



Quarterly 5 in 5 Leadership Update

Dear Agency Partners,

It has been 8 months since I joined you in this fight to end hunger. The time has passed so quickly.

I now understand what Earl Nightingale meant when he said, “Never give up on a dream just because of the time it will take to accomplish it. The time will pass anyway.” Our time has been well spent and while we have accomplished so much there is still work to do.

Last quarter:

- Three Square revisited its commitment to you in launching the first network-wide agreement in years. We held in-person and virtual town hall meetings to iron out the wrinkles. Your feedback during these sessions was insightful.
- The Agency Partner Council held its first meeting. The regional representation from our network showed up to Three Square rolled up their sleeves and came ready to brainstorm ways to better serve you and our neighbors.
- Our CEO, Beth Martino visited more than thirty agency partners in the first 90 days of her tenure. She is vested in hearing you and seeing the amazing work you do daily.

This quarter, we will continue the work to build a library of up-to-date resources for you. We will be turning to our Agency Partner Council members to serve as subject matter experts in helping us create an:

- Agency Partner Handbook
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) Handbook

- Retail Rescue Handbook

Our hope is that these curated resources will help to ensure clarity on topics and inclusion on best practices.

We know you all wear many hats so our communications will become more frequent. This includes calls or texts from our drivers regarding late deliveries, invoices for upcoming orders 72hrs prior to delivery, email reminders for upcoming due dates and more.

Lastly, the holidays are upon us. You can be certain that we are prepared to allocate Albertsons Gift Cards, Turkeys and all the fixings. By the end of October, you will hear details regarding product availability.

It's important to me that you know Three Square will continue to find ways to serve you better. Remember, together we can feed everyone!

Tai McIntosh, MBA

Team Spotlight:



Team Spotlight: Yuli Sandoval

We would like to congratulate Yuli on her new role as Procurement Specialist. She will now be working behind the scenes to ensure we capture food resources for your distributions. For those of you who were served by Yuli, please send questions or correspondences to agencyservices@threesquare.org.

Our team is already looking for an Agency Services Coordinator to fill her shoes. If you know someone interested, feel free to send them our way. In the interim, Ana, Heather, Rielly and I are working together to ensure your needs are met. Once we hire someone, they will become the Agency Services Coordinator for all of Yuli's agencies.

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Agency Spotlight: Baby's Bounty | Project Marilyn

Baby's Bounty

Are your neighbors in need of diapers and other supplies for newborns? Baby's Bounty supports and empowers at-risk families by providing education and the essential tools to ensure a good start for every baby. They offer the following services to those in need:

- **Diapers for Diplomas** offers students who are also parents an opportunity to complete their higher education. This program provides diapering supplies for a full calendar year at no charge while enrolled at one of their partnering institutions.
- **Baby Bundle** is described as a "Baby Shower-In-A-Bag". This bundle includes a portable crib with a safe sleep kit, an infant regulation car seat, a bathtub, clothing, towels, washcloths, sleep sacks, receiving blankets, bibs, a baby book, a toiletry kit including baby wash, baby lotion, diaper cream, diapers and wipes. They also offer breast feeding items or formula by request. Click the link below for more information.

<https://www.babysbounty.org/program-requirements>

- **Diaper Banks** are distributions of diapers to neighbors in need at several locations throughout Nevada. Click the link below for more information.
[Diaper Banks | Baby's Bounty \(babysbounty.org\)](#)

Project Marilyn

Do you find your neighbors in need of period supplies? If so, there is help. Project Marilyn was inspired by the desire for every individual to have dignity with their period. PERIOD. Personal hygiene products are the least donated supplies when the community wants to help. They provide a bag that contains enough tampons, maxi pads, and wipes to carry a person through their monthly cycle. Click the link below for more information.

[Finding Marilyn - Project Marilyn](#)

Advocacy & Research: Farm Bill



This year, Congress is scheduled to begin working on the reauthorization of the Farm Bill, a multi-year law that provides assistance related to food and farms. The Farm Bill specifically addresses the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP). Nevada's current monthly average SNAP caseload is 252,432, up more than 7.75% from 2022. Last year, TEFAP commodities represented more than 20% of Three Square's overall distribution. The CSFP program currently serves more than 2,700 Seniors, monthly, across Southern Nevada. With the rising cost of housing and groceries,

these programs ensure families aren't forced to make difficult choices between bills and basic needs.

Many of you steward these programs each and every day, whether you assist neighbors with applying for SNAP, aid Three Square in distributing TEFAP foods, or lead CSFP programming in Southern Nevada. These resources allow our neighbors to navigate through uncertain times of recessions, health emergencies, inflation, and

extreme poverty. If Congress does not pass a strengthened and expanded Farm Bill, these programs are at risk of funding cuts and diminished flow of food.

As a drafted Farm Bill is made public later this Fall, our team will share further details with you and request your support and involvement in communicating neighbor and community needs to our federal delegation. Please do not hesitate to contact our Director of Advocacy & Research, Gabby Everett, at geverett@threesquare.org with further questions and thoughts.

FYI: Let's Chat About Grants!



Our Grants team would love to hear from you about your needs from funding to education and much more. Sharing your ideas, thoughts, and questions can build up our community to support both your organization and our neighbors.

If you want to chat with our Grants team, please email grants@threesquare.org and provide your name, agency, phone number, and your preferred way for us to contact you. We look forward to continuing our work together!

FYI: Food Safety Tip: Watch the Clock

Perishable food should not be left out of refrigeration for over 2 hours. If the temperature is above 90 degrees Fahrenheit food should not be left out more than 1 hour.

Keep Hot Food Hot at or above 140 degrees Fahrenheit. Hot foods should be placed in chafing dishes, preheated steam tables, warming trays, and/or slow cookers.

Keep Cold Food Cold at or below 40 degrees Fahrenheit. Place food in coolers/refrigerators or use cooling blankets it transporting to your location.

Learn More: Client-choice Food Pantry Model

Three Square would like to encourage more agencies to consider this model that allows our neighbors the opportunity to select their own food similar to that of a grocery store. This model gives neighbors the opportunity to choose their own food, which gives them a sense of dignity and control. It also limits waste since many tend to not take food they won't use and allows them to tailor the assistance to meet their unique situation. It also takes less volunteer power.

Email your Agency Services Coordinator at agencyservices@threesquare.org to learn more about this model and how it's workable no matter your space limits.

Call the Three Square Center at [702 765-4030](tel:702-765-4030). Our call center is open Monday–Friday from 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (with the exception of holidays).

[Events & Webinars](#)

Agency Partner Council Quarterly Meeting

December 6, 2023
March 13, 2024
June 28, 2024

Civil Rights Training

October 2, 2023|2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
(In person)
October 3, 2023|8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
(Virtual)

Regional Mixers

Coming Soon

Town Halls

Coming Soon

Upcoming Deadlines

Monthly Statistics

Deadlines:

October: Sunday, October 1, 2023
November: Wednesday, November 1, 2023
December: Friday, December 1, 2023

Grants

Fund for Healthy Nevada Grant (FHN)

Use of Funds: Fresh Produce Bags
July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025

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