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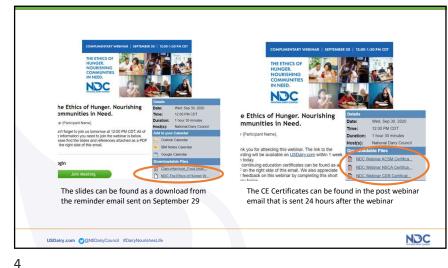
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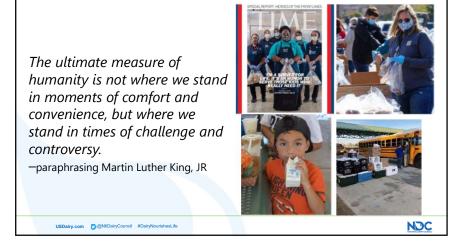
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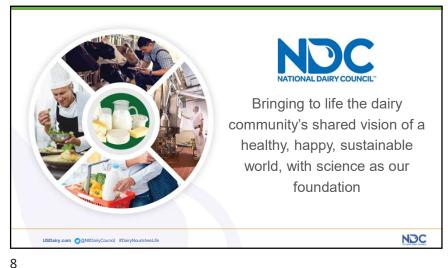


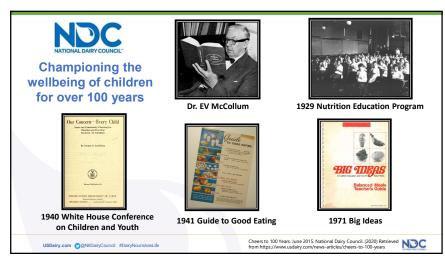












Addressing food and nutrition security with dynamic partnership

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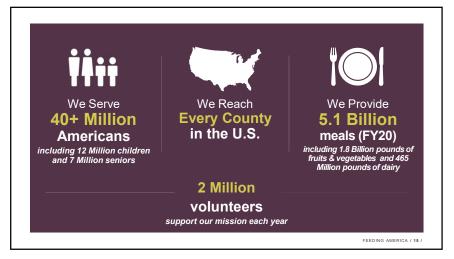


COVID-19 and Food Insecurity

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Feeding America









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MILLION POUNDS OF DAIRY DISTRIBUTED IN THE FEEDING AMERICA NETWORK (2016 - 2020)

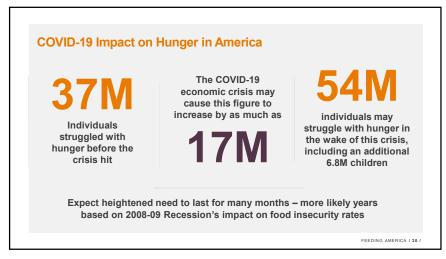
#### **Ensuring Nutritious Foods Get to The Food Insecure**

- · Making more fresh produce, protein and dairy available to hungry people
  - 72% of the food distributed aligns with USDA nutritional guidelines

· On average, participants receive just 1 gallon of milk per person per year · Increasing access to nutritious milk · Bold Goal: By 2025, ensure access to nutritious food · Government commodity · Purchase partnerships · Opening the door to healthy eating Donations Changing the layout of our food banks · Researching nutrition, health and food insecurity FEEDING AMERICA / 17 / FEEDING AMERICA / 18 /

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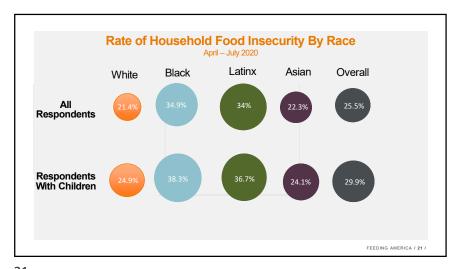


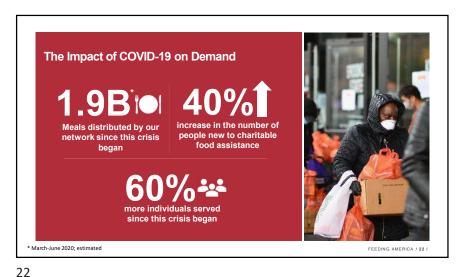
In 2020, Feeding America Distributed 465 M pounds of Dairy

