for the upcoming holiday season (November – December) please fill out a brief [survey by clicking here](#) or contact the volunteer department at the contact information below!

We look forward to assisting you!

Best,
Jaclyn and Chris

Philabundance Volunteer Team
volunteer@philabundance.org
215-339-0900

philabundance.org

Connect With Us!





Volunteers Needed!

Philabundance Volunteer Position: Grocers Against Hunger Volunteer Driver

Philabundance seeks volunteer drivers to assist our Grocers Against Hunger program. Volunteers are needed to rescue food from local grocery stores and delivering it to neighborhood agencies.

We are currently looking for volunteers willing to drive in the following areas: South Philadelphia, NE Philadelphia, Eastern Delaware County (Brookhaven/Darby), Lansdale/Hatfield area and King of Prussia.

Volunteers Must:

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Have access to his/her own large vehicle; such as a van, SUV, or pick-up truck; Vehicle must be clean for transporting food
- Have a valid driver's license, clean driving record and valid auto insurance
 - Philabundance will run a MVR for each year that the volunteer participates
- Must be able to commit to a regular 2-3 hour shift, weekly or semi-weekly
- Able to lift up to 50 pounds
- Be willing to work in a group and enjoy communicating with diverse groups of people

If you are interested in volunteering in this capacity or would like more information, please contact the

Philabundance Volunteer Department:

volunteer@philabundance.org or 215-339-0900

ADVOCACY UPDATE

The House and Senate are still working on a Tax Bill. Here are Philabundance's top 3 concerns about the current bill being discussed:

1. It will provide huge tax cuts for the wealthy and profitable corporations, while offering comparatively little for people who are struggling to get by.
2. To pay for these tax cuts, it will add \$1.5 trillion to the national deficit which will force huge budget cuts to safety net programs like SNAP (food stamps).
3. By changing the standard tax deduction, fewer people will use the charitable tax deduction and it could put more stress on nonprofits that rely on donations.

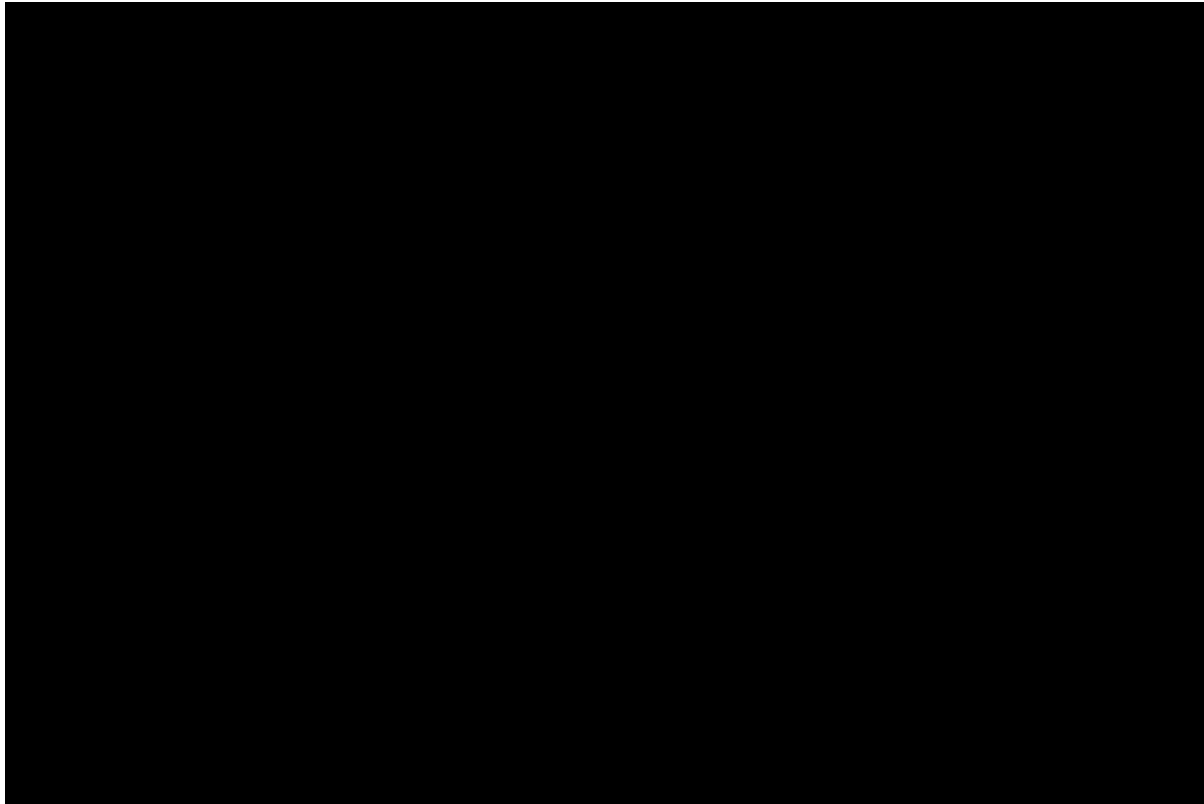
I will be reaching out via email to let you know when you can take action to oppose this bill.

Stay tuned!

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Manager of Government Affairs
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Member Agency Spotlight: Multiculturalism Community Family Services

This month, one of our newer Community Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) agencies, Multiculturalism Community Family Services in Upper Darby, was featured as one part of a four part series on 6ABC Action News. The organization is committed to serving immigrant children and families.



