



GREENWOOD
COUNTS
COMMUNITY
CONSORTIUM

TO:	GC3-Lakelands Food and Hunger Alliance
FROM:	Justo Chalaire, Community Engagement & Data Specialist
SUBJECT:	LFHA Meeting Summary
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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. In attendance were Courtney Watson, April Ouzts, Debra Coleman, Trish Buis, Andrea White, Andria Wendell, Britney Mazyck, Jilisa Cade, Kelsey Sanders, Patsy Garcia, and Justo Chalaire.
- All members discussed their respective organizations and the programs they are involved in to improve access to local food and address food insecurity in the community. They also discussed the launch of the GC3 community survey to gather information on the challenges and needs of the people. -
- Justo shared that our \$25,000 LFHA CDG Budget has been approved and will be allocated when funds are received. He also shared about the updates to the Greenwood Food Resource Map on lakelandscounts.org and the community food guide DHEC created with a QR code to that map. We then discussed updates on the GC3 Community Survey that GC3 partners and organizations agreed to administer to gather information on healthcare challenges, food insecurity, and mental health issues. The group emphasized the importance of community partners being involved in administering the surveys to ensure accurate responses and to mention incentives like gift cards to encourage participation.
- Justo emphasized the importance of GC3 partners taking the lead in understanding the needs of the community. They discussed the process of administering a survey, including the option to scan and submit answers digitally, on paper, and through a QR code on a flyer- all offered in English and Spanish. We need 383 responses and are currently at 195. We started an open discussion on how we could each distribute the survey at our respective organizations followed by tips for survey administration. The confirmed end to the Survey will be September 14th and our goal is 400 responses.
- The group reviewed Strategy #1 of our action plan – to implement community listening sessions. We discussed why these sessions are so valuable in elevating voices. We then reviewed the Listening Session Agendas and Facilitator Guide. The communication team was highlighted, specifically Britney M., during the review of their community listening session flyers. We confirmed our 3 listening session questions with additional probes- 1.What makes it hard to get food? 2. Who is impacted by these challenges? 3. What is a potential solution to these challenges? The Data team scheduled a meeting to generate survey reports and discuss the reporting for the listening sessions.

Action items that came from the meeting:

- GC3 Members to advertise GC3 survey flyer and administer GC3 Community Surveys within the community and at respective organizations.
 - Debra C. to administer with church groups
 - Andria Wendell to personal associates
 - Patsy G. in PTC library success center and food pantry
 - Andrea White during the non-profit council meeting
 - Jilisa C. to soup kitchen participants and the UC3 Resource Connection Hub
 - Britney M. at Community Initiatives
 - Justo to mass distribute and post to Ware Shoals and Ninety-Six Facebook page
 - Trish Buis to the Our Lady of Lourdes church bulletin
- Alliance to collaborate to obtain 20 more gift cards for survey and listening session incentives using the GC3 Solicitation Letter.
- GC3 Members to advertise listening session flyers.
- Facilitators and notetakers to review the listening session agenda and facilitator guide prior to their scheduled dates.
- Britney Mazyck to send the Spanish survey flyer to the group.
- Zach Rubin to distribute the Spanish survey link to the group.
- Justo C. to coordinate listening sessions and prepare materials and incentives for each location.
- Justo C. to send the group the GC3 solicitation letters to acquire gift cards and incentives for the listening sessions and survey participants.

Zoom Recording

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