



Sunday Forums—April 2026

Caring for Creation: From the Grassroots

From Last Resort Supplier to Providing a Foothold April 12 on Fairness: Foodlink Challenges Inequity



Presenter: Brandy Madera, Foodlink

Once distributors of surpluses, food banks across the U.S. have become community "first responders." When individuals and families lack consistent access to nutritious food, the effects extend far beyond hunger, influencing educational outcomes, work-force participation, and overall community well-being. This presentation will explore how food insecurity is intertwined with other disparities because food is foundational to building communities that are healthier, stronger, and more resilient.

Community-Based Gardens and Farms: April 19 Creating Local Capacity



Presenter: Erin Turpin, RIT Program Specialist

From building community gardens at St. John's and St. Mark's Episcopal Church to introducing RIT students to Foodlink's Community Farm, Program Specialist Erin Turpin has been putting into practice her major in Sustainability and Sociology. Erin believes in nature-based learning and helping organizations understand and advance environmental justice and will share her knowledge with us.

Repurposing Payphones for Community Benefit: April 26 Updating Local Resources



Presenter: Eric Kunsman, RIT Professor

Come learn about The Good Phone Project, and meet its founder, RIT Professor Eric Kunsman. What started as his photography series depicting old payphones, has evolved into a meaningful public-service effort to repurpose old payphones into free phones accessible for all. For communities in need, the Good Phones are intended to serve as a lifeline for individuals, and to ensure that all individuals have the opportunity to connect with one another and social services.

Sundays, 9:45AM—The Shaw Room