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Food Collective Centre Director

TO: Members of the Executive Board
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SUBJECT: Food Collective Centre Report [1]
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Yearplan Update

In the past month and a half, I have learned a lot about myself and the service as a whole. In the month of May, I have successfully hired an executive team with the help of the outgoing director and outgoing assistant director and in the month of June, I have held my first executive meeting as well as one on one for each member in order to help them transition into their role.

During this time, I created a year plan with adapted programming for the service to accommodate for the virtual fall semester with online based programming and educational campaigns. Instead of the Ladles of Love program, we will be doing online student cooking challenge, as well as having live/prerecorded Community Kitchen Cooking Workshops. In light of the Black Lives Matter movement, the FCC exec team is planning to create a campaign to shed light on racism embedded in food systems. The FCC food bank space will not be accessible to students, therefore I am working with McMaster University Library's Sustainability Committee to host a pick up location at mills library to allow students and community members to pick up what they need safely.

One of the current challenges has been with Good Food box. The program relies on the good food program hosted by the Grace Lutheran church which might not be operational in the fall due to low numbers and lack of volunteers. This might create the opportunity for FCC to host our own program but with uncertain numbers for the fall, it seems difficult.

Service Usage

Due to the COVID-19 situation, the FCC is not operating in the summer. Traditionally, the lockers of love program were the only aspect of the service that was operational in the summer, however this isn't the case for this summer.

Past Events, Projects, & Activities

Past activates was the Executive team hiring for the upcoming year.

Upcoming Events, Projects & Activities

As mentioned before, FCC is planning to host a pick up location in the fall semester to allow students and community members to pick up resources while maintaining social distance guidelines.

Currently Working On

I am currently working on a racism embedded in food systems campaign to discuss concepts such as food deserts. I believe this information will be beneficial and relevant to community members as one of FCCs goals is to advocate and run educational campaigns for the community,

Budget

No budget updates thus far.

Volunteers

I plan to start promotional efforts for volunteer hiring in July and hold volunteer training in August with the help of the Assistant Director and the Good Food Box Coordinator. FCC Volunteers don't require interviews, so the process shouldn't be very time consuming. Unfortunately, volunteers won't play much of a role in the fall semester since the FCC food bank space will be closed, however the volunteers might be helpful with Good Food Box packing as well as in the winter semester when things are starting to re-open.

Current Challenges

As mentioned above, a current challenge is the Good Food box program. Due to our reliance on the Grace Lutheran church to run the program, it will be difficult since we are uncertain how many people will order the GFB, if there will be enough volunteers to help pack, and if the church will be allowed to operate in September. There is an opportunity to host our own GFB program, however, there's a lot of uncertainties with the number of purchases and if it will be feasible for the FCC.

Successes

Hiring an executive team that I am really excited to work with. I am also excited to collaborate with the McMaster library in terms of the pick-up location, as I believe this will be a great alternative to stakeholders accessing the space.