

Garrett County Food Bank Visioning Session

January 24, 2025

List the strengths of our current food network/food resource providers (churches, agencies, etc...):

I'm still learning.

What gaps in the food network could 360 West Liberty fill?

Needs of homeless, assistance when food stamps aren't enough.

Who does 360 West Liberty serve?

More people than you think!

How can we ensure guests are treated with dignity?

Provide good training to the staff.

As a community member, what can you do to help sustain 360 West Liberty?

As a community service provider, I will be referring clients to you.

Besides food, what other services should be offered at 360 West Liberty?

Homeless Services, peer support for substance use, case management! The Possibility Shop in Cumberland provides a great model for that.

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nourishing neighbors,

What gaps in the food network could 360 West Liberty fill?

food stamps enter usually at the beginning of the month so any food towards the last few days of the month would be amazing.

Who does 360 West Liberty serve?

all of garrett county

How can we ensure guests are treated with dignity?

no judgment.

As a community member, what can you do to help sustain 360 West Liberty?

assist in contacting the right people when the food is running low.

Besides food, what other services should be offered at 360 West Liberty?

medicaid, ahec west, community action services, dhs services

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Willingness to serve the community

What gaps in the food network could 360 West Liberty fill?

Availability of food pickup during non-working hours. (evenings)

Who does 360 West Liberty serve?

No clue

How can we ensure guests are treated with dignity?

As a community member, what can you do to help sustain 360 West Liberty?

When I know what it is, I will be able to answer this question.

Besides food, what other services should be offered at 360 West Liberty?

Fuel vouchers?

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many volunteers and community members that care

What gaps in the food network could 360 West Liberty fill?

Centralized hub to store staples and services that could be distributed across Garrett County.

Who does 360 West Liberty serve?

The hope would be that anyone in need will have a place to go and get help.

How can we ensure guests are treated with dignity?

Everyone will be treated with respect and provided an opportunity to thrive.

As a community member, what can you do to help sustain 360 West Liberty?

Volunteer, mentor, fundraise

Besides food, what other services should be offered at 360 West Liberty?

Maternal and infant support, nutritional education, vital records support, workforce development, financial and health literacy assistance

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Starting a grant workgroup might be a good idea to ensure we are applying for a continued source of funding for support services.

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churches, health department, mountain laurel medical center

What gaps in the food network could 360 West Liberty fill?

need to collaborate to see what needs are. could fill the gap with end of month needs after SNAP benefits run out. folks who do not have SNAP and are on the cliff and do not qualify but can't afford.

Who does 360 West Liberty serve?

everyone who needs it.

How can we ensure guests are treated with dignity?

kindness matters. proper training!!!

As a community member, what can you do to help sustain 360 West Liberty?

donate, volunteer.

Besides food, what other services should be offered at 360 West Liberty?

anything that helps address needs of individuals using it

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work together with ALL agencies to be efficient.

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Western Maryland Food Council, Nourishing Neighbors, Local Churches, Mobile Food Pantry

What gaps in the food network could 360 West Liberty fill?

Consistency

Who does 360 West Liberty serve?

To be determined

How can we ensure guests are treated with dignity?

The form in which screening is conducted.

As a community member, what can you do to help sustain 360 West Liberty?

Allowed to be involved.

Besides food, what other services should be offered at 360 West Liberty?

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Offerings in lots of different areas for food banks in churches

What gaps in the food network could 360 West Liberty fill?

people need food immediately; more timely access

Who does 360 West Liberty serve?

people who don't qualify for food stamps or who don't get enough food stamps for their family's needs

How can we ensure guests are treated with dignity?

As a community member, what can you do to help sustain 360 West Liberty?

Besides food, what other services should be offered at 360 West Liberty?

cleaning supplies and hygiene products, diapers, wipes,

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Community members

What gaps in the food network could 360 West Liberty fill?

Geographic location - distance between service providers and residents.

Who does 360 West Liberty serve?

How can we ensure guests are treated with dignity?

Training and education of program staff.

As a community member, what can you do to help sustain 360 West Liberty?

Provide information to bring awareness. Of this resource.

Besides food, what other services should be offered at 360 West Liberty?

Hygiene, laundry, baby food, pet food, healthy options.

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What is the process to access? Are proxy options available?

