



MEET THE ENTREPRENEURS BEHIND OUR "SWEET" OPEN HOUSE!

The No More Empty Plate team is excited and appreciative for the abundance of community love shown at our annual Open House last September! The amount of feedback that we received was mind-blowing. There is still a lot to be accomplished. Below, you can meet the entrepreneurs behind our "Sweet" Open House. Each vendor was an incredible choice given at the Food Bank. [Click here to learn more about the vendors.](#) From entrepreneurs providing their products, many opportunities are on the table for entrepreneurs at the No More Empty Plate, and we have a grantee for the community outreach support and investment in local food systems that join the why for women like Daria and others to succeed!



About Daria of Cream Cake Bakery

Daria of Cream Cake Bakery specializes in providing her line of baking after graduating from culinary school. Cream Cake Bakery offers a customer-centric and specialty cakes and other baked goods from scratch. At No More Empty Plate, we supported Daria's business with an additional cash-on-delivery kitchen grant worth \$200. Daria is the Open House team's Cream Cake Bakery included an assortment of cupcakes, hand-dipped cookies, and more.



About Daria of The Busy Veggie

Daria of The Busy Veggie is a 2022 and 2023 award-winning business space for her business called [The Busy Veggie](#). Daria's experience in the profession of space meant that she was already familiar and eager to offer quick-to-go-vegan meals for our customers at the Open House. The Busy Veggie provided several beautiful options of fresh fruits and vegetables along with crackers, veggie cheese, and dips.

[Support entrepreneurship at No More Empty Plate.](#)
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SEED TO TABLE SERIES! WORKSHOP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

January to July, 2023 | 8 Weekly Sessions | No More Empty Plate Food Hub
You are invited to the Seed to Table Series! To ensure the successful and joyful harvest of food through growing and preservation! Led by local subject matter experts, sessions are both "in the garden" and "in the kitchen". This workshop series will empower growers and eaters to grow and prepare fresh food for future children and growing families. [Click here to register for specific workshop dates or view our Seed to Table Series 8-Week Series](#) for register. Workshop registrations are first come, first serve!

[Register Now](#)



STUDENTS CREATE DISPLAY CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH!

Media network helping to feed food hub
All media celebrating Black entrepreneurs, business owners and leaders are invited to display in our media table next to our table. The display is centered during Black History Month of our commitment to empower and celebrate Black voices in the local food systems community and beyond. [Click here to learn more.](#) At No More Empty Plate, we continue with [Black History Month](#) to provide a volunteer event for area high school and college students to help the growth of food.



ATTN: SUBCONTRACTORS, TRADE PARTNERS AND SUPPLIERS!

On behalf of the No More Empty Plate [Local Contracting](#) (local subcontractors, trade partners and suppliers) we are excited to announce our [2023 Local Contracting](#) event on [January 19th, 2023, 10:00am - 12:00pm](#) at the [No More Empty Plate Food Hub](#). [Click here to learn more.](#) We are excited to have local contractors, subcontractors, trade partners and suppliers. [Click here to learn more.](#) We are excited to have local contractors, subcontractors, trade partners and suppliers. [Click here to learn more.](#)

No More Empty Plate plans to activate programming at the greenhouse approximately by the winter of 2023 to continue the community by offering local and preservation, training, career and education, a resource hub for product development, classrooms, offices, food storage, and an event food market.

[Support local businesses.](#)
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PREVENT THE SNAP CLIFF EFFECT FROM HURTING OVER 4,500 FAMILIES!

Medicaid expansion for SNAP goes into effect on January 1, 2023. In 2023, the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) will increase from \$14,580 to \$15,060, which means households earning \$14,580 to \$15,060 will be ineligible for SNAP after receiving a small raise in increasing their work hours. [Support our current SNAP Expansion Legislation bill.](#)

- Before the sunset provision from being effective in 2023 which would cause the gain income eligibility for SNAP benefits to revert back to 130% of the poverty level.
- Remove the SNAP off-peak hours waiting list of 2000 households.
- Support a positive amendment for Medicaid, allowing \$5,000.000 per month of direct health funding to voluntarily reinvest to support local economic and business.

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SPREAD THE WORD: NEW JOB OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE!

Check out our [Job Postings](#) page on the No More Empty Plate website for an update on employment opportunities. All candidates for positions are reviewed on the basis of their qualifications, experience and education without regard to race, gender, religion, age, or disability.

[Click here to learn more.](#)



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