

fce **FLASH** 
December 15, 2023

Greetings to all FCE members from your National FCE Board. The board has been working on getting programs prepared for 2024 Midyear meeting and the 2024 National FCE Conference. We will be covering Food Security as well as other topics of interest. The board realizes that in order to cover the Food Security topic we need leaders ~ so there will be some leadership training available ~ how to contact public officials, how to write a letter and what are the local issues concerning Food Security.



This topic comes from the Issue and Analysis Resolution session at our 2023 conference and from the resolution that National FCE presented at the 2023 ACWW Triennial ~ “Be it resolved that ACWW facilitates both action and advocacy on the issue of food waste, recognising that food waste occurs throughout the global food supply chain, and that coordinated action is required to mitigate food loss and wastage at every stage.” The National FCE Board and the conference attendees felt called to support this resolution by adopting Food Security program for the next few years.

Please check the ACWW Website to join the world president for a final Winter Afternoon Tea, Monday December 18.

I am looking forward to seeing the reports from all FCEs, local clubs to states that you are working on as the year is ending. Your work in your communities and throughout the nation and world is appreciated.

To all the friends we have in our lives, may the season of Christmas warm our souls. As the year comes to an end, I pray to God that every one of us

finds new opportunities, hope, and receive lots of blessings. May the spirit of Christmas fill your home with peace, love, and joy. Merry Christmas.”

Judy Fullmer – National FCE President

What is **‘The Legacy’** Fund?

Several years ago, when I was serving as the National FCE President, Bob Hannon an FCE member from Arizona, came to me with the idea of setting up a fund that could help save National FCE for the future. It took a while to get the details worked out, but the fund has been in existence since 2014. The fund has slowly been growing but has not had the donations the committee had hoped would be forthcoming.

As Chair of that committee, I would like to take the opportunity to let everyone know that the fund is still in existence, is still a viable way to help National FCE, and it is always in need of donations. As we come to the close of another year, the committee would like to extend a plea to you as National FCE members, to consider donating to **‘The Legacy’**. This is a great time to donate and claim it on your 2023 taxes!

Thank you for considering a donation to **‘The Legacy’**, to help secure the future of FCE. The donation form and information sheet are included in this fceFLASH.

Bonnie Teeples **‘The Legacy’** Committee Chair

Together,

We will make a difference



Our Values:

We believe that every **PERSON** can make a difference

We believe in investing in our **FCE** organization because it has been an inspiration for many individuals, families, and communities.

We believe that supporting our **MEMBERS** in the work the organization performs, will make positive change in the lives of our members, their families, and their communities.

Our Vision:

We desire to secure the National Association for Family and Community Education for generations to come. The goal is to build “The Legacy,” a fund that will stabilize National FCE fiscally, and in time, assist participating states through grants awarded by the National organization. Hopefully “The Legacy” will continue to build, as we continue our pathway of life in FCE. It is important that our members know that this fund will eventually be able to give National FCE some relief from rising costs and declining membership and an ever-decreasing income. **Any size donation is welcome and appreciated.**

National FCE Legacy Fund will also accept gifts in “Honor” or “In Memory” of members, relatives, or friends. These gift donations will be deposited into the Legacy Fund. Your gift donation will reflect the name of the person you name as the honoree.

Thank you for your consideration of “The Legacy”

“The Legacy” Committee

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Help us Build an FCE Legacy

100% of your Legacy donation will be deposited into an account that will help reduce the cost of operating **National FCE** in the years to come.

YES, I want to be part of building a LEGACY whereby the dividends from the fund will be used to maintain the quality of my organization, locally and nationally. Only a percentage of the dividends from the fund will be used to benefit FCE and will continue to assist the generations that come after me.

CREATE A LEGACY TOGETHER!

