

We have some exciting news to share! **Beginning in April**, we will be offering in-house, '**Shoppers Choice**' shopping in addition to the existing pre-bag, 'Grab-and-Go' option we have done throughout the pandemic.

Many of you have never been in the pantry to shop and select your own items. Many of our volunteers have never been able to help clients shop inside. Please bear with us as we work to **provide the best client experience** possible.

Moving forward, you will be able to make an appointment and either ask for pre-bagged items or **ask to shop inside**. Here are some of the highlights you should know:

- **Appointments will be 20 minutes in duration** (We foresee back-to-back appointments throughout the day, so please be on time for your appointment. If you are late for your appointment, we may need to reschedule your appointment or we may need to provide you with our current pre-bagging option.)
- **Masks will be worn** by clients and volunteers while inside the building (If you don't have a mask, we can provide one for you. If you prefer not to wear a mask, we can bring out food for you through our current pre-bagging option.)
- **Feel free to bring your own bags** (If you don't have bags, we can provide paper grocery bags for you)
- We will be helping **one client shop in the building at a time** (If you have a physical ailment or disability that would prevent you from shopping by yourself, we will allow your aid or regular assistant)
- **If you have not re-certified** in the last month, please make sure to bring photo ID and recent proof of residency.

Today, we had a soft opening for clients who had scheduled appointments. **Thanks to our volunteers**, who were trained the last two weeks and were able to help our first day of shoppers. Special thanks to Sharon A. who let us take a photo of her accepting flowers from my assistant, Sarah. **Sharon was our first shopper back inside after these two long years!**

