

## Why are we using new forms?

- Good Shepherd Food Bank, through whom we receive almost all of our food donations/purchases, is trying to better gather 'big data'.
  - o This will help GSFB better articulate needs to donor 'stakeholders' and ensure the long term availability of sufficient help for local food banks.
  - o This will also allow them to correlate and speak to other needs, like housing and utilities, that impact residents and their food needs.
- The data will also allow the clearing from 'big data' of redundant users of food services – that is, residents who go to more than one food bank. The data that is most important is how many individuals use food banks, rather than how many visits there are. GSFB has no interest in or plan to limit customers to a single food bank if local rules permit that.
- As the form notes, this is private information and your details will not be shared beyond Good Shepherd Food Bank. GSFB is interested only in 'big data' – the accumulation of all of the details. The data will be held in an encrypted data base by GSFB and on paper at the Sumner Food Bank.
- This registration also counts for USDA TEFAP accountability. We will renew your signature for this annually rather than monthly (as at present).
- Note that each person in the household must be listed. This not only helps GSFB but also helps us, the Sumner Food Bank, better report to the town (from whom we receive about half of our financial support) the scope of support being provided.
  - o If you live in West Paris, that food bank is at the West Paris Baptist Church. It is open 1-3pm the 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month.
- Ultimately we hope that this data base will also allow us to track inventory of product and better serve you.

## Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

- This application is required in order for the CSFP to track recipients and ensure monthly food boxes are available for distribution.
- CSFP is encouraged for all customers who are over 60. It includes 2 boxes of cereal, 2 jugs of fruit juice, 2 quarts of UHT milk, a jar of peanut butter and two cans of some sort of meat product (ex. Beef stew or canned chicken).
- If there are items in the box which you do not want, just leave them at the food bank and we will incorporate them into our stocks for other customers.