

# MEDIA ADVISORY



## For Immediate Release

The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts  
97 North Hatfield Road  
PO Box 160  
Hatfield, MA 01038

## Contact:

Lillian Baulding  
Communications  
& Engagement Officer  
413-203-4907 (direct number)  
lillianb@foodbankwma.org

Date: June 7, 2022

---

## The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts honors Berkshire County frontline emergency food network through Partner Appreciation Day

**Date:** Monday, June 14, 2022

**Time:** 5 – 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Berkshire Botanical Gardens, 5 W. Stockbridge Road, Stockbridge, MA 01262

Hatfield, MA – As part of a 40<sup>th</sup>-anniversary commemoration, The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts is honoring members of the frontline emergency food network with a series of four Partner Appreciation Days that will take place in all four counties of Western Massachusetts. The Berkshire County event will take place on Monday, June 13 at Berkshire Botanical Gardens in Pittsfield. **Representatives of the press are invited to attend and report on these by-invitation-only events.**

The Food Bank works with 40 partners in Berkshire County to distribute healthy food to individuals and families at risk of hunger. These local organizations run food pantries, meal sites, or work with The Food Bank on direct distributions through the Brown Bag: Food for Elders and Mobile Food Bank sites each month. Without partnerships throughout Western Massachusetts, the organization would not have been able to distribute 187,968,086 pounds of healthy food in its 40-year history.

“We are so privileged to be able to work with such an amazing group of organizations to provide food to our neighbors throughout Western Massachusetts,” stated Christina Maxwell, Director of Programs at The Food Bank. “We literally couldn’t do what we do without them, and we are happy to have an opportunity to celebrate with them and say thank you for all of their incredibly hard work. “

Partner Appreciation Events will take place in each of the four counties of the region so that volunteers and staff representing all organizations within the emergency food network will have an opportunity to attend without the need to travel long distances. Each event will include shared remarks from Food

Bank staff, partners, and legislators and will also include a recognition awards ceremony. Refreshments, snacks and hors d'oeuvres will also be served.

###

*The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts believes that everyone has a right to healthy food regardless of their circumstances. Serving Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire counties, The Food Bank leads the region's emergency food network, distributing nutritious food to households with lower incomes. Since 1982, they have been providing individuals facing hunger with the food they need to survive and leading communities towards long-term solutions to food insecurity by addressing its underlying causes. They are committed to creating a Western Massachusetts where no one goes hungry, and everyone has access to nutritious food. For more information, visit [foodbankwma.org](http://foodbankwma.org).*



**Rural Development**

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider, and employer.*



United Way  
of Pioneer Valley