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INTRODUCTION

Community / University projects are often a one-semester, single opportunity project between a single organization in the community and a single faculty member/team of students within a university. While beneficial, is there a way to extend this model to a larger, regional impact?

This poster describes a multi-year collaborative effort between a university and regional not-for-profits to:

- Develop a sustainable network
- Identify an innovative, core project for the region; and
- Create a sustainable infrastructure and process that can sustain regional projects far beyond a one-semester project.

Students played a crucial role in designing and developing the Food Finder and Food Alert applications – as a class project (Reid Mello and Bryan M Gwozdz) and as Graduate Assistants (Shaktisingh Rajput and Sirisha Jujjavarapu)

A more detailed exploration of this topic is available in a working paper entitled: "Networked for Innovation: A Model for a Long Term Service-Learning Project" by T. Shea & D. Healy, from tshea@umassd.edu.

Selected references from the paper:

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Southcoast Serves

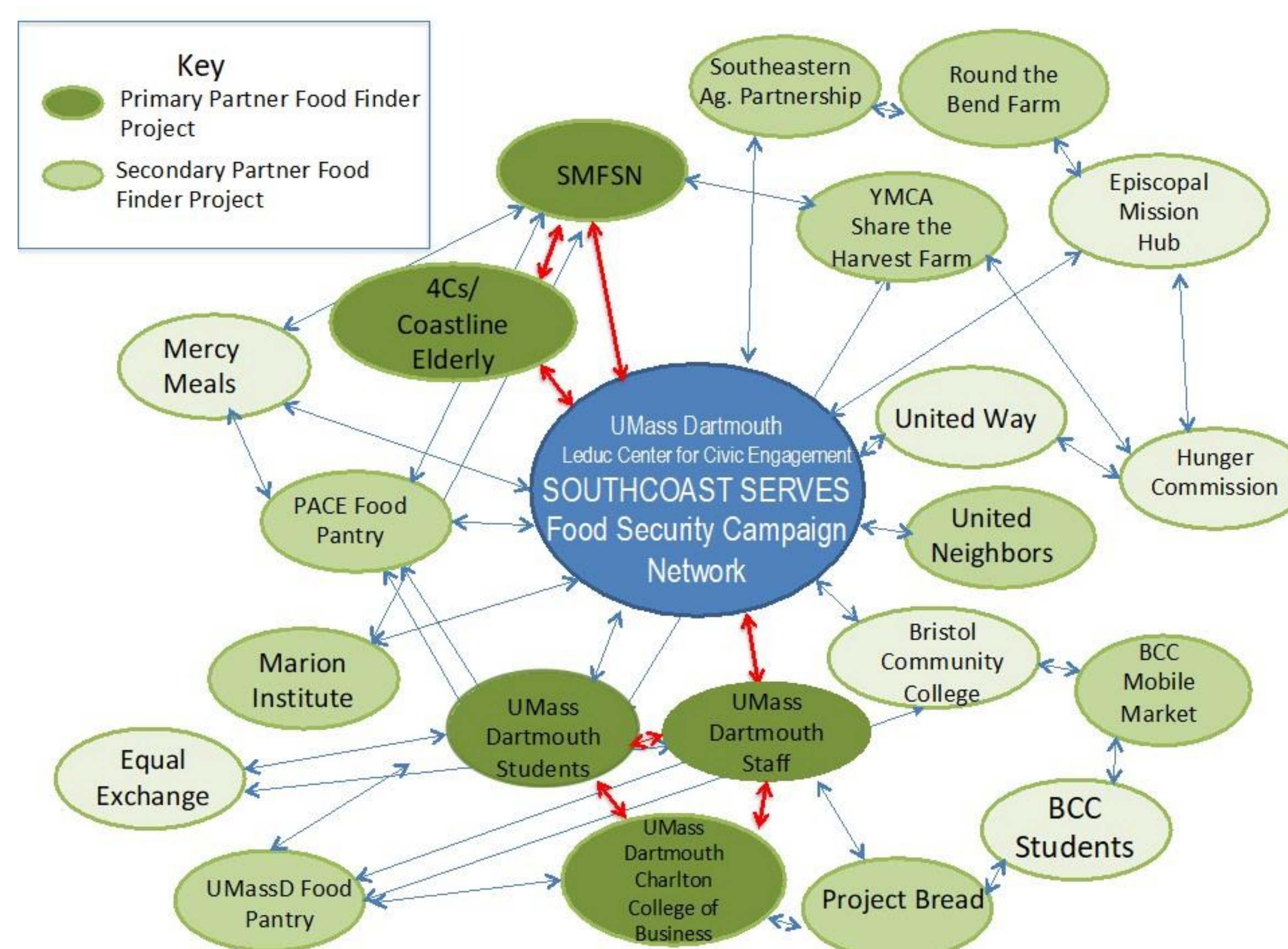
SouthCoast Serves is a UMass Dartmouth Leduc Center for Civic Engagement supported collaborative of over fifty organizations in Southeastern Massachusetts with the:

