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HUNGER ACTION CONFERENCE 2024



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AGENDA

8:00 AM - 9:15 AM
LOWER LOBBY &
OSCAR WILDE I

**CHECK-IN, CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST,
AND NETWORKING MARKETPLACE**

Mingle in the Networking Marketplace located in the Oscar Wilde Ballroom to connect and learn about a range of resources and services offered by Exhibitors.

9:15 AM - 9:30 AM
OSCAR WILDE II & III

WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
OSCAR WILDE II & III

**PLENARY SESSION PANEL: ADDRESSING
HUNGER AT THE ROOT**

Together, we will kick off the day with a panel of local food access champions, representing teams and communities working to address root causes of hunger. The group, with facilitation by Vermont Public's Mikaela Lefrak, will share tangible examples of ways Vermont organizations and communities are addressing root causes of hunger. Discussion will explore the systems, policies and/or challenges that create the conditions for and perpetuate hunger. We hope to ground ourselves in the possibilities around creating a food-secure Vermont as we launch into the day.

10:30 AM - 10:50 AM

BREAK

10:50 AM - 11:50 AM
OSCAR WILDE II & III

**PLENARY TABLE DISCUSSIONS:
DEEPENING OUR THINKING TOGETHER
AROUND ROOT CAUSES OF HUNGER**

In follow-up to the morning's panel discussion, we will gather in small groups to share questions and reflections prompted from the panel, and add our own examples of root cause work happening in Vermont. There will be space to talk about ideas for what we could be doing, what has worked and why, and remaining challenges and opportunities to engage in addressing root causes of hunger. As time allows, we will engage our morning panel in addressing questions that emerge from table discussions. Together, we can build a food-secure Vermont!

AGENDA (CONT.)

11:50 AM - 1:00 PM LUNCH & NETWORKING MARKETPLACE OSCAR WILDE I

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1:00 PM - 2:00 PM BREAKOUT SESSION 1:

- *The Vermont Food Security: Roadmap to 2035* (NORTHSTAR 1)
- *Improving Inventory Management and Procurement Practices* (ESCAPADE 1&2)
- *Transportation, Food Access and Demonstrated Ways to Address Community Hunger* (NORTHSTAR 2)
- *Pivoting and Adapting to Growing Food Shelf Needs* (GATEWAY 2)
- *Be Bold, Fail Intelligently: Creating New Local Food Access Programs* (GATEWAY 1)

2:00 PM - 2:15 PM BREAK

2:15 PM - 3:15 PM BREAKOUT SESSION 2:

- *The Vermont Food Security: Roadmap to 2035* (NORTHSTAR 1)
- *Leveraging Access to 3SquaresVT Through Referral Partnerships* (GATEWAY 2)
- *Realities of a Decade of Food as Medicine in the State of Vermont: Challenges and Possible Solutions* (ESCAPADE 1&2)
- *The Right to Food Model: An Empowering & Resilient Community-Based Food System* (GATEWAY 1)
- *Transforming Food Security Work to Address Root Causes* (NORTHSTAR 2)

3:20 PM - 3:45 PM DESSERT, NETWORKING MARKETPLACE OSCAR WILDE II & III & CLOSING

CONFERENCE EVALUATION

Scan the QR code below to fill out a conference evaluation online. The evaluation has space to provide feedback for each session you attended. You can access the online form multiple times to allow you to evaluate while sessions are fresh in your mind.

Completed evaluations will be entered into a raffle with a chance to win prizes, such as: gift cards, book copies of *Poverty by America* and *Reinventing Food Banks and Pantries*, and Vermont Foodbank tote bags.

If you prefer to fill out and submit a paper copy of the evaluation, printed copies are available at the registration desk. Please return your completed evaluation to the registration desk before you leave. Thank you for joining us!



PLENARY MODERATOR

MIKAELA LEFRAK

Host and Senior Producer of Vermont Edition, Vermont Public

Mikaela Lefrak is the host and senior producer of Vermont Edition. Her stories have aired nationally on Morning Edition, All Things Considered, Weekend Edition, Marketplace, The World and Here & Now. A seasoned local reporter, Mikaela has won two regional Edward R. Murrow awards and a Public Media Journalists Association award for her work. Prior to joining Vermont Public in 2021, Mikaela was a reporter and host at WAMU, the NPR member station for the greater Washington, D.C. region. During her career she has also worked at The New Republic, PRI's The World and WGBH Boston, and served as an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer in Oakland, California. Mikaela received her bachelor's degree from Middlebury College and her master's degree in broadcast journalism from Boston University. She lives with her husband and daughter in Burlington.

