



CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.
RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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KATHLEEN WALKER-PINCKNEY
Commissioner

August 1, 2024

Honorable Members of the City Council
Through the office of the mayor
City Hall
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Re: Memorandum of Understanding- Partnership with Feeding Westchester

Dear Honorable Members:

This letter requests that the city enact legislation allowing Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard and the Mount Vernon Recreation Department to enter a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Feeding Westchester.

Feeding Westchester has been a vital resource for the Mount Vernon community, significantly contributing to the well-being of its residents. Their various programs and resources have been instrumental in addressing food insecurity and providing nutritious meals to people of all ages. Feeding Westchester, from children to senior citizens, ensures that our youngest constituents receive the sustenance they need for healthy development while supporting our seasoned constituents with the nourishment necessary for a dignified and healthy life. Their efforts have been truly beneficial, reinforcing the health and unity of our community.

The MOU highlights Link2Feed(L2F), a holistic client management system built especially for hunger relief organizations. Link2Feed will collect, manage, and report service data (monthly statistics). In addition, It will gather all information needed for compliance, including TEFAP Attestation.

In addition, Feeding Westchester will supply our program with Chromebooks, a hotspot service, and a Scanner barcode. As it has done in the past, Feeding Westchester will cover the monthly licensing fees for all Feeding Westchester programs, including Food Pantries, Mobile Food Pantries, Fresh Markets, Child Feeding, Senior Grocery, and Food Is Medicine programs. Within this MOU, there's a grant to cover the cost of the hotspot and the service provider. There is no cost to the City of Mount Vernon, NY concerning this agreement. The totality of the MOU is outlined in the attached document.

We are excited about this continued partnership with Feeding Westchester, and we look forward to working closely with them as we endeavor to expand our reach and develop a more precise and accurate system that will make serving our community more efficient. We are deeply grateful for Feeding Westchester's past support and look forward to our future collaboration.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Walker-Pinckney
Commissioner of Recreation

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