

09:35:25 From lea : Hi! Lea from the Chelsea Community Fridge & Cupboard here!

09:35:28 From amybartucci : I am a volunteer for Love Fridge Chicago

09:35:33 From Robin Hoberman : Robin Hoberman, we launched the Port Chester Friendly Fridge in Westchester County

09:35:37 From Joseph Tufano : Mott Haven Community Fridge, Im an intern from Bergen County Academies in Hackensack, NJ

09:35:41 From Jennifer Riff : Jennifer Riff, Newton, MA from the Newton Freedge. Hello Everyone!

09:35:53 From Sarita-Laptop : Hi! Sarita here from East Village Neighbors Fridge. My restaurants hosts the fridge!

09:35:56 From Nazifa Hyder (she/her) : Hello I'm nazifa :) representing the chinatown community fridge in nyc. i'm just listening in

09:36:01 From Nicole : Hello! I am Nicole. I work with Lea at Chelsea Community Fridge

09:36:02 From Rachel Protter : Hi all! Rachel from Community 120 Fridge in Harlem, NY (and formerly West End Fridge on the Upper West Side, Manhattan)

09:36:03 From Jacob A Aronson : My name is Jacob and I'm with Mott Haven Fridge, based in the Bronx, New York,

09:36:07 From Kaili : Kaili from Lafayette Community Fridge in Lafayette, Louisiana.

09:36:27 From Diane Hatz : Hi! Diane from East Village Community Fridge!! (Though I live in New Mexico now...)

09:37:19 From Lorraine : Hi! Lorraine with kwtfridge, Kensington & Windsor Terrace in Brooklyn

09:37:29 From Ernst @thefreedge : Ernst from Freedge, helped install many fridge in California, Brazil, and a few other countries

09:38:05 From ernnimal : Is the video freezing up for anyone else ?

09:38:15 From Jennifer Riff : No

09:39:09 From Dave Douglas : Hi! Dave from South End Fridge Boston

09:39:51 From Ernst @thefreedge : We had a bunch of fridges stolen / vandalized over the years as well

09:39:56 From Eric Hotchkiss : Hi Everyone. Eric from The Love Fridge Chicago

09:40:10 From Todd Kaplan : Todd from Somerville (MA) fridges

09:40:28 From ivy Waegel : Hi! Ivy, with Eric's class, at the love fridge chicago

09:41:16 From Abby Faelnar : Hi all! I'm Abby, working to start a fridge for Woodside on the Move in Woodside, Queens

09:42:07 From Ernst @thefreedge : We had a few assault cases happening in Brazil

09:42:47 From Mike z : Mike zayas from the Dorchester Community Fridge Boston ma

09:47:56 From Edie Meyer : Social services?

09:48:18 From Jennifer Riff : I feel like a social worker partnering with freedge might be a good alliance?

09:49:30 From Nicole : How do we find a social worker?

09:50:06 From Griffin Stockton : Griffin Stockton from Mott Haven

## Community Fridge

09:50:12 From Alexandria Julius : Hi! Alex from the Hell's Kitchen Cupboard (and future fridge) in NYC

09:50:30 From Frank Gonzalez : Frank Gonzalez Loisaida Unity fridge at Trinity church alphabet city

09:51:58 From Rachel Protter (she/her) : NAMI - National Alliance for Mental Illness might have lists of local clinics where you can reach out for support

09:53:49 From lea : Thank you!

09:54:12 From Jennifer Riff : Ask police to patrol more often in the area?

09:55:40 From Mike z : you can't steal something that's free

09:56:30 From gaeleen quinn : Does anyone know of an association or website that connects all community fridges around the country? I'm looking to learn about how many community fridges are out there and where. Thanks!!

09:56:58 From Robin Hoberman : This was wonderful, I need to sign off but thank you for hosting today. The Port Chester Friendly Fridge looks forward to connecting more on these topics

10:01:40 From Jennifer Riff : That is a big problem that we are having- two cars are reported to be emptying the freedge of everything in fridge and pantry

10:02:02 From ernnimal : ^^ we are having similar problems

10:02:22 From Ernst @thefreedge : "stealing" in our case refers to people who were re-selling the food

10:02:23 From Kaili : Maybe the word isn't stealing...it's hoarding.

