



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:

- Justo C. welcomed the LFHA Members and initiated introductions. In attendance were Andrea White, Andria Wendell, Britney Mazyck, Bryan Yebba, Kelsey Sanders, Myia Galloway, Zack Rubin and Justo Chalaire.

Organization Updates

- Myia Galloway provided an update on her Clemson Ext. nutrition and food classes offered to youth and adults.
- Justo Chalaire provided an update on United Ways UC3 Resource Connection Hub and the success of collaborating with community partners and utilizing the Unite Us platform. HE also shared United Ways new SC Homeowner Rescue Program that offers legal and educational services to community members at risk of foreclosure.

FHA Updates

- Justo shared that our \$25,000 LFHA CDG Budget has been approved and funds are ready to be utilized. 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 worked collectively to administer to learn about healthcare challenges, food insecurity, and mental health issues in Greenwood, SC. 380 Surveys were completed which puts us right at our goal. 10 Gift Cards will be distributed to random participants. Data team will review survey results on October 12th from 1-4 p.m. Zach Rubin provided insights from the survey including total survey participants, demographics, barriers to healthcare, and percentage of participants that were extremely food insecure.
- The group then discussed our Community Listening Sessions. They aligned with strategy #1 from our action plan. The target location was census tract 970500. Community partners that serve this area provided participants and space to implement listening sessions (Morris Chapel, Our Lady of Lourdes, Soup Kitchen, Food Bank). 12 GC3 members were trained on facilitation and listening sessions are complete. Some takeaways were that seniors rely on neighbors for help with food, single parents with kids struggle to make ends meet and sacrifice food cost to pay other bills, felons are

limited on job opportunities and do not qualify for SNAP, transportation is an issue for many in this census tract to reach more affordable grocery stores, Finances are a problem but financial coaching could be a solution, record expungement could be a solution, transportation services could be a solution.

Action Plan

- The group reviewed the most recent version of the GC3- LFHA Action Plan. Our next focus is revising this plan based on listening session and survey feedback and to begin creating educational materials for community members.

Action items that came from the meeting:

- Data and Analytics team to analyze and generate reports from listening sessions and the GC3 Community Survey.
- GC3 Members to advertise the Food and Hunger Alliance.
- GC3 Members to share trainings and updates to Justo at jchalaire@uwlakelands.org to be sent among the group and to the community.
- Justo to send the food resource guide to the group.

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