PLENARY PANELISTS

DANIEL BARLOW

Executive Director, People's Health & Wellness Clinic

Daniel Barlow, an experienced nonprofit leader and healthcare policy expert, became Executive Director of the People's Health & Wellness Clinic in December 2021. Before joining the clinic, Barlow spent 10 years as a newspaper journalist in New England and another 10 years as the lobbyist for Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility. Prior to running the clinic, Barlow served as the first Executive Director of Business Leaders for Health Care Transformation, a national 501c3 organization that worked with businesses across the country to develop healthcare policies to increase coverage and reduce system costs. While director, he grew the organization's membership to more than 1,500 businesses across the country. In 2016, he was named to Vermont Business Magazine's Rising Stars class, which celebrates Vermonters under 40 making positive impacts in their communities. Barlow is also the current board president of Vermont's Free and Referral Clinic association, a member of the Barre Rotary Club, and the past board president of Downstreet Housing & Community Development. When not running the clinic, Barlow can be found reading Archie comic books or exploring local cemeteries. He lives in Barre with his fiancée and two cats.

SAMANTHA LANGEVIN

Network Manager, The Vermont Releaf Collective

Samantha (she/her) is passionate about local food and agriculture, particularly cheese, and lives with a farmer who runs a small organic farm on their property. Previously both a chef and outdoor educator, she finds the intersection of her professional experiences to be an excellent base for working with the Vermont Releaf Collective as the Network Manager. Within that role she currently serves as Releaf's representative on the Land Access Opportunity Board, is a steering committee member for Vermont Farm to Plate, and in her free time is the Vice President of the Middlebury Natural Foods Co-op board. Samantha loves meandering in the woods, discussing paleontology and Vermont botany, and is always ready to eat a meal, plan a meal, or reminisce about previous good meals.

PLENARY PANELISTS (CONT.)

BECCA LEWIS

Director of Outreach, Northeast Kingdom Community Action

Rebecca Lewis is the Director of Housing and Homelessness for Northeast Kingdom Community Action (NEKCA). Rebecca's career has taken many unexpected turns and "ah ha" moments that shaped her personal and professional evolution. Early in her career Rebecca worked in the medical field for what is now UVM Medical Center and Planned Parenthood of Northern New England. This experience helped her discover her enjoyment for working with people and supporting them in getting their needs met. After moving to the Northeast Kingdom, she continued working in the medical field as a Medical Assistant at Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital and Littleton Regional Hospital. Here she discovered her passion to serve her community as a Community Health Worker (CHW). As a CHW she supported patients whose unmet needs were preventing them from accessing their medical care and led a team called SMART Team (supporting mothers and Recovery Together to support high risk families. Quickly realizing that housing and food insecurities were paramount, she spent much time getting people connected to insurance, housing support and food for their families. At NEKCA, Rebecca has held the roles of Associate Director of Outreach, Director of Outreach and now the Director of Housing and Homelessness. NEKCA is a community action anti-poverty agency, the housing lead for the NEK, and operator of 5 food shelves across the Northeast Kingdom.

ROB MEEHAN

Director, Feeding Chittenden CVOEO

Rob Meehan, Director of Feeding Chittenden since 2007, is committed to alleviating hunger and cultivating opportunities within his community. With a background in civil rights advocacy and experience with national hunger relief organizations like Share Our Strength, Rob's passion for social justice has led him to launch many impactful initiatives with his team at Feeding Chittenden. Under his leadership, programs such as Community Kitchen Academy, the Good Food Truck, and the online market and delivery services have expanded food access and created pathways for individuals facing hunger. Rob continues to collaborate with his team to innovate solutions and empower those in need. He can be contacted at rmeehan@cvoeo.org or through Feeding Chittenden's website.



