



Innovative College- Community Collaboration Alleviating Food Insecurity

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Photos from UNO Maverick Food Pantry

Collaboration

Service Learning

- Intersectionality of service learning and community collaboration having an impact on college students
- Impact of staff and faculty working together with the Service Learning Academy
- Staff having knowledge of resources
- Opportunity to provide collaboration between Colleges and Universities and Community Agencies



Undergraduate Social Work Service Learning Students tabling at Together Food Pantry collecting community stories for their blog.

Truth in Numbers

30%

of college students are
food insecure

75%

of food insecure
students receive
financial aid

2.0-2.49

GPA reported by food insecure
students

56%

of food insecure
students are working

43%

of food insecure
students have a meal
plan

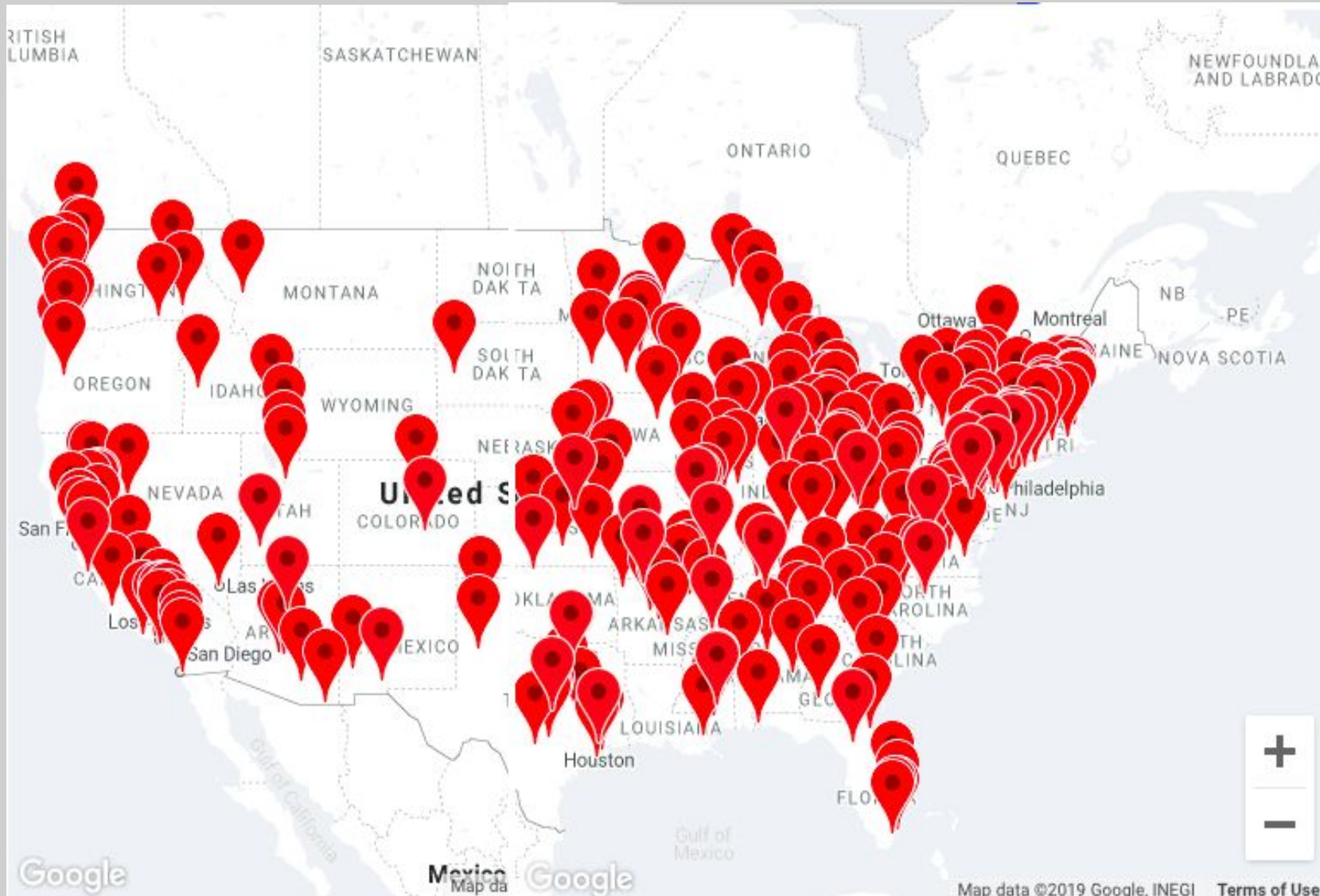
“When I look at my budget for the month and think, I’ve spent a ton this month so I think the next month I can’t spend as much, so where is the easiest spot to cut back groceries. And so I’ll buy less groceries the next month because in my mind I’ve got to make cuts somewhere.”