Here is a link to the full article: <http://6abc.com/community-events/helping-to-feed-the-senior-citizens-in-the-delaware-valley/2614708/>. For more information about Multiculturalism Community Family Services, please check out their website: <http://multiculturalcommunityfamilyservices.org/>.

If you are interested in being interviewed for the Member Agency Spotlight, please contact Devin Hunter, dhunter@philabundance.org, for more information.

Neighbor To Neighbor Holiday Bazaar



December 9, 2017
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Indoor - Rain or Shine



1st African Baptist Church Annex

Free parking is available.

818 Clifton Avenue, Sharon Hill, PA 19079



Great way to get in some last minutes gifts!

For more information contact Neighbor To Neighbor 610-461-8140

ATTENTION SHOPPERS

*Are you age 18 or older?
Do you receive SNAP benefits?*



If so, you may be interested in participating in a study:

Shopping with SNAP Benefits: USDA's Thrifty Food Plan vs. the Reality of Affording Healthy Food

- The project's goal is to understand how SNAP shoppers make shopping choices.
- At your convenience, you will go on a regular shopping trip at a grocery store of your choice for about an hour. A researcher will accompany you and ask you to "think aloud" about the reasons for your shopping decisions.
- Afterwards, you can choose to participate in a follow-up interview at a time you select for about an hour, to talk about the kinds and amounts of foods you generally eat during a week.
- You will be compensated up to \$50 for your participation in the study.

For more information, please contact:
Colette Hanlon
Tel: 805-248-2575

This research project has been approved by the Institutional Review Board
at St. Joseph's University

ACCESS Admission



Pennsylvania ACCESS
Cardholders can attend 35 cultural
sites in Philadelphia for
\$2 per person



Art-Reach creates, advocates for and expands accessible opportunities in the arts so the full spectrum of society is served. ACCESS Admission is a city-wide initiative led by Art-Reach and supported by various community partners and cultural sites.

 **Art-Reach**
www.art-reach.org

Pay What You Wish Hours at the Philadelphia Museum of Art

First Sunday of the Month 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. and Every Wednesday 5:00–8:45 p.m.:
Pay What You Wish (starting at just a penny)

To learn more about our community engagement, you can read up on:

<http://www.philamuseum.org/communityengagement>

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IMMEDIATE OPENINGS

Philadelphia Job Corps Life Science Institute

- Finish your high school education, gain hands-on experience with trained instructors, and start a real career or go to community college
- Free to income-eligible young people ages 17 through 24
- Career training and education programs include:
 - Certified Nurse Assistant
 - Clinical Medical Assistant
 - Culinary Arts
 - Emergency Medical Technician
 - Facilities Maintenance
 - Pharmacy Technician
- Nonresidential center that provides assistance with transportation, meals, basic health care, and transitional allowance

APPLY TODAY!
(267) 386-2922

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Administered by the U.S. Department of Labor, Job Corps is the nation's largest career technical training and education program for low-income young people ages 16 through 24. Job Corps is a U.S. Department of Labor Equal Opportunity Employer Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. TDD/TTY telephone number is (877) 889-5627.



ESL Home Healthcare Certification for learners of English as a second language

Preparing Students for Employment in Healthcare



10-week program beginning July 2017
Classes are Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM–1:00 PM

To qualify for this program, you must:

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| ✓ Be a Pennsylvania resident | ✓ Have at least a 5 th grade English reading level |
| ✓ Be able to attend all scheduled classes | ✓ Not have a criminal record |
| ✓ Have a social security number | ✓ Have satisfactory medical clearance |
| ✓ Be able to work legally in the U.S. | ✓ Preferred, but not required: a high school diploma or GED, from any country |
| | ✓ Be able to lift 50 lbs. on a regular basis |

All students must pass an English reading test and an oral interview.

To register for a test appointment, contact Arlyn Freed at (215) 568-2580

This program is available to all, without regard to race, color, national origin, disability, sex, political affiliation, or, in most instances, religion. If you believe you have been discriminated against, or if you want more information, please contact the Office of Civil Rights and Inclusiveness 1201 New York Ave, NW Washington, DC 20525



District 1199C Training and Upgrading Fund
100 South Broad Street, 10th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19110
www.1199ctraining.org
This program is funded by LISC



Does YOUR Agency Need a ServSafe Certificate?

If you serve meals on site, you must maintain at least one person on staff who holds a current Safe Food Handling Certificate, if required by your county. A certificate holder must be present whenever food is being prepared.

Even if a certificate is not required by your county, or you do not prepare food onsite, a ServSafe Certificate can provide extra knowledge about food safety for your program and be a good thing to have.



If you are required to hold a ServSafe Certificate and your Certificate is set to expire, but you already have a new certificate, please fax us a copy. If you do not, please be sure to plan to renew your certification before your current certificate expires to avoid any interruption of services. In addition, if the only staff member holding a Safe Food Handling Certificate leaves your agency or their certificate expires, you must notify Philabundance immediately.

Safe Food Handling certification courses are 16 hours, with fees set by the training institution. Students must pass an exam, and certification is for five years.

Philabundance does not offer Safe Food Handling courses, but information regarding certification providers can be found online. Lists of providers can be found at www.servsafe.com and at www.phila.gov. If you located in the West Philadelphia area, we recommend:

Food Safety Essentials

Tanya Stewart

215-253-9437

foodsafetyessentials@earthlink.net

- Courses weekly at Overbrook Park location (near 66th & City Ave); non-profit rates
- Not sure if your feeding program requires a Safe Food Handling Certificate?

Call us to confirm!