SESSION DESCRIPTIONS AND PRESENTERS: BREAKOUT SESSION 1

THE VERMONT FOOD SECURITY: ROADMAP TO 2035

Together we will explore the Roadmap and the path to food security in Vermont.

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IMPROVING INVENTORY MANAGEMENT AND PROCUREMENT PRACTICES

This session will present examples of systems developed by Bethel Area Food Shelf volunteers to track inventory, ensure fully stocked shelves, reduce costs, and streamline shopping. System templates will be shared for use by network partners.

Alyssa Levy, Volunteer, Vice President, Director, Bethel Area Food Shelf

Alyssa Levy is a volunteer with the Bethel Area Food Shelf, where she is responsible for shelf operations, including inventory and procurement. She is passionate about promoting access to sustainable and healthful food systems. In her day job, Alyssa manages an online educational program.

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TRANSPORTATION, FOOD ACCESS AND DEMONSTRATED WAYS TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY HUNGER

Panelists representing food security and public transportation programming will provide examples of ways to improve efficiency and transportation/food access.

Debra Sachs, Executive Director, Net Zero Vermont

Debra Sachs is a native Vermonter and Executive Director of Net Zero Vermont, a statewide 501c3 non-profit accelerating zero net energy solutions, since 2012. She manages innovative projects to help community resiliency (i.e., climate action planning, community solar, food security, and food, transit and renewable electricity access). Deb has pioneered climate action planning, co-authored climate action plans, and advanced program implementation through creative and science-based technical assistance to governments, business, and NGO's since 1994. Deb is CEO of EcoStrategies, LLC, a small sustainable consulting firm providing technical assistance and private investment to sustainable project development. She serves on the advisory boards of Vermont Community Rides, Vermont Clean Cities Coalition, Vermont Rail Action Network, and Vermont Transportation Efficiency Network.

Peggy O'Neill-Vivanco, Director, Vermont Clean Cities Coalition

Peggy O'Neill-Vivanco conducts program outreach and coordination at the Transportation Research Center at the University of Vermont. She is the director of the Vermont Clean Cities Coalition, funded by the US Department of Energy, where she brings together stakeholders in the public and private sectors across the state to provide assistance to fleets implementing alternative fuels, advanced fuel vehicles and transportation efficiencies. Her work with stakeholders covers a wide range of topics including, idle reduction technologies; electric lawn equipment; electric bicycles; and transit options for rural and underserved areas. She is the Chair of the Burlington Public Works Commission. Peggy holds an MA from New York University. She is a year-round bike commuter, and advocate for safe bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure for all users.

Ashley Bridge, Community Food Access Coordinator, Vermont Foodbank

Ashley Bridge is a Community Food Access Manager in Bennington County currently employed at the Vermont Foodbank. Ashley is passionate about public transportation and food access and where the two intertwine. Ashley is looking forward to meeting you and engaging in these exciting topics at the this years Hunger Action Conference.

PIVOTING AND ADAPTING TO GROWING FOOD SHELF NEEDS

The Sheldon Methodist Church Food Shelf started out 30 years ago as an "emergency food shelf" serving 8-10 families per month. Today we are a "grocery store" providing 20,000 to 25,000 lbs of food each month to 350-400 families. This workshop/presentation will describe how we pivoted and adapted to this level of demand.

Grant John Gorton, Sheldon Methodist Church Food Shelf

John Gorton is a certified lay servant in the United Methodist Church and along with about 20 other volunteers, he runs the Sheldon Methodist Church Food Shelf. The food shelf is a network partner of the Vermont Foodbank, currently serving between 350 and 400 families, over 1000 people, distributing between 20,000 and 25,000 lbs of food per month. He is a USNA graduate, retired nuclear submariner, and engineering ship designer, and a semi retired farmer. He serves on the FGI Community Partnership, FGI Hunger Council, Franklin County Food Shelf Alliance, and FGI Building Bright Futures Council.

