



GREENWOOD
COUNTS
COMMUNITY
CONSORTIUM

TO:	GC3-Lakelands Food and Hunger Alliance
FROM:	Justo Chalaire, Community Engagement & Data Specialist
SUBJECT:	LFHA Meeting Summary
DATE:	January 25th, 2024

Thank you to all who attended the LFHA meeting for the Greenwood Counts Community Consortium.

Below is a summary of each portion of our meeting with a direct link to the video recording for that portion:

- Andrea White welcomed the LFHA Members and initiated introductions and organization updates. In attendance were, Bryan Yebba, Britney Mazyck, Hanna Sharif-Kazemi, Courtney Watson, Andrew White, Andria Wendell, Gabrielle Dilka, Anetra Hardy, Trish Buis, April Ouzts, Ashley Redfern, Patsy Garcia, Will Metts, Anetra Hardy, and Justo Chalaire.

Organization Updates

- Bryan Yebba shared information on a local seed library initiative.
- Anetra Hardy shared that there are nonprofits that will assist folks who are justice involved.

Drug Policy Alliance

- Hanna gave an introduction to the Drug Policy Alliance, who they are and what they do. Their current focus is repealing the lifetime ban on individuals convicted of a drug felony from being eligible to receive SNAP assistance using the Farm Bill as the vehicle. She provided history on this ban. South Carolina is the only state with a total SNAP ban. She provided background on the advocacy with a highlight that the Biden-Harris administration is giving focus to this ban. She then gave action items on how our alliance could get involved.

LFHA Updates

- Justo shared that our \$25,000 LFHA CDG Budget has been signed and funds are ready to be utilized. He also shared that Greenwood Food Resource Map on lakelandscounts.org has been added to a flyer in partnership with DHEC. A goal of 1000 copies to be distributed by January was set and we distributed 285. We currently have 221 page views on the resource guide.
- Justo shared that the GC3 Impact Tracker is available and LFHA members have begun including their organizational impact. This will show a collective effort to reduce food insecurity and build public will to support our work. Some alliance members still need to add updates.
- Just mentioned our food assessment is complete. The GC3 Data team is currently working on a full report representing insights from the GC3 Community Survey and listening sessions.

Action items that came from the meeting:

- Data and Analytics team to continue to analyze and generate a food insecurity report from listening sessions and the GC3 Community Survey.
- Add Organizational Data into the GC3 Impact Tracker <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EBnfc5Q1S5VKiE7mxGwDtMFUsIxa9sckJD51dQ6tJmQ/edit#gid=89183484>
- LFHA to present to local organizations and rotary club.
- Continuously update the Lakelands Counts Food Resource Guide.
- Promote the Unite Us referral platform to the Alliance. - [Unite Us Video Link](#)
- Review the Turn the Curve Action Plan in March of 2024.
- GC3 Members to advertise the Food and Hunger Alliance and invite one member to the group.
- GC3 Members to share trainings and updates to Justo at jchalaire@uwlakelands.org to be sent among the group and to the community.
- Attend our next meeting on **Thursday, February 22nd.**