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Company/Organization: NH Food Bank

Type of organization: Nonprofit

Number of Employees: 40

Category: community

Challenge or Opportunity:

Protein is one of the hardest foods to source to feed our food insecure in our state and one of the most needed nutritionally. We had an opportunity to partner with UNH aquaculture program to receive thousands of pounds of fish they would grow in three new greenhouses. We needed a processor that was certified for food safety for filleting & waste.

Approach or Solution:

I approached the family owned business familiar to me, Seaport Fish in Rye. They agreed to process the fillets for us in their certified facility and the remainder is used as lobster bait. The fillets are rotated into the menus for the after school meal program for some of the boys and girls clubs produced by our culinary job training program.

Impact:

To launch the partnership we had the UNH culinary program and our own come together and Seaport Fish gave a filleting demonstration then the students made us all a fish taco lunch. We now have a stronger relationship. The students at the B&GC have a protein introduced that is often new, will encourage more adventuresome nutrition in their future.