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS AND PRESENTERS: BREAKOUT SESSION 1

BE BOLD, FAIL INTELLIGENTLY: CREATING NEW LOCAL FOOD ACCESS PROGRAMS

The opportunity to learn from what doesn't go perfectly is one of the greatest tools of success and innovation. Using Amy Edmonson's principles of "intelligent failure," we can set ourselves up to make strides towards alleviating the root causes of hunger and poverty, and achieving the goals set out in the Vermont Food Security Roadmap. The session will use the NOFA-VT Crop Cash Program and Crop Cash Plus Pilot as a case study, with an overview of the successes and how we can learn from the challenges, before moving into breakout groups.

Johanna Doren, Local Food Access Coordinator, NOFA-VT

With a background in food policy and organic agriculture, Johanna Doren coordinates NOFA-VT's local food access programs. From working on small, organic diversified vegetable farms to supporting local producers through community-based non-profits, Johanna developed a passion for thinking radically and working collaboratively to build a just, equitable food system. She pursued a Master's in Food and Agriculture Law and Policy at the Vermont Law School to learn about the policies that shape our food system and is excited to work towards greater food access and sovereignty in Vermont and beyond.

Hannah Baxter, Intervale Center

Originally from the Upper Valley, Hannah grew up working on organic vegetable farms alongside the Connecticut River. She earned a B.A. in Environmental Studies and Food Systems with a concentration in Nature, Culture, and Justice from the University of Vermont. Since 2015, Hannah has been managing gleaning and food access programs serving northwestern Vermont. She believes that food can be a powerful tool to build resiliency between our social and ecological communities.

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LEVERAGING ACCESS TO 3SQUARESVT THROUGH REFERRAL PARTNERSHIPS

3SquaresVT (SNAP) is a program that gives people money to buy the foods they know and love at grocery stores and farmers markets. Navigating the complexities of 3SquaresVT (SNAP) can be a barrier in access for both service providers and applicants. Outreach and partnerships play a critical role in reducing these barriers. Join teammates of the Vermont Foodbank, WIC, Community College of Vermont (CCV) and Foodworks to hear some of the creative and collaborative ways we have partnered to help more people gain access through referrals. This session will include a program overview, insights on lessons learned and best practices for referrals through a knowledge swap and Q&A with panelists.

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS AND PRESENTERS: BREAKOUT SESSION 2

Jamie Lombardo, Manager - Community Resources, Vermont Foodbank

Jamie is the Manager of Community Resources with the Vermont Foodbank. She brings her background in food access and community resilience through the lens of farming for over a decade. Jamie believes partnerships and cultivation of community resources lead to deeper relationships and wider access to resources such as 3SquaresVT and wrap around services like fuel assistance, WIC, energy assistance and more.

Liz Jarvis, Resource Access Manager, Community College of Vermont

As CCV's Resource Access Manager, Liz plays a key role in developing interventions across the state to help address student basic needs by cultivating programs and partnerships that connect historically underrepresented students to resources at the College and in the community. Liz oversees a variety of philanthropically funded programs, including support for student parents, CCV's statewide Student Resources Centers, and the Life Gap Plus initiative.

Justin Pomykala - Justin Pomykala is a Public Health Nutritionist with the WIC program in the Rutland District Office. He provides nutrition education counseling to families in the area and helps connect them to other community resources. Benjamin Smith is the Foodworks Coordinator at Groundworks Collaborative and oversees the operations of Foodworks, a free neighborhood grocery store which plays a pivotal role in connecting neighbors with food resources in Brattleboro and surrounding towns. Foodworks is a Network Partner of the Vermont Foodbank and has been in a referral partnership with the 3SquaresVT team for nearly four years.

REALITIES OF A DECADE OF FOOD AS MEDICINE IN THE STATE OF VERMONT: CHALLENGES AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

For almost a decade, Farmacy: Food is Medicine programs have been operating in the state of Vermont. Three distinct barriers—funding, transportation, and seasonality—remain pertinent to our work and require collaborative and transformative solutions that will allow our model of preventative community health to thrive and grow for another decade in the state. Join Lily Bradburn of Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, Lilah Krugman of the Addison County Relocalization Network, and Miranda Henry of Northern Tier Center for Health to learn more about our unique Food as Medicine programs and the challenges we are working together to address.

