

AFAC GUNSTON DISTRIBUTION

This Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) food distribution site, Gunston, has been a NOVA project for almost 20 years. We have provided the volunteers to pick up at the warehouse and distribute and more recently have provided money to buy fresh produce for the families twice a month.

AFAC recently has been trying to update photos of volunteers and clients which could be used in a variety of ways, i.e., client stories, fundraising. So Eric spoke to the Gunston clients inviting them to participate – several were interested in having their photo taken and sharing their story about why they receive food at AFAC.



The Thursday that was chosen for the photographer to come to Gunston was the Thursday that the distribution had to be outside the rec center while they were getting ready for school. It turned out to be a lovely night outside! It was also a Thursday that Eric was bringing the fresh produce which the clients



helped bag in red mesh bags. Tim White, Cathy Goldschmidt were the distribution volunteers and Marie Keefe, who speaks Spanish, helped the photographer with the clients who wished to have theirs taken. All clients signed permission for the photos to be used and also each received a photo in a frame a couple weeks later. The photos attached here were also taken by the photographer and I think you will enjoy seeing them. Eric stated that: "All were entranced by the colorful bags and colorful veggies and fruits."

~ Dianne Carroll



NOVA members bring cereal every week for the distribution

