



GREENWOOD
COUNTS
COMMUNITY
CONSORTIUM

TO:	GC3-Lakelands Food and Hunger Alliance
FROM:	Justo Chalaire, Community Engagement & Data Specialist
SUBJECT:	LFHA Meeting Summary
DATE:	February 22nd, 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:

- Justo Chalaire welcomed the LFHA Members and initiated introductions and organization updates. In attendance were, Bryan Yebba, Andria Wendell, Hannah Roberts, Hannah Hogue, Kiersten White, Myia Gallaway, Trish Buis, Ashley Redfern, April Ouzts, Victoria Hunter, Zach Rubin, Gabrielle Dilka, and Justo Chalaire.

Organization Updates

- Bear Necessities annual Music for Meals on March 9th at Lander equestrian center will have music, bbq, and activities to support Bear Necessities.
- VITA is active at United Way of the Lakelands Mon-Sat with drop off location for McCormick, Saluda, and Abbeville
- Gratitude gathering for people in and who support recovery is Saturday, Feb. 2th at 12 p.m. at Real Life Church. Will continue the "Vision for You" series with a focus on financial wellness.
- Bryan mentioned starting a seed library at Greenwood library and in Ware Shoals through community groups to help close food security. Greenwood Library launches on March 9th, 2:00 - 3:30.

LFHA Updates

- \$25,000 LFHA CDG Budget has been signed and the steering committee has begun fund distribution. Steering committee approved \$200 of our \$3000 budget for our growing guides. 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 226 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.
- MAT Transit transportation route is in progress and is being followed up by Andrea White and others to expedite the process.
- 3 strategies from the action plan have been completed (needs assessment, communication materials, referral system) with 1 pending (transportation route) and 1 not started (store managers).
- Decrease in food insecurity from 12.3% to 9.6% with 3,053 individuals served in 2023, 9,820 lbs of food distributed, 8 educational workshops, and 972 educational materials distributed

GC3 Data Insights

- Zach Rubin gave an introduction for the GC3 survey surrounding food insecurity in Greenwood county. He mentioned the key struggles that the community faced that impacted their food security. Some of these struggles that were brought to light through the survey and the listening sessions are income, transportation, healthy eating habits. Through the listening sessions, we are able to see some suggestions that were mentioned by the community that would help individuals and the community. The report is close to being finished with data, quotes, and suggestions. Zach mentioned some of the demographics of the survey and listening sessions results.

GC3 Data Event (Open Discussion)

- Justo brought up having a community launch/meeting in April to present the LFHA Report to the community. This was approved by the group.
- The event will take place directly after Farmers Market hours on Wednesday April 24th from 1:30-3:30 p.m. We will contact the Arts Center and Museum for event space. Looking at getting sponsors to support food.
- We will involve all key stakeholders in the event including local government and people that attended our listening sessions.
- An action planning meeting will follow on May 23rd.

Action items that came from the meeting:

- Data and Analytics team to complete a food insecurity report from listening sessions and the GC3 Community Survey by April 1st
- Add Organizational Data into the GC3 Impact Tracker <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EBnfc5Q1S5VKiE7mxGwDtMFUsIxa9sckJD51dQ6tJmQ/edit#gid=89183484>
- Connect with MAT Transit for transportation route solution
- Confirm logistics for the Data Launch Event
- 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 May 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.
- Confirm logistics for the GC3 event
- Attend our next meeting on **Thursday, March 28th**.