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See list of resources here: https://mdfoodbank-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/rpritchard_mdfoodbank_org/Ee0-uxBMicBEtON-jTprSLsB83RKZXe87NuyLiuvQlh3_g?e=uShgUd

Maryland Food Bank/Western Maryland Food Bank Partners

Calvary Tabernacle (Accident)

27893 Garrett Hwy, Accident, MD 21520

Distribution schedule: 2nd Thursday 2-4pm (subject to change)

To double check day and time, call 301-616-3046

St. Ann Church (Grantsville)

12814 New Germany Rd, Grantsville, MD 21536

Distribution schedule: 4th Thursday 9am-12pm

To double check day and time, call 301-895-3338

St. Peter the Apostle (Oakland)

208 S 4th St, Oakland, MD 21550

Distribution schedule: 2nd Wednesday 9am-12pm

To double check day and time, call 301-334-2202

Oak Park Church of the Brethren (Oakland)

110 Church Ln, Oakland, MD 21550

Distribution schedule: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9am-12pm

To double check day and time, call 301-334-2243

Garrett College (McHenry)

687 Mosser Rd, McHenry, MD 21541

Distribution schedule: End-of-semester exams

To double check day and time, email SING@garrettcollege.edu

Rush Baptist (Friendsville)

1985 Old Morgantown Rd W, Friendsville, MD 21531 (double check location)

Distribution schedule: unknown

Maryland Food Bank Mobile Markets

Friendsville Mobile Market

2nd Tuesday of the month

Ruth Enlow Library – Friendsville

947 Community Drive, Friendsville, MD 21531

To double check day and time, call the library 301-746-5663

Grantsville Mobile Market

2nd Wednesday of the month

Ruth Enlow Library – Grantsville

102 Parkview Drive, Grantsville, MD 21536

To double check day and time, call the library 301-895-5298

Oakland Mobile Market

2nd Tuesday of the month, 1-3pm

Lock Lynn Town Hall

211 Bonnie Blvd, Oakland, MD 21550

To double check day and time, call the Town Hall 301-334-8339

Other non-MFB Food Pantries: (I don't know how accurate this list is)

House of Hope

Divine Hope Church

Garrett County Community Action

Mountain Laurel Medical Mobile Market & Resource Exchange

It's in the Bag/ St. Matthew's Backpack Program

Loch Lynn Church of God

Mt. Top Pantry

St. Paul's UMC / Senior Citizen Food Project

Other non-MFB Meal Sites: (I don't know how accurate this list is)

GCCA - Friendsville

Christ Lutheran Church

GCCA - Kitzmiller

Bethel UMC

Divine Hope Church

House of Hope

Hoyes United Methodist Church

Loch Lynn Church of God

St. Matthew's Episcopal / Stephen's Table

St. Peter the Apostle

GCCA - Swanton

GCCA - Home Delivered Meals

What gaps in the food network could 360 West Liberty fill?

being open to the public on the weekend or in the evening would help people who need food, but work traditional 9-5 hours

Who does 360 West Liberty serve?

ALICE population

How can we ensure guests are treated with dignity?

Avoid pre-packed boxes/bags of food and allow neighbors to choose what types/amounts of food are right for them and their families. This brings dignity and prevents food waste. Ideally, you would set it up like a mini grocery store (best practice). Read more here: <https://mannafoodbank.org/agency-access-and-information/community-outreach-resources/client-choice/>

As a community member, what can you do to help sustain 360 West Liberty?

As a Maryland Food Bank representative, I would be interested in learning if you're willing to partner

Besides food, what other services should be offered at 360 West Liberty?

partner with GCCA services?

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Western Maryland Food Council has worked for years to help understand all aspects of the food system - please use those connections and add them as a planning partner to ensure we're not missing anything!

What gaps in the food network could 360 West Liberty fill?

I think it could serve as a hub for food bank deliveries/pick ups, locally produced food pick ups/deliveries, and a staging area for pantry deliveries.

Who does 360 West Liberty serve?

food insecure, agencies, local farms

How can we ensure guests are treated with dignity?

Staff should welcome all people with a smile. Assist persons with disabilities to get what they need. Have apps on the staff phones for text to speech for hearing impaired folks. use compassion no matter what the person looks like or acts like. If there are limits to what each person can take, perhaps pre-box those items so people can easily take what they are allowed.

As a community member, what can you do to help sustain 360 West Liberty?

Help source locally produced foods. Help make connections with other food council partners. Help with grant letters of support.

Besides food, what other services should be offered at 360 West Liberty?

resources for emergency housing, child care during the appointment, Health Dept and Mt. Laurel resources for affordable health care, list of the food resources/pantries (something I'm proud of - we at the the Western Maryland Food Council originally created this and it has been updated repeatedly through the years.)

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Post hours widely, have an active social media presence (as you always do) to get the word out when there is food available, and manage expectations!

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Churches, SING (Garrett College's food bank), and other agencies provide food to people in need.

What gaps in the food network could 360 West Liberty fill?

360 West Liberty could have more available hours than the churches, could serve as a resource hub (both the physical building and online), could provide fresh produce, dairy, and meat in addition to canned/boxed foods.

Who does 360 West Liberty serve?

Anyone in need

How can we ensure guests are treated with dignity?

Allow guests to select their own food (This is how SING at Garrett College is set up)

As a community member, what can you do to help sustain 360 West Liberty?

Volunteer my time, share information

Besides food, what other services should be offered at 360 West Liberty?

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