

Senior Corps Work Plan SAMPLE

Work Plan Name: Food Distribution – Sample 2 (RSVP)	Work Plan ID: MOE05018
Issue Area: Health/Nutrition	Total # Stations: 15
Service Category: Food Distribution/Collection	Total # Volunteers: 47
<p>Community Need: Hunger is a serious and ongoing problem in Butler County (population 81,000). The 2000 US Census estimates that 14% percent of Butler County residents live below the poverty threshold. According to the Butler County Health Survey (2002), approximately 3,200 Butler residents experience hunger regularly (three days a week or more). Currently, about 1,850 (57%) of the 3,200 people needing food are able to get food from food banks and food distribution centers located throughout the county on a weekly basis. However, the remaining 43 percent (1,375) are unable to get food at the food bank/distribution centers because food at these locations typically runs out before all the people in line can be served. This causes hungry people to spend more of their time either standing in lines to get food or seeking inexpensive or free food from other sources. According to the Health Survey, people who regularly experience hunger and/or expend so much effort trying to acquire basic necessities feel they have little time and energy for other basic needs and responsibilities such as work, school, health, family care, etc..</p> <p>An increase in the amount of food available for distribution to these families would help to alleviate hunger in Butler County. Volunteers can help with collection, packing and distribution of additional food for those in need.</p>	
<p>Service Activity: RSVP volunteers will each serve five days a week gathering food for 15 food banks/distribution centers, increasing the amount of food available for distribution. RSVP volunteers will perform tasks such as: locating food sources, scheduling pick-ups, gathering produce from fields after commercial harvests, picking up donations from grocers, caterers, and restaurants; and sorting, packing, and distributing food in grocery bags.</p>	
<p>Anticipated Input: The 47 RSVP volunteers will serve 470 hours per week for a total of 22,560 volunteer hours over the year.</p> <p>The 15 food banks/distribution centers will provide office space, storage and distribution space. Additionally, they will provide nine hours of volunteer training including four hours of harvesting and food safety training, and ten vehicles (including four trucks).</p> <p>RSVP will provide mileage reimbursement and recognition.</p>	

Anticipated Accomplishments/Outputs: Food will be collected for distribution to families in need.

Indicator: Pounds of food collected by volunteers annually

Target: At least two million pounds of food will be collected by volunteers over the year.

How Measured? *Food Collection Log*

Anticipated Intermediate Impact/Outcome: More families in need will receive groceries from the distribution centers.

Indicator: Number of families who receive grocery bags weekly; percent increase in the number of families served from baseline year 2002

Target: There will be a 20% increase from 2002 in the number of families who receive weekly grocery bags from the distribution centers.

How Measured? *Food Distribution Log*

Anticipated End Impact/Outcome: Grocery bag recipients will be better able to address other responsibilities in their lives.

Indicator: Percent of recipients who report an improvement in their capacity to address responsibilities related to school, employment, health, children, housing, and/or legal issues

Target: 60 percent of recipients will report an improvement in their capacity to address other responsibilities in their lives related to school, employment, health, children, housing, and/or legal issues.

How Measured? *Food Recipient Questionnaire* (a short survey given to recipients after four months)