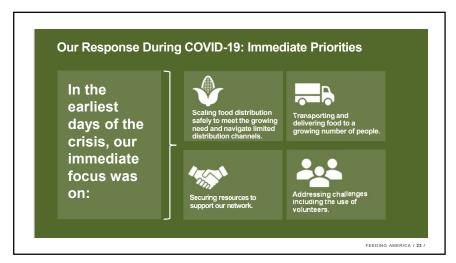
· Dairy, such as milk, cheese and/or yogurt, is one of the top

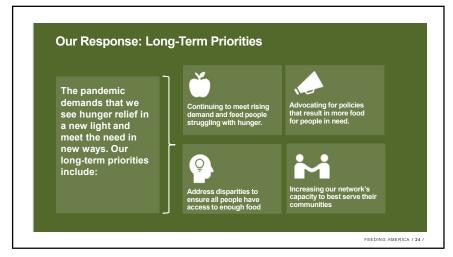
three nutritious products requested by food bank clients.

· Dairy is often least donated



















My professional mission turned right-side up during **Community Voices** Project.



# I made assumptions





UC Davis and Center for Poverty Research (2018)

Most people who are food insecure are:

- working
- looking for work
- disabled
- ill
- single mothers
- elderly
- collegé students
- veterans
- COVID 19
- people who cannot leave their home

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# I saw my assumptions in the hunger crisis.

If we assume a person's ability to food access and do not ask the right questions, we *potentially*:

- Encourage the stigma associated with food assistance programs.
- Exacerbate existing chronic diseases.Perpetuate the cycle of poor food access.
- Increase the risk of 10 major chronic diseases.
  - Diabetes

  - · Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

  - · Coronary Heart Disease

  - Hypertension/High Blood Pressure
  - Chronic Kidney Disease



Hunger is ethics. Challenge the Stigma. Change the Culture.

# **Ethics of Hunger**

Make evidence-based practice decisions, taking into account the unique values and circumstances of the patient/client and community, in combination with practitioner's expertise and judgment.



Code of Ethics for the Nutrition and Dietetics Professionals, 2018



I assumed people had access to a car or public transportation.



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#### Food Access Inequalities: Transportation



- Food Insecure (FI) households are more likely to rely on someone else or alternative forms of transportation.
- Households are ~2.2 miles from the nearest SNAP-authorized supermarket but the usual store is 3.8 miles away.
- Shopping is most likely included in a multiple trip (school, work, someone else's schedule).

Economic Research Service (ERS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Where Do Americans Usually Shop for Food and How Do they Travel to Get There? https://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/pub-details/?publd=79791

# Food Access Inequalities: Transportation



- Travel time is longer
- Limited # of bags on public transportation
- More planning is required
- Various routes and stops



https://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/topics-objectives/topic/social-determinants-health/interventions-resources/food-insecurity#23





I assumed people had access to a traditional grocery store.

By 2021, Dollar stores are expected to grow to 38,000.

Quantum Pulse, Dollar Store Report, 2019



I assumed the grocery store would sell a large variety of fresh produce, wholesome dairy, lean meats, and whole grains.

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#### Food Access Inequalities: Neighborhoods

- People living in urban areas, rural areas, and lowincome neighborhoods may have limited access to full-service grocery stores.
- Convenience stores and small independent stores are more common in food deserts than full-service grocery stores.
- Convenience stores may have higher food prices, lower quality foods, and less variety of foods than grocery stores.

economic research service (ers.), 0.5. Department of Agriculture (05DA). Poda Access research Atlas, https://www.ers.usua.gov/uata products/food-access-research-atlas/





I assumed people could afford the food I recommended.



## **Food Security Definitions**

#### **High Food Security**

"no reported indications of food-access problems or limitations..... access by all people, at all times to sufficient food for an active and healthy life."

#### **Marginal Food Security**

"one or two reported indications- typically of anxiety over food sufficiency or shortage of food in the house."

