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From the office of the...
Mac Bread Bin Coordinator

TO: Members of the Executive Board
FROM: David Cheng
SUBJECT: Mac Bread Bin Report 1
DATE: Thursday, October 1, 2015

Thank you for your attention Mac Bread Bin's first report. Mac Bread Bin is currently undergoing organizational changes in becoming a champion in food on campus. The core of the service this year is improving food security and food systems on campus. To begin this report I would like the board to understand the foundational pillars of what food security and strong food systems mean:

A V A I L A B I L I T Y .

Sufficient food for everyone at all times.

A C C E S S I B I L I T Y .

Physical and economic access to food for at all times.

A C C E P T A B I L I T Y .

Access that respects dietary and cultural standards, which is produced and obtained in ways that do not compromise people's dignity, self respect, or human rights.

A G E N C Y .

Policies and processes that enable the achievement of stronger food systems.

A D E Q U A C Y .

Access to food that is nutritious and safe, and produced in environmentally sustainable methods.

UPDATES

- The Food Collective Centre is ironing out some wrinkles currently
 - o We are open, but the room still requires some work
- Products sold in the Good Food Boxes are now trackable
- The Mac Community Kitch(in) had it's first event on Thursday October 1st 2015 at 7am
- We're looking to collaborate with more clubs – so far, there has been good conversations with clubs in volunteerism and food security

SERVICE USAGE

We currently have had a dozen patrons access the service in September. We expect an increase once more people are familiarized with Mac Bread Bin with the Food Collective Centre.

PAST EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

- Good Food Box had approximately 100 orders
- MACycle's Auction had a few hiccups. Security services lack of communication and last minute dealings made it an underwhelming event for both services. Mac Bread Bin collected four non-perishable items

UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

A research project is currently taking place within Mac Bread Bin where we identify characteristics of patrons and connect those to academic literature sourced stigma points and determine whether those factors influence how patrons access a Locker or Open Grocery Store Model Food Distribution access point. The project is currently going through the McMaster Research Ethics Board (MREB) in terms of ensuring that processes and dissemination are done properly. Official documentation will be provided to EB once the final MREB is approved.

There is a free turkey dinner happening soon! This event will launch the Food Collective Centre as we'll have an opportunity to educate student on where the proceeds are going.

BUDGET

- I have requested a \$1342.74 budget increase my Annual Campaigns budget to start the Food Collective Centre in Bridges Café.
- The service will not be spending its budget on any paper posters. The service sees more value in spending the by on events.

VOLUNTEERS

The first call for volunteers is occurring on Wednesday September 30 2015. I shall provide a update on the meeting in person. We plan on organizing future meetings according to committees within the service:

- Good Food Box Committee
- Food Collective Centre Committee
- Locker of Love Committee
- Mac Community Kitch(in)

This keeps everyone involved and not overwhelmed by meetings being so large – as they were in previous years.

CURRENT CHALLENGES

The website is not as well suited as the service needs it to be to operate well for the Good Food Box and lockers of love program.

Good Food Box issue: The payment system does not communicate with the order form, therefore, clients can order a GFB without making a payment.

Locker of Love: The exported excel sheet of the survey will export previously recorded information.

We will be hiring late October for the Good Food, Mac Community Kitchen, Promos, and Events Coordinator. All positions should be hired by the beginning of November.

SUCSESSES

The success of Good Food Box and finding a new supplier, 100KM Foods inc. has been a huge win for the program.