“To some degree you don’t talk about it with people because you don’t want them to know what you are going through because it’s embarrassing...I should be able to take care of myself, but I can’t ... [needing to access the food pantry] I feel like a failure walking in there”

“Every November and December, ever since I have lived in Omaha, I’ve tried to apply for food stamps, and I have been over the income limit every time”

“health-related side effects that interfered with my academics, such as migraines that accompanied inadequate food access.”

When you are a student “it is very stressful, and the problem has many levels to it, because not only just stressful like ‘I’m hungry and I need money to buy food,’ but also my mind should be focused on my academics, but I’m focused on how do I survive?”



What Has Had an Impact



What Does the Future Look Like?

Food pantries with resources

- Food Insecurity could just be one of many areas a student may need assistance with
- Holistic Wellness Assistance & Resources in one location

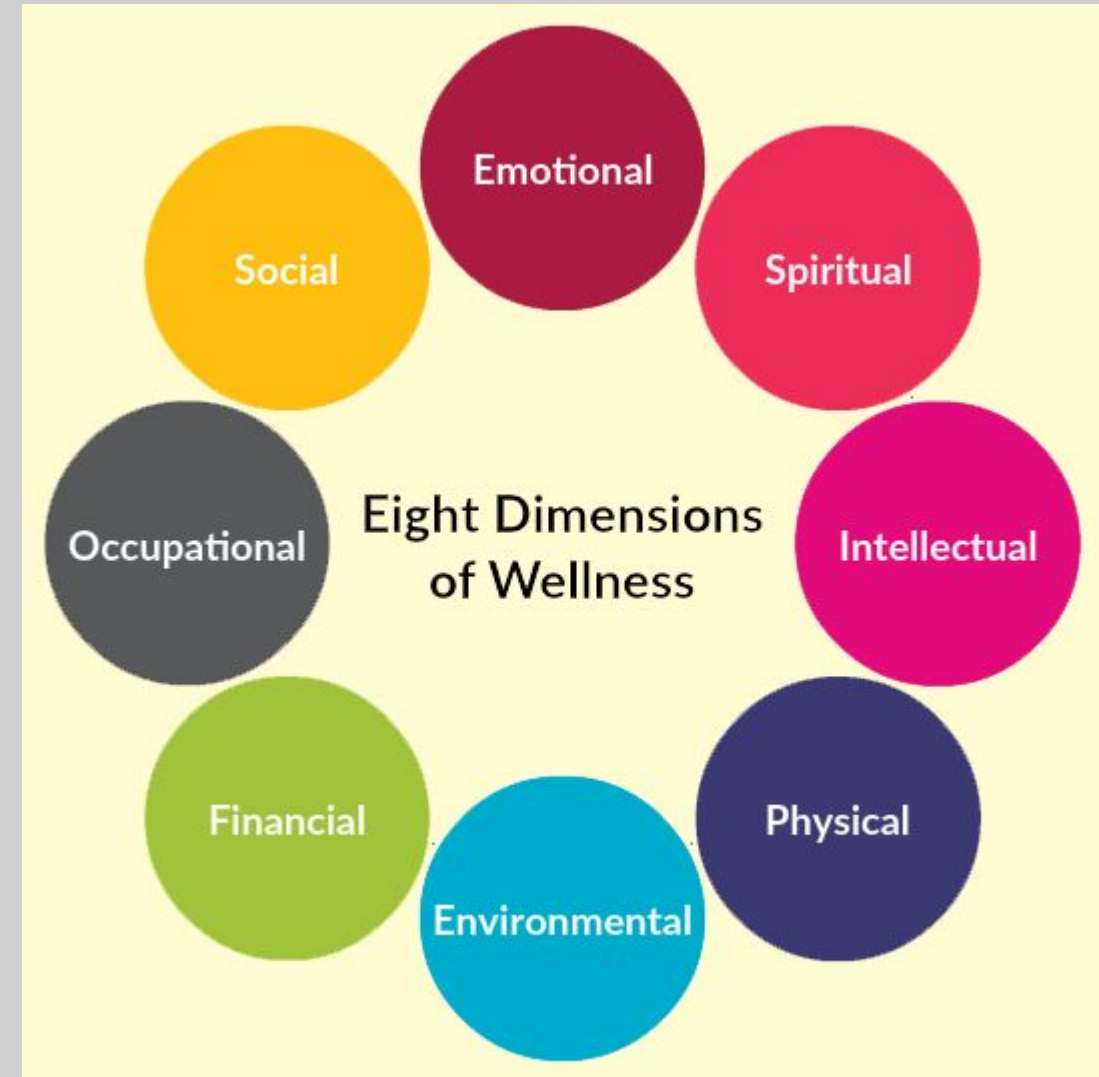
Wellness groups on campus

Diverse group coming together to talk about a problem

- Students
- Faculty
- Community Partners

Sustainable future

- Not purchasing food on campus
- Food recovery networks
- Community resources
- Well known resources



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