

Greener:

Lea Kyle, Matthew Taboni and Andy Whitehead, posting on @ubgreenteam on instagram from the University at Buffalo. Our Project Green Challenge username is bwhitehe.

Reflection:

The article, Redlining and Food Justice in America explains the historical discrimination and segregation contributing to food insecurity, poverty, and homelessness. Hunger and poverty are disproportionately affecting BIPOC because of historical redlining, the pattern of disinvestment and obstruction of development of homeownership amongs BIPOC in the United States. It is a common misconception that anyone can go hungry and anyone can be poor. However, we have to recognize the historical context and targeting of marginalized groups. Food deserts, lack of adequate transportation and housing all contribute to the access to achieve a wholesome diet. As a whole, we have to recognize the intersectionality of all of these issues and identities contributing to ongoing cycle of discrimination and racism today. In Buffalo, the Broadway-Fillmore area is the poorest district with the second highest unemployment rate. It is a food desert and has been purposely redlined and segregated for years and years. Working with local nonprofits in this area, we are continuing to find ways to serve our community through food donations, food pantries, workforce development programs, housing assistance, and referrals to medical care. Something unique that is combating food insecurity and increasing access to healthy foods is the rise of community gardens in the city of Buffalo. A nonprofit organization, Grassroots Gardens focuses on creating gardens for the local community. They take volunteers to assist in planting and building the gardens. It is encouraging to see organizations like this that are doing their best to provide resources to those who are food insecure.

Action Plan:

Blue Table is the name of our on campus food pantry at the University at Buffalo. Founded by one of our team members, it strives to assist students who are experiencing food insecurity or financial hardship. College is a privilege, but we recognize that many of our students also face financial hardships. We do not want any student to have to decide between food or textbooks.

Our team will promote the efforts of Blue Table and host a donation drive in our residential buildings at the University at Buffalo.

We are committed to the following action steps:

- 1) Create and post flyers in all six of the residential buildings on campus.
 - a) Promoting the resource of Blue Table, and information on accepting donations
- 2) Host a food drive for Blue Table using one central location
- 3) Transporting all collected food to the Blue Table pantry once the drive has been completed

In addition, in my email signature, I have included the following statement in hopes to help students recognize a resource that is available to them.

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Andy Whitehead (they/them)

Students experiencing unanticipated hardships or food insecurity can find help via [UB's Blue Table Program](#)

Here is a link to read more about Blue Table:

<https://www.buffalo.edu/studentlife/help/emergency/food-support.html>

Here is a link to donate to our Blue Table Fund:

https://ubfoundation.buffalo.edu/giving/index.php?gift_allocation=01-3-0-08802

BLUE TABLE

NON PERISHABLE DONATION DRIVE THROUGH THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

DONATIONS ACCEPTED IN THE WILKESON COFFEEHOUSE



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