Frank Conversations about Food Access
Just imagine...
February DMARC Usage
What creates food insecurity?

• Food Insecurity – “the state of being without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food”

• Causes of food insecurity:
  • Low and stagnant wages
  • Lack of affordable housing
    • “Rent eats first”
  • High cost of healthcare
  • High cost of childcare
  • Inadequate SNAP benefit
Barriers to Pantry Usage

• Open Hours
  • Too few open hours
  • Not aligned with the hours of people needing pantries
  • The same as the open hours of nearby pantries

• Customer Service
  • Staff/volunteers not welcoming
  • “If they are hungry, they will eat it” mentality

• Location
  • Who will see?
  • Transportation options
Barriers to Usage

• Environment
  • Clean
  • Attractive
  • Front-door
  • Child-friendly
  • Accessible
  • Bathrooms available

• Culturally Appropriate Food
  • Fish sauce
  • Dried Beans
  • Corn flour
  • Oil
  • Fish
Next Steps

• Go

• Ask

• Support