



## **Sharing Retail Donations: When There's Just Too Much of a Good Thing!**

It has been brought to our attention that many of our agency partners experience an overabundance of donations from time to time. While we know that this is a good problem to have, it *still* is a problem. We are aware that many of you scramble to find the manpower, time, and space to temporarily store and then quickly distribute items (many perishable) with a limited shelf life.

Please consider sharing these donations with other agency partners in your community. We are happy to help you by providing a list of Central Pennsylvania Food Bank partners in your area to share with, or to answer any questions that you may have.

### **Guidelines:**

1. Just a reminder, **you**, as the primary recipient and partnered agency with this donor, should weigh and report all poundage to us.
2. Any partner agency that you share with **should not** weigh or report these pounds as a secondary recipient – we do not want to “double-count” these pounds.
3. Also, you may **only** share Feeding America National Donor poundage (such as Walmart, Target, Sam’s Club, Aldi, etc.) with another Central Pennsylvania Food Bank member agency.

### **Why share with a partner agency?**

The reason we stress the importance of sharing with a CPFEB agency is that we require food safety training of our members AND we also do mandatory biennial inspections to ensure food items are being handled, stored and distributed safely. We also track and distribute recall notices to our agency partners so that, in the event that they receive shared food items (from you) that have been recalled, they too are aware of the potential threat and can pull these items from their distribution.

You may also call us at any time if you need help in receiving large donations. We may be able to send a CPFEB truck to collect any surplus items that you cannot receive and bring these pounds back to our warehouse to share with others in our service territory.

### **For more information, please contact:**

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**Thank you!**