**A- Become a member of the LEGACY CLUB
Donations made in any denomination**

**B- Become a member of the 400 CLUB
Donations can be made to The Legacy in any denomination you would like, until you reach the \$5000
Donate \$84 per month for 59 months and one last donation of \$44 dollars for a total of \$5000
Donate \$1000 per year for 5 years for a total of \$5000 dollars
Make a one-time gift to the Legacy fund of \$5000 dollars**

Donor name _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO NATIONAL FCE with THE LEGACY in the memo line.
MAIL TO - NATIONAL FCE HQ. 73 CAVALIER BLVD. #106 - FLORENCE, KY 41042**

Your information is for donor recognition materials & communication purposes only. We respect your privacy and will not share this information without your approval. All donations are tax deductible, and a receipt will be sent to you for your I.R.S. records.

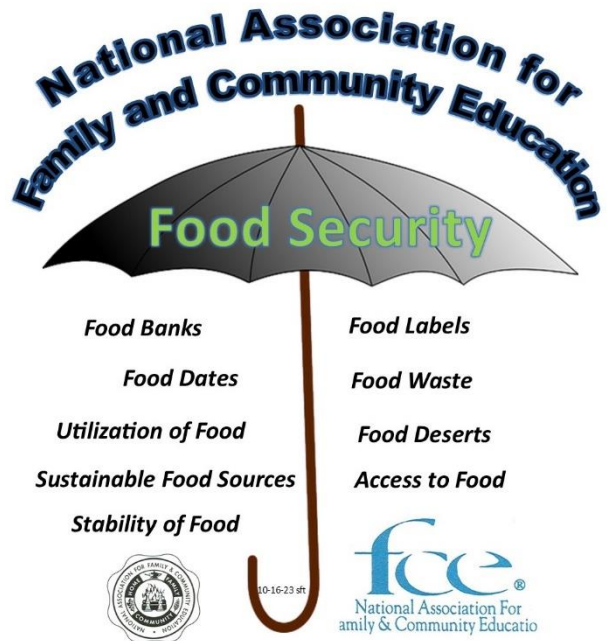
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No _____ Please do not include my name

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING BUILD A 'LEGACY' TO BENEFIT FCE
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I have been reflecting on the 2023 Triennial and all the wonderful work that was accomplished by the Societies. When I think about going forward in this new Triennia, I am excited about the prospects of each ACWW Society. I hope each society will keep in mind the new Triennial theme 'Sustainable Growth for the Future' when planning the next three years. Think about what the theme means to you, to your societies, and to ACWW. Ask yourself, 'what can I do as an individual to make or encourage sustainable growth in ACWW'?



I will be focusing on Food Deserts for the first year of the new Triennial. I am including a short outline below. I'm sure there is something you can glean from the outline that can help you with a project. If you need more information, please contact me.

WHAT IS A FOOD DESERT?

Food deserts are geographic areas where residents have few to no convenient options for securing affordable and healthy foods — especially fresh fruits and vegetables. Disproportionately found in high-poverty areas, food deserts create extra, everyday hurdles that can make it harder for children, families and communities to grow healthy and strong.

WHERE ARE FOOD DESERTS LOCATED?

Generally speaking, food deserts are more common in areas with:

- smaller populations.
- higher rates of abandoned or vacant homes.
- residents who have lower levels of education, lower incomes, and higher rates of unemployment.

HOW ARE FOOD DESERTS IDENTIFIED?

Researchers consider a variety of factors when identifying food deserts, including:

- Access to food, as measured by distance to a store or by the number of stores in an area.
- Household resources, including family income or vehicle availability.

- Neighborhood resources, such as the average income and the availability of public transportation.

WHAT ARE A FEW FOOD DESERT SOLUTIONS?

- Establish bus stop farmers markets.
- Support community gardens.

I would like to share a quote by Corrie ten Boom ‘Happiness is not something that depends on our surroundings...it’s something we make inside ourselves.’ We make the world a better place by what we do for others, the ‘inside of us’ joy we spread, the help we give those who need it. The willingness to serve others through our great organization. I hope when you think back on the work you have accomplished this past Triennial, you are pleased with your results and that you are eager to move forward into the new Triennia with renewed enthusiasm and hope for what we can accomplish together.



Please have a wonderful Holiday Season and go make the world a happy place by being YOU!

Bonnie Teeples ACWW USA Area President

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