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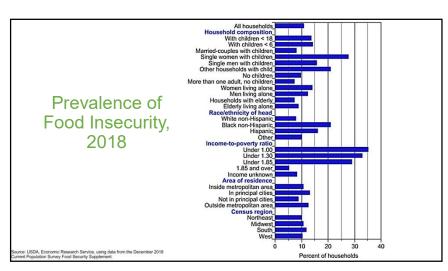
#### Food *Insecurity Definitions*

#### **Low Food Security**

"reports of reduced quality, variety, or desirability of diet. Little or no indication of reduced food intake"

#### **Very Low Food Security**

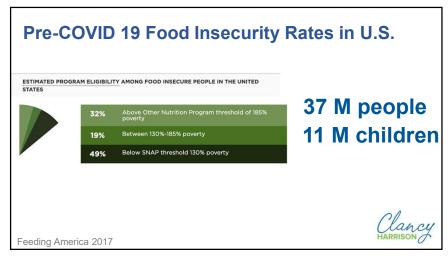
" reports of multiple indication of disrupted eating patterns and reduced food intake."



# Food Access Inequalities: Racial Breakdown Clancy

- 24% of Black Americans, 17% of Latinx, and 13% of Asian Americans do not own a car.
- Food stores in Black communities and Latinx communities are often further away and have fewer high-quality options.
- 8% of Black Americans have a grocery store in their census tract (compared to 31% of White Americans).

Alliance to End Hunger, Hunger is a Racial Equity Issue 2017 Food Trust, The Grocery Store Gap 2010



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# **Projection via Feeding America**

Table 1. Food Insecurity Projections by Scenario

	Scenarios		
	Α	В	C
Unemployment rate increase (% pts)	1.1	4.5	7.6
Poverty rate increase (% pts)	1.5	2.6	4.8
Food insecurity rate increase (% pts)	1.0	3.0	5.2
Increase to number of food-insecure individuals	3.3 million	9.9 million	17.1 million

Source: Calculations by Dr. Craig Gundersen with data from the 2014 to 2018 Current Population Survey, December Supplement.





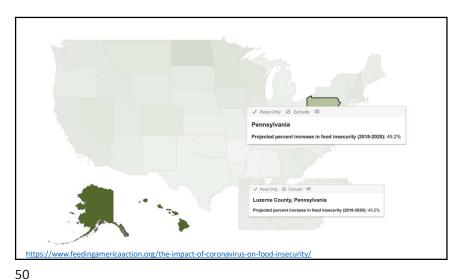


# COVID 19 Impacts at Pantry

Compared to March 2019: Increase 1700%

A month's worth of food GONE within 3 hours!





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# Situational Food Insecurity



- loss of job
- working hours cut back
- medical expenses
- affordable childcare
- affordable housing
- natural disasters (Harvey, Irma, Maria, COVID-19)
- death of family member
- college student

The face of hunger is constantly changing in U.S.

"It's a feeling that one is not worth food."

-college student (JAND, 2019)

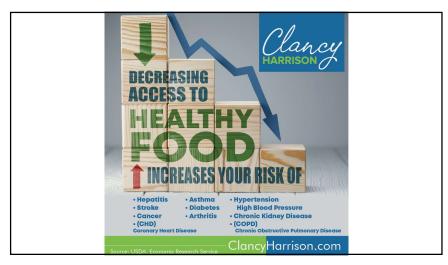
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# **Food Assistance Participation**

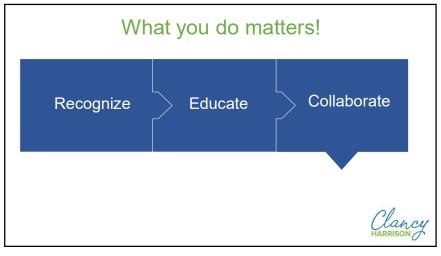
59% households with food insecurity participated in at least 1 of the 3 major federal food assistance programs.

- SNAP (food stamps)
- School Feeding Programs
- WIC (Women Infant & Children)



https://www.ers.usda.gov/webdocs/publications/84973/err237\_summary.pdf?v=42979





# **Ethics of Hunger**

Act in a caring and respectful manner, mindful of individual differences, cultural and ethnic diversity.

Promote fairness and objectivity with fair and equitable treatment.

Code of Ethics for the Nutrition and Dietetics Professionals, 2018



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# Are we asking the right questions?

Healthcare professionals can improve patient outcomes by satisfying the basic need of food access.

....but we must ask the right questions.





