DIRECTOR’S LETTER

Happy late summer! Ordinarily, I would be talking at this point about all the things that happen this time of year – wrapping up summer fun, looking ahead to the start of the new school year, planning an All Agency conference … but absolutely nothing about this time in our lives is “ordinary” right now. With so many elements of life changing quickly, as living in a pandemic dictates nearly every aspect of our world, we are certainly getting many lessons in being flexible and responding to situations with little to no notice. Thank you for working so well with us as we expand our operation to distribute more product than ever before. We appreciate your dedication to feeding everyone in Siouxland and your partnership in fighting hunger.

One more aspect of all the changes happening right now: this is my final newsletter column before my retirement at the end of August. My last day will be August 28. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with you for these fourteen years, and I am so grateful for the opportunity to share the work of fighting hunger in Siouxland. I have always considered this work a labor of love, and have felt fortunate to be able to be dedicated to helping our community provide access to food for individuals and families in need. Talk about making a difference! It is a wonderful partnership and I thank you all. The work will go on, of course, and the team in place at the Food Bank of Siouxland is strong and ready to partner with you in the years ahead.

I will miss you, I appreciate you, and I thank you. I can truly say that together, we have made a difference in the fight against hunger in Siouxland! All the best, Linda
Meet Our New Associate Director

Andrea was born and raised in Nebraska. She is a graduate of University of Nebraska at Omaha, obtaining a Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree in Sociology, with a focus on social inequality. Prior to the Food Bank of Siouxland, Andrea worked for the Omaha Performing Arts for 11 and a half years, holding three positions during that time. Most recently, she was the Special Projects Manager. She lead the diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives, spearheaded environmentally-sustainable practices, supervised the front of house volunteer corps, and assisted the President in various projects. In her spare time, Andrea enjoys performing in the Omaha-based band Field Club, spending time with her dog Henry, traveling, biking, concert-going, and anything related to home improvement and design.

Featured Product: Split Peas

Split Pea Hummus Recipe (2 cups serving size)

PREP TIME: 10 min.  COOK TIME: 30 min.  TOTAL TIME: 40 min.

INGREDIENTS:
- 2/3 cup dried split peas
- 2 cups vegetable broth
- 1/4 cup tahini
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled
- 2 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tsp lemon zest
- 1 tbsp cumin, ground
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- crackers, veggies, pita for serving

INSTRUCTIONS
1. Combine the split peas and broth in a medium saucepan over high heat. Bring to a boil, stir, then reduce heat, cover, and simmer until the split peas are very tender (almost mushy) and most of the liquid is absorbed, about 30 minutes.
2. Transfer the cooked split peas to a food processor. Add in the tahini, garlic, lemon juice and zest, cumin, and salt. Pulse until very smooth—you may need to scrape down the sides occasionally.
3. With the food processor running, stream in the olive oil, and continue to run until just combined. Taste for seasoning, adding more salt if necessary, then serve with crackers, veggies, and pita, for dipping.

Check out other recipes like Summer Split Pea Salad and Split Pea Curry
Reminder: Statements and Invoices

Remember to pay your bills from your statements, not invoices. The number in parentheses mean you have a credit!

Please include your agency #
NOT invoice #

You can also print your invoices from the website!

Food For All

Please include your agency name in all correspondence!

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Office hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Orders must be placed by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) or it will be considered “received” on the following business day (i.e. Order Monday at Noon for Wednesday).

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