



Discussion Guide for Donors

When Food Justice is viewed as a group, viewers might find it helpful to interact with one another. This guide provides some questions to engage and lead discussion among participants. Allow about 20-30 minutes for discussion after the viewing. Try to ensure that everyone interested in participating is able to do so. Be accepting of different viewpoints and options. Try to keep the group discussion on task. If necessary form small groups and designate one leader of each small group to report to the large group.

Opening and Overview:

- Introduce yourself and explain your role as leader of the discussion.
- Ask all present to introduce themselves and share a bit about why they are there.
- Share group expectations for this discussion.

Discussion questions related to homelessness:

1. In your mind, picture someone experiencing homelessness. How does your image compare with the people you saw in this video?
2. What did you think of the interviews with people experiencing homelessness? Were you surprised by anything they had to say?
3. Was anything in the show in conflict with your past experiences or beliefs about those who experience homelessness and their desire for healthier foods/meals?

Discussion questions related to nutrition and chronic disease:

4. Do any of you have a chronic disease or know someone with a chronic disease? In what ways do you (or someone you know) manage their chronic disease with the food they eat?
 - a. How would management of that disease change if you (or the person you know) relied on others to prepare and serve the meals?
5. Have you had the opportunity to visit the organization and talk to the guests who are receiving your donations? What have you learned through those conversations?
6. What new insights did you learn from the cycle of food insecurity in the video? What can you do as donors to help break this cycle?

Discussion questions related to action items:

7. What do you know about the capacity of food shelves and meal programs in your area on accepting fresh produce, dairy products, and lean proteins (fresh or frozen)? If they are able, what are some things you could do to contribute to the healthfulness of their food supply? *Is there any way you could hold a healthy food drive? Could you plant an extra row in your garden or do you know a farmer who you could connect with that organization to supply produce?*
8. Taking into consideration what you just learned about healthy foods, nutrition, and chronic diseases, what are some small, feasible changes you or your organization could make to increase the healthfulness of the foods you donate?

Closing and Call to Action:

- Encourage the group to take next steps using the **“Take Action!”** handout
- Thank participants for participation and encourage all to make a difference.