Lilah Krugman, Programs and Outreach, ACORN

Lilah started working with ACORN's Farmacy Program in 2022, while attending UVM. Her undergraduate thesis, for which she received funding from UVM's Food Systems Research Center, centered on participant experiences and barriers to participation. Since graduating, Lilah has joined ACORN full-time as the Programs and Outreach Coordinator. She is thrilled to have the opportunity to combine her passions of food and community to build a more accessible local food future in Vermont.

Lily Bradburn, Community Health Program Manager, Vermont Youth Conservation Corps

Lily Bradburn works for the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC) as its Community Health Program Manager. They oversee the Health Care Share Program (HCS), the flagship project for the VYCC Food & Farm Program that provides free CSA-style shares to over 400 patients throughout Northern Vermont with produce from the VYCC's 11+ acre diversified organic vegetable farm. With a model focused on building paid service opportunities for people ages 15 and up, Lily helps connect VYCC's Corps members with community health based work through the HCS. With the HCS entering into its 12th season, Lily seeks to expand the seasonal impact of the program and build strength within the coalition of food is medicine programs throughout the state.

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS AND PRESENTERS: BREAKOUT SESSION 2

Miranda Henry

Miranda Henry has decades of combined experience working in food and healthcare. She is currently involved in several food access programs serving residents in Franklin and Grand Isle counties through her work at Northern Tier Center for Health.

THE RIGHT TO FOOD MODEL: AN EMPOWERING & RESILIENT COMMUNITY-BASED FOOD SYSTEM

This workshop will highlight the changes that we have made at our respective places to create systems of equality, dignity, and empowerment. We'll talk about basic structures and systems that we have applied, and how these simple changes can help your food shelf.

Sara Whitehair, Director, Waterbury Common Market

Sara has been the Director at the Waterbury Common Market for 2 1/2 years; prior to that she was on the VT Fresh team at the Vermont Foodbank for 6 1/2 years. She is passionate about feeding people and helping them where they're at. She has worked diligently to change the Market, previously known as the Waterbury Area Food Shelf, to turn it into a more equitable, welcoming place to shop.

Meg Hanna, Manager, Community Health Programs, Vermont Foodbank

Meg Hanna has been working in the role of Manager of Community Health Programs for Vermont Foodbank for just over 2 years; her work involves connecting, through fresh produce, with network partners and community members. Meg has nearly 35 years in all things food; She has a degree in Culinary Arts from Johnson and Wales University and a passion for mission driven work. Her diverse background and experience in food brings a unique perspective to the conversation as she shares her experiences from 4 + years network partner, where she held the role of Community Food Shelf Coordinator. A passion for food and a purpose to make sure others are fed is at the heart of all she does, her approach to fellowship is to be welcoming and offer food. Meg is grateful to be connected to many others who share this vision and is excited to join Waterbury Common Market and Slate Valley Cares in presentation and discussion on the Right to Food Model.

Jeffrey Jackson, Director, Slate Valley Cares

Jeffrey Jackson is the Director of Slate Valley Cares, a Western Rutland County nonprofit nestled in where The Valley meets the Taconics. Farmer, Permaculture Designer, and Food Activist, Jeffrey is passionate about the nexus between social and ecological systems, while using their common ground to design more just and resilient local food systems.

TRANSFORMING FOOD SECURITY WORK TO ADDRESS ROOT CAUSES

What needs to change to create food security in Vermont? Join the Vermont Foodbank's Innovation Lab for a discussion of our work to explore root causes of food insecurity and transformational solutions here in Vermont. We will share some of our research findings and engage the audience in a discussion of what root causes are and how they point to new ways of doing food security work.

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS AND PRESENTERS: BREAKOUT SESSION 2

Tatiana Abatemarco, Director, Food Security Innovation Lab, Vermont Foodbank

Tatiana Abatemarco is passionate about creating a just, equitable, and resilient food system in Vermont. Tatiana has a PhD in Natural Resources from the University of Vermont, an MA in Philosophy from the University of Minnesota, and a BA from Green Mountain College. She has previously worked as faculty at Bennington College, the University of Vermont, Green Mountain College, and Paul Smith's College. Tatiana's interests include permaculture, reading fiction, cooking with local food, and enjoying the outdoors year round. Tatiana lives in Mt Holly, VT with her partner, two children, a dog, and one cat.

