Monthly Newsletter

June 2024 Edition

We are thrilled to announce the winners of the Midwest Dairy and No More Empty Pots Pitch Contest: Coffee &Joy-Cafejoy del Café, and Dundee Popcorn! Join us in celebrating the success of these innovative local entrepreneurs who delivered outstanding pitch presentations during the Finalist round on Thursday, June 6th.

No More Empty Pots extends our heartfelt gratitude to all ten contestants and to Midwest Dairy for their invaluable support in making this contest possible. As part of their award package, each winner will receive a check prize, six months of kitchen rental, and other business development opportunities from No More Empty Pots, valued at over $24,000.

Meet the Pitch Contest Winners:

Dundee Popcorn

Ericka Whaley is the founder and owner of Dundee Popcorn, specializing in gourmet microwave popcorn. Ericka plans to use her awarded funds to launch a new website. She says the pitch contest improved her confidence, and hearing positive feedback from the judges was affirming and inspiring. She now feels more-energized to take on new opportunities in her business!

Coffee &Joy-Cafejoy del Café

Paola Granado Trejo and Yasmin Pajuelo-Vega are the co-founders and owners of Cafejoy del Café. Their coffee shop in Ralston celebrates and represents their heritage. They agree the pitch contest amplified their support system as business owners. "It was so refreshing hearing from different [businesses] and their experiences," they said. "There is a network full of people willing to show their support!"

Support Entrepreneurship at No More Empty Pots

Over $100,000 in generous support was raised at the No More Empty Pots Legacy Gala. We couldn't be more grateful for the amazing turnout and the success of our first-ever fundraiser of this magnitude! A huge thank you to everyone who attended and celebrated alongside our team and partners. It was an unforgettable evening filled with inspiration, community, and wonderful connections.

Thank You to Nancy for Inspiring a Legacy of Love

The Legacy of Love campaign was a special tribute to Nancy Williams whose passion for the Omaha community has been a beacon of love, inspiring everyone around her. With heartfelt gratitude and excitement, President/CEO Talia McGill warmly welcomes you to the next chapter of No More Empty Pots together as we build on her legacy!

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Exciting News from the Micro Market — Updated Hours!

Our Micro Market is gearing up to open **FOUR DAYS** a week starting on Friday, July 5th, from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Visit our storefront at 2120 N. 30th Street for the freshest finds of local food products and more. We can't wait to see you there!

Buy $1, Get $1 with SNAP/EBT: You can double your SNAP dollars on fresh vegetables, fruit and herbs at the Micro Market. For every $1 spent on fresh produce using your SNAP/EBT card, you earn $1 FREE of Double Up Food Bucks, up to $20 per day.

Let's Hear Your Input: If you've dropped at our Micro Market before (or want to in the future), let us know your honest feedback and ideas using the Product Survey.

Micro Market Product Survey

Stay Updated on Hours

A free summer long series of market-ready webinars has kicked off! The MarketReady Advanced Topics Series delivers best practices to not only aid individual businesses from individual farmers to major wholesalers – but encourage collaboration for a more widespread reach from local producers throughout the Midwest!

Join Us Thursdays Online from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Each webinar will include presentations on the given topics, followed by a Q&A session where attendees can discuss their specific and individual concerns. Spanish translation services are available.

- June 20th: Risk Management and Insurance ***Recording Available***
- July 18th: Marketing
- August 15th: Packaging and Labeling ***Featuring Taylor Hanna, No More Empty Pots Value Chain Manager***

Learn More and Register

Summer Fun Program Will Bring Over 280 Youth to the Food Hub!

For another year, No More Empty Pots is excited to host the Summer Fun Program, organized by Collective for Youth! This summer, partnering agencies such as the Omaha Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands, Kids Club, and The Sherrie Foundation are planning to send over 280 youth to the No More Empty Pots Food Hub.

Participants, ranging from ages 6-8, 9-12, and 13+, will engage in lessons focused on gardening, nutrition, and basic culinary skills – all with a fun twist!

Community Education

Download the 2023 Annual Report and celebrate a milestone year of impact! Thank you for your support, partnership and collaboration that made the year possible.

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