Incorporate the Hunger Vital Sign

- 1. "Within the past 12 months we worried whether our food would run out before we got money to buy more."
- 2. "Within the past 12 months the food we bought just didn't last and we didn't have money to get more."

Often true, Sometimes true, Never true

http://www.childrenshealthwatch.org/wp-content/uploads/FINAL-Hunger-Vital-Sign-2-pager1.pd

# **Code for Food Insecurity**

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code Z59.4 (lack of adequate food and safe drinking water)

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code Z59.5 (extreme poverty)



#### Screen for FI in a sensitive manner

- Screen everyone about FI
- Decide how to screen (verbally or written)
- •If verbally, consider asking when the child is not in the room
- Screen in private (away from other staff)
- Normalize
- •Use family's preferred language



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#### Screen for FI in a sensitive manner

- •Inform the person that most people need help
- •Talk positively about nutrition assistance programs
- •Be clear that you are making a recommendation
- Use posters and brochures on food assistance programs
- Share personal stories (if applicable)



# Meet people at their starting point.

Dietitians are experts in food and nutrition, but we are not experts in personal hardships that our clients face.

We will never be able to help people unless we understand the <u>WHY</u> behind choices.





#### **New Nutrition Educational Solutions**



- Take an asset based approach
- Get specific with your questions
- Ask the same question in different ways without pressure
- Connect through stories/situations
- Let people know they are not alone

#### **Grocery Store Talking Points/Solutions**

- What is your favorite store to buy food at?
- What is the closest store from where you live?
- I know a lot of my clients rely on a dollar store for their food. Do you ever find yourself in a pinch and running into a dollar store for convenience?
- I love the 10 for \$10 sales at the grocery store. Do you find the sales helpful?

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# **Transportation Solutions**

- Brainstorm light weight food items that the family loves.
- Discuss reusable bags b/c they are larger than the plastic bags at the store.
- Can you provide a bus route to stores in your area that accept WIC/SNAP?





#### Kitchen Equipment Talking Points

- What are your favorite ways to cook food?
- I run into so many problems with kitchen equipment in my home. Do you have the same issue?
- What is working?
- What is not working?





# Long-Term Food Solutions

Participants consume more milk, vegetables, and whole grains in the following programs:

- SNAP Supplemental Nutrition Program
- National School Lunch Program
- The National School Breakfast Program
- Afterschool Snacks and Meals
- The Summer Food Service Program
- WIC (Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children)

#### Food Assistance Food Assistance Solutions

- Can you provide a list of local, state, national food assistance resources?
- Can you provide
  - a list of items needed to apply for the programs?
  - eligibility requirements?
  - application assistance- technology help?
  - the paper application if available?



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#### Food Assistance Food Assistance Solutions

Can you provide recipes that include ingredients from the food pantry?

#EatUp Recipes collected by



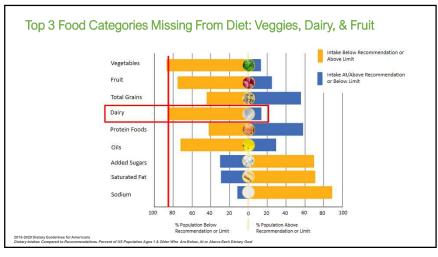
Recipes #EatUP

# Benefits of food assistance programs

- Reduce food insecurity
- Improve health outcomes
- Confidence in feeding family
- Improved health/nutrition intake
- Less stress
- Peace of mind
- Stimulate economic growth (SNAP generated \$56 Billion in retail U.S. revenue 2019)
- Behavior of kids
  - Academic- better outcomes/job placement/higher degree
  - Sleep/Energy
  - Health

https://www.cbpp.org/research/food-assistance/snap-boosts-retailers-and-local-economies





Milk's Nutrition Profile is Tough to Match

• Milk is leading food source of 3 out of 4 nutrients of public health concern. (Ca, K, vitamin D)

• Milk & milk products are recommended as a part of a healthy eating pattern.

National Health & Nutrition Examination Survey 2003-2006, Nutrients 2013 NINANDES 2003-2006, Nutrients 2012 Dietary culdeless for America, 2015-2000

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You have the power to make dry milk powder trendy, fun, unique, and a super food.



