



GREENWOOD
COUNTS
COMMUNITY
CONSORTIUM

TO:	GC3-Lakelands Food and Hunger Alliance
FROM:	Justo Chalaire, Community Engagement & Data Specialist
SUBJECT:	LFHA Meeting Summary
DATE:	December 28th, 2023

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 organization updates. In attendance were, Bryan Yebba, Will Metts, and Justo Chalaire.

Organization Updates

- Will Metts informed us that an associate of his will be joining GC3 and that there are new USDA Grants available.
- United Way of the Lakelands is collaborating with Clemson Ext. to form a Seed Library at the Greenwood Library.

• **LFHA Updates**

- Justo shared that our \$25,000 LFHA CDG Budget has been signed and \$15,000 in 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. A shared drive is available to track. Currently have 183 page views.
- Justo shared that the GC3 Impact Tracker is available and LFHA members have began including their organizational impact. This will show a collective effort to reduce food insecurity and build public will to support our work
- Just mentioned our food assessment is complete. The data team reviewed survey results on October 12th from 1-4 p.m. and December 4th and finalized a theme chart based on listening session transcriptions. Zach Rubin provided insights from the survey and listening sessions. A food insecurity report will be completed by our writing team- Andria Wendell, Zach Rubin, Will Metts, and Justo Chalaire.
- The group then reviewed our current Turn the Curve Action Plan which will be revisited in March of 2024 utilizing our new data to inform the plan. Upon review we revisited our measurement for progress which is the Food Environment Index. After research, it was deemed by County Health Rankings that this is not a feasible measure of progress due to the composite score of multiple data indicators. However, the individual factors such as food insecurity rate within the Food Environment Index is an appropriate measure. This led to further research about survey questions asked that influence our local food insecurity rate. Most are related to income and cost of food, so we began brainstorming

root cause solutions informed by our community listening sessions that could improve the responses on Community Population Survey Questions.

Action items that came from the meeting:

- Data and Analytics team to analyze and generate a food insecurity report from listening sessions and the GC3 Community Survey.
- 1000 Food Resource Guides to be Distributed at discussed locations by January of 2024. Each member tracks how many they distribute and reports on the shared drive - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RsAMJY7snzO3_rishZMpM-uRsufouW2Wpl_w7UU3AM/edit#gid=2127333737
- Add Organizational Data into 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, January 25th**.