10:02:55 From ernnimal : No it's not stealing but it's upsetting to put so much care into making meals and then know that only one or two people are clearing it out and people are asking when more is coming etc

10:03:20 From lea : Re: selling - that could be their only source of income and could help them pay rent, buy medicine, buy certain food to better suit their dietary needs, etc

10:03:27 From amybartucci : How do you ban an individual other than ask them to leave

10:04:05 From Mike z : you can't control what people do with the good when they take it

10:04:43 From Dave Douglas : Does anyone consciously set aside part of a large donation to restock later when the fridge is empty as a means to broaden distribution

10:04:46 From Mike z : a problem we have had is people loitering at the fridge waiting for donations to come in

10:05:53 From Joseph Tufano : Is it impossible to have a standard time for donations arriving? Just curious, I have been involved in the fridge initiative for a very short time

10:06:20 From Ernst @thefreedge : @lea and @Mike I fully agree. This was considered an issue by the community, the people that were in line waiting for the food and didn't like the fact that other people were reselling. It was a big source of conflict.

10:06:44 From Jennifer Riff : We have a window of time three times a

day for donations from restaurants/stores and clients learn the times and wait.

10:06:46 From Todd Kaplan : We do have extra stock with neighbors of the Somerville fridges with neighbors of fridges. this helps ensure that people have access and know that there will be something there when they come by. Often fridge and shelves empty so are trying to avoid this.

10:06:50 From lea : @ Joseph - our fridge tries not to do that - we do have times we pick up donations, but sometimes people are running late, or the donation gets canceled, or weather is too severe for us to pick up, so we try not to promise any drop off times

10:07:35 From lea : Though our guests do know now when food generally arrives, but we don't want to set high expectations for something like that

10:08:17 From Todd Kaplan : We have irregular pickups and deliveries (i.e. no set times) and this helps ensure that we don't have huge crowds at these times. This is not by design but just the way things work for us

10:08:55 From lea : Re - the staggering of food, we leave that up to the volunteer picking up. As long as the food is still good to eat, we allow them to distribute/drop off as they see fit

10:08:57 From Nicole : I think not everyone understands the concept of a community fridge. They might not understand where the food is from. If I am in dare financial situation, and I see a cupboard full of bread. I might just think that taking them and selling is a smart "hustle"

10:09:30 From Todd Kaplan To Diane Hatz(private) : want to make sure we get to recruitment and difficulty getting folks to do pickups etc.

10:09:39 From Mike z : I have been at our fridge and witnessed everyone sharing the food and then one person takes "alot" and then everyone else adopts that mentality, what's the best away to address that.

10:10:46 From Mike z : facts

10:13:54 From Keith Buffo : Hi! Just moved to East Village. New to mutual aid. Here to learn

10:14:00 From Edie Meyer : I know Lea had this issue too...

10:15:07 From Sarita-Laptop : Thank you, Mike

10:17:23 From ernnimal : I'm still here

10:20:26 From Diane Hatz : Glad you're still here Erin! I couldn't find you onscreen...

10:21:01 From Ernst Bertone Oehninger : Sorry I got disconnected. I missed the discussion about having volunteers near the freedge to manage conflict. I think that solves some problems but we would be getting in a more charitable mode. You also lose anonymity, which is a great things about freedges.

10:22:40 From Ernst @thefreedge : I think events are great for team building. Free-Food nights were great for us.

10:24:01 From amybartucci : Great points Ernst. Agree!

10:26:25 From Jennifer Riff : I have to go. Thank you everyone!

10:26:51 From Mike z : it's alot of work for volunteers to do and if you don't have a large volunteer base

10:26:59 From Mike z : it will lead to burnout

10:27:20 From Mike z : I don't know how sustainable the model is

10:29:14 From Edie Meyer : NYC does put in meals in fridges, the schools do too. There are also other orgs that are popping up that fill fridges. i.e. City Harvest has an upcoming program...