Jacob Park, Board Member, Vermont Foodbank

Jacob Park is Associate Professor, College of Business, Castleton University (USA) and Visiting Professor, Faculty of Business & Economics, University of Johannesburg (South Africa), who specializes in the social and environmental dimensions of innovation, entrepreneurship, and international business, with special focus/expertise in emerging and developing economies in Africa, Asia-Pacific, and Caribbean islands regions. In addition to serving on the Vermont Foodbank Board of Trustees, Jacob served on the Board of the Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility from 2009 to 2021, is an advisory board member of New England Feeding New England and Co-Chair of Shareholder Consortium/ Editorial Board, Journal of Agriculture, Food System, and Community.

Hillary Orsini, Chief of Staff, Vermont Foodbank

Hillary Orsini, MSM, is the Chief of Staff at the Vermont Foodbank. Hillary has diverse work experience spanning various roles and industries. They have worked independently as a stand-up comedian, storyteller, host, and as a consultant and workshop facilitator, specializing in results-based accountability and performance management. Hillary also worked as an Assistant Director & Organizational Development Specialist at the Marlboro College Center for New Leadership. Additionally, they gained experience in the nonprofit sector, working at VEIC as a Program Manager, Supply Chain Manager, and Portfolio Manager.

Noah Hirschl, Qualitative Researcher and Data Analyst, Food Security Innovation Lab, Vermont Foodbank

Noah Hirschl is the Quantitative Researcher and Data Analyst for the Vermont Foodbank's Food Security Innovation Lab. He holds a PhD in Sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

EXHIBITOR DIRECTORY

THE NORTHEAST ORGANIC FARMING ASSOCIATION OF VERMONT (NOFA-VT)

Organization or Program Description – The Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont (NOFA-VT) promotes organic practices to build an economically viable, ecologically sound, and socially just Vermont agricultural system that benefits all living things. A component of our work is offering local food access programs, including Crop Cash, Farm Share, and Senior Farm Share, which reduce the cost of locally grown food for Vermonters.

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CREATING EQUITY IN FOOD & TRANSPORTATION: A RESOURCE FOR PARTNERS & PLANNERS, NET ZERO VERMONT

Walk to Shop is a statewide active mobility and public transit initiative of non-profit, Net Zero Vermont. We emphasize the importance of walkable communities, encourage people to walk more often and offer a transportation tool to improve access to food and transit options through demonstration, education and shopping trolleys. Together with myriad partners, we share the goal of fewer cars and car trips and more resources directed to walkable, people-centered downtowns and villages. This project is made possible through generous support of Net Zero Vermont partners, Vermont Clean Cities and Communities, Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, VTrans, and corporate sponsors.

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HUNGER FREE VERMONT

Mariana L. Sears
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PUBLIC ASSETS VERMONT

Anti-poverty tax credits help Vermont families with low incomes fill the gap between income and expenses by providing cash when they file their taxes. During the pandemic, temporarily expanded.

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VERMONT FOODBANK - 3SQUARESVT OUTREACH

3SquaresVT is a program that gives people money monthly to buy the foods they know and love. The Vermont Foodbank 3SquaresVT team is available to share more about the program, answer questions, screen for eligibility and provide free application assistance.

1-855-855-6181, text VFBSNAP to 85511 or email 3svt@vtfoodbank.org to connect with a Vermont Foodbank 3SquaresVT Specialist.
www.vtfoodbank.org/nurture-people/3squaresvt

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VERMONT FOODBANK - VT FRESH

VT Fresh is inspired by the incredible diversity and beauty of fruits and vegetables that grow locally in Vermont. Our aim is that everyone in Vermont has access to these nutritious foods. VT Fresh recipes are simple to prepare and delicious, using just one fruit or vegetable as the primary ingredient. And the VT Fresh program works with community partners to transform how fruits and vegetables are displayed and distributed in food shelves and meals sites across the state.

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VERMONT FOODBANK - PRODUCE AND ONLINE ORDERING

Information for Vermont Foodbank Network Partners on online ordering through Agency Express and how to order produce through our weekly produce emails.

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Find the link to the Network Partner Handbook here:
<https://www.vtfoodbank.org/network-partner-resources/info-forms>

Killington Grand Resort Hotel & Conference Center Meeting Space Layout