Benefits of Milk Powder
Long shelf life
Easy to add to recipes
Increases nutrition in foods
Free at most food banks

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#### Tips to Boost Nutrition with Dry Milk

- Cooked cereals: add 1/2 cup dry milk to each cup of cereal before cooking
- Mashed potatoes: add 1/4 cup dry milk for each cup of potatoes
- Meatloaf, hamburger, taco meat: add up to 1 cup of dry milk per pound of meat
- Quick breads: add 1/4 cup milk powder to each cup of fluid liquid

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# Tips to Boost Nutrition with Dry Milk

- Puddings, gravies, and sauces: add 1/2 cup milk powder to each cup of liquid
- Baked Beans: mix in 1/2 cup dry milk powder before baking
- Canned soup: add 1/2 cup nonfat dry milk powder per serving



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# Affordable Tasty Nutrient dense Easy/low skill level cooking Convenient Accessible

Collaborate with others to reduce health disparities and protect human rights.

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#### Know the barriers

- Survey your participants
- Individual Barriers
  - Shame
  - Resources
  - Childhood experiences
  - Knowledge
  - Racism
- Community
  - Transportation
  - Technology challenges
  - Time/Work
  - Structural Racism 🙀



- · Local food bank RD
- · Grocery store RDs
- Social Workers
- Employers retail, hospitality, healthcare
- Summer meal sites/YMCAs
- · Community RDs and social workers
- · School guidance counselors and nurses
- · Free medical clinics
- · Medical schools?
- WIC RD
- Fresh Food Farmacy (GHP)
- · Director of Diversity
- University Interns/service learning
   RD students community rotation, nursing students, public health





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# Follow Up – Document- Track

- Screen for food insecurity again and again
- Address concerns from prior appointment unique to the person
  - Transportation
  - Receiving food assistance yet?
  - Taking medications as directed?
  - Following medical meal plan?
  - •How has their food access improved?



# **Your Next Action Steps**

- Survey your patients to discover information and barriers.
- Make a list of 3 or more local food relief organizations in your area. (HINT- local WIC RD has a list)
- Set up 1 meeting with one of the organizations on your list to consider for a new partnership.
- Promote food and nutrition programs and encourage participation- you can use your list!



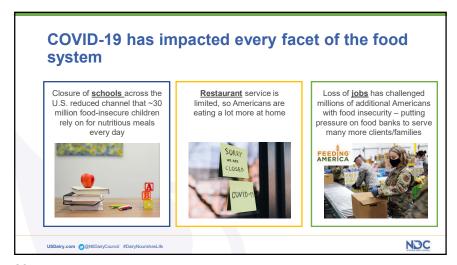


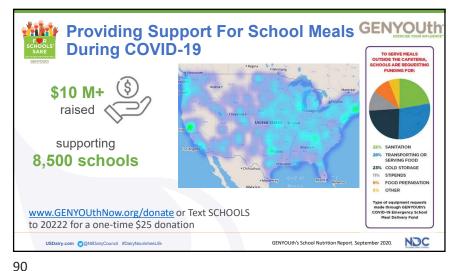
The Dairy Community's Commitment to Fighting Hunger

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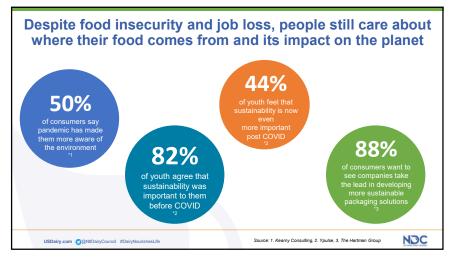














U.S. Dairy is an environmental solution

2050 environmental stewardship goals for air, land & water

Become carbon neutral or better
Optimize water use while maximizing recycling Improve water quality by optimizing utilization of manure and nutrients

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#### Conclusion

- COVID-19 has put focus on hunger in America and now 1 in 4 children may experience food insecurity in 2020.
- As health and wellness professionals, we all have a role to play.
  - Raising awareness on the impact of food insecurity and health
  - · Screening for food insecurity again and again
  - Connecting people at risk with resources and support
- Fight hunger in your community by visiting <a href="milklife.com/give">milklife.com/give</a> to ensure your local food banks can provide nutrient-rich milk to your neighbors in need.
- Join us on this journey to become an environmental solution to the challenges of nourishing a growing global population and protecting the earth's natural resources.

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