10:30:32 From Mike z : I'm my city, it seems like the fridges are able to get food to more people then city run programs. because of the lack of restrictions.

10:32:42 From Joseph Tufano : can someone please reiterate on exactly what a "fridge hive" is?

10:32:44 From Rachel Protter (she/her) : I completely agree with Ernst- connecting with other mutual aid programs strengthen community

10:33:30 From Dave Douglas : Likely the only way to make the current model sustainable is to continually invest in / marketing to all stakeholders; community, donators, volunteers & guests. Incorporate this investment in time, marketing (with data) & outreach

10:34:35 From Christian Kanlian : Totally agree with Ernst as well, if we don't look systemically, we will remain band-aids forever

10:37:08 From Edie Meyer : We also designed t-shirts which have been popular with volunteers, raises money, and builds awareness. We worked with Bonfire which prints and distributes the t-shirts and gives us a portion of the proceeds.

10:37:46 From Edie Meyer : If anyone wants to sign to see their own t-shirts up please use this link and we'll get a referral fee: <https://www.bonfire.com/welcome/2d9e1737e9554/>

10:39:02 From Ernst @thefreedge : I definitely agree it takes a lot time on organizing and connecting. In that regard I think we should work towards engaging more people. For example if everybody participated in cleaning the fridge, we wouldn't need a cleaning volunteer. This is super hard to achieve as many times community members don't know each other, but it's definitely a goal.

10:40:19 From Keith Buffo To Diane Hatz(privately) : Pls include me on invite list for the other zooms you mentioned. Very interesting. keith@ohcopyboy.com

10:41:11 From Mike z : we have a slack channel in Massachusetts dedicated to drivers

10:41:22 From Diane Hatz To Keith Buffo(privately) : Will do Keith - since you registered for this, you'll get future invites. Thanks!!

10:41:26 From Mike z : and we all use that when we have last minute donations

10:42:00 From Maddie Price (she/her), Seattle Community Fridge : Most of our planned donations are delivered by our volunteers with their own vehicles

10:42:34 From Ernst @thefreedge : In California we used cargo bikes a lot

10:43:51 From Maddie Price (she/her), Seattle Community Fridge : There's a mutual aid group in Seattle that delivers food to community fridges and little free pantries via bikes too

10:43:53 From Edie Meyer : Someone recently donated electric scooter w a seat and basket that holds ~25lb to us that we hope to use for pickups...

10:44:21 From Ernst @thefreedge : @Edie that's the dream :)

10:45:49 From Rachel Protter (she/her) : That might become an issue with insurance

10:47:53 From Edie Meyer : <https://getglion.com/product/new-balto/>

10:48:17 From Rachel Protter (she/her) : Also if people want to go in together on a u-haul for large pickups, I know the fridge girls in the Bronx do that

10:48:19 From Lexi Lucero : Hi all from the Loisaيدا CommUnity Fridge - was wondering if we will receive the recording to this call via email? Thanks!

10:49:10 From Ernst @thefreedge : agree with @lea. We partner with a lot of restaurants but try to do all the work for them.

10:49:22 From Lexi Lucero : Thank you!

10:50:27 From Ernst @thefreedge : Regarding staying a band-aid or promoting systemic change, I think it has to do with charity vs mutual aid and what's your freedge's goal

10:50:32 From Sarita-Laptop : Thank you so much for organizing, Diane!

10:50:42 From lea : Thank you Diane and everyone for joining!!

10:50:49 From amybartucci : YES!!! Thank you

10:50:51 From Rachel Protter (she/her) : Thank you!

10:50:52 From Jackson Schorer : Thank you!

10:50:54 From Ernst @thefreedge : Thank you Diane!!!

10:50:59 From ernnimal : Thanks this is great as always

10:50:59 From Eric (He/Him) Love Fridge Chicago : Thank yopu