

# Senior Servings & Link2Feed Integration

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## What is the Senior Servings Meal Program?

- A nutritional prepared meal program for seniors with physical limitations. Each meal consists of ready to heat-and-eat meals prepared with senior nutrition in mind at RFBO's Hope's Kitchen
- Each qualifying neighbor will receive up to 12 premade meals per month.
  - They can pick these meals up in any order, such as all at once or a few per week.
- They can receive Senior Servings in addition to other qualifying programs (i.e., TEFAP, Pantry Assistance, CSFP)
- A proxy can be used to pick up the meals if the neighbor cannot themselves.

## Senior Servings Eligibility Integrated into Link2Feed:

- Food Pantries must be approved by the Food for Seniors team to distribute Senior Servings meals.
- Existing food pantry clients who are 60 years of age or older are eligible.
  - Seniors who experience challenges preparing their own home cooked food.
    - difficulty standing for long periods.
    - difficulty opening packages.
    - forgetfulness while cooking
- More than one person in the same household may qualify for senior servings meals.
- To verify eligibility, the applicant must complete the Survey (on the Services tab) and answer Yes to the single survey question.
  - The survey appears in the Services tab in Link2Feed.
  - If they answer yes, then they are eligible to get a box.
  - They can take the survey at any time on Link2Feed.
  - They can decline to take the survey and at any point in time, opt to take it later.
- If eligible for Senior Servings, create a note as an alert on how the Link2Feed profile, which lets the intake volunteers know they receive the senior meals on returning visits.
- To record the Senior Servings Meals as a service in Link2Feed, use the light blue "new senior servings" button. If it does not appear, then that pantry is not part of the senior servings program.
  - Once you click the button, be sure to record the date, number of meals, and select which household member(s) receive the meals.

## Rights and Responsibilities:

- A client can decline and then change their mind later and become part of the program.
- The meals cannot be used for anything except distribution to eligible participants.
- Please do not publicize the program.
- No eligible neighbor will be discriminated against based on gender, sex, ethnicity, race, or religion.
- Faith based organizations cannot require participation in religious activities such as prayer to receive the meals.
- The required monthly report is automatic in Link2Feed as long as you have been consistently recording the service.

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