NOTES
re: Partnership between the
City of Philadelphia Office of Children and Families, Philabundance, Share Food Program

On the Call
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Background Info
● City’s core concerns
  ○ Food, housing, and health
● City of Philadelphia Office of Children and Families
  ○ Office created Jan 6, 2020
  ○ Relationship with Philadelphia School District
  ○ OCF had logistics expertise with PSD, which led to natural progression to overseeing food distribution in partnership with Philabundance and Share Food Program
● Early on, there was a food security group that convened
  ○ Broke off a group to partner with the City: Philabundance and SHARE
  ○ Growing sense of urgent need to centralize food distribution (at some point, food distribution will be problematic)
  ○ If individual pantries fail, then the City and its nonprofit partners can continue distribution at centralized sites
  ○ City running an independent warehouse to add to the available resources and food pantries

Distribution
● 140 total sites (as of 4/7/20)
  ○ 80 youth sites, with 49 of the sites being at district schools
    ■ 6 meals per bag
    ■ Youth meals are supported through federal funding
    ■ Parents of children are being directed to youth meal sites; all other parties are encouraged to go to general distribution super sites
  ○ 40 super sites (at existing food pantries) for general distribution
    ■ Supplied by Philabundance and Share Food Program
    ■ Warehouse staffed and managed by City, located in Roxborough
    ■ 16,000 boxes per distribution day x 2 days per week = 32,000 boxes per week
    ■ 10am-12pm - recommended by Philabundance and Share Food Program
      ● One box per household
      ● Most sites are done giving out food by 11am
      ● Only 3-4 sites had boxes left over
        ■ There is consistency in what recipients are receiving at each site
  ○ 20 senior sites
    ■ Any senior can go to one of the grab and go sites at one of the 20 senior centers
    ■ Philadelphia Corporation for Aging (PCA) has been delivering meals but there is an increasing demand in delivering senior meals
● No income eligibility or ID required
- Allows for immigrants and undocumented persons (the City will not designate certain sites as immigrant-only, as this may attract the attention of ICE)
- Info available in multiple languages

- Disability community
  - Liberty Resources - also a demand for disability community

**Challenges to Food Access and Timing of Access**

- The ability to buy is not the issue; the issue is having enough stock that is shelf-stable and appropriate for distribution
  - Philabundance recently put in a big order but it could be 3-6 weeks before receiving
  - City is relying on wholesale distributors and donations for the types of food that are appropriate for distribution
  - Individual citizens are hoarding product, creating pressure on supply chain
- Not enough personnel (staff and volunteers)
  - Distribution, packing, delivery
- Supply chain is greatest concern
  - Daily calls with state officials and governor’s office to see what other resources can be accessed
  - Private sector relationship currently limited to order placement