Vision: To engage service as a strategy to improve the health and welfare of our communities.

Mission: To increase the amount and impact of service and volunteerism in the SouthCoast

SouthCoast Serves Short History								
Year 1 2009/10	Year 2 2010/11	Year 3 2011/12	Year 4 2012/13	Year 5 2013/14	Year 6 2014/15	Year 7 2015/16	Year 8 2016/17	Year 9 2017/18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st meeting Mission, vision, & membership statements Brochure and website (UMD service-learning projects) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly meetings continue National Days of Service 1st video of Service (New Bedford & Fall River) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly meetings continue National Volunteer Week Time Bank SCS60 pledge Developed Presentation Annual Service showcase 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly meetings continue Participation increased Events strengthened 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly meetings continue Improved communication Began impact reporting Focus on Began food security campaign 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly meetings continue Began Service Enterprise Training Youth Summer Institute Food security Panel Expanded to 50+ org Food security presentation at MA Service Alliance Conference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly meetings continue Receive Service Enterprise Certification Youth Summer Institute 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly meetings continue Began Service Enterprise Training Youth Summer Institute identifies food security theme Food Finder project begins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly meetings continue Strategic planning process begins
CE Summit theme: social capital	CE Summit theme: asset based	CE Summit theme: big citizenship	CE Summit theme: transforma-	CE Summit theme: National	CE Summit theme: Interfaith		CE Summit theme: Mitch Album	CE Summit theme: The Moth

The NETWORK



The PROJECT – Food Finder & Food Alert Applications

CREATE FOOD ALERT

Create New Alert Notification below:

Food Type:

Quantity:

Unit of Measure:

Contact Person Name:

Organization name:

Contact Email:

FUTURE PLANS

- ❖ Develop a Phone App to go with the web-based application
- ❖ Facilitate adoption of the applications through outreach to appropriate organizations
- ❖ Keep the Food Finder / Food Alert communities information updated
- ❖ Internship Opportunities
- ❖ Funding Opportunities
- ❖ Research Opportunities
- ❖ ELIMINATE HUNGER!

SOUTHCOAST FOOD SECURITY FORUM

Second Annual Food Security Forum - Hungry for Health

University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, Claire T. Carney Library, Grand Reading Room

Wednesday, March 28, 2018 | 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.



Connecting the Dots: Hunger and Health
Dr. Kathryn Brodowski is the Senior Director of Health and Research at the Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB). As the first to hold this position, Dr. Brodowski is responsible for creating partnerships between the GBFB and local hospitals and community health centers to connect those in need with healthy food and other critical resources, bridging the gap between hunger and health.

Featuring Local Health, Nutrition, and Food Security Experts:
Introduction by Caite O'Brien, Community Investor, Tufts Health Plan Foundation.

Nutrition: The Key to Healthy Aging, Christine Sullivan, 4C Collaborative and Coastline Elderly Services.

An expert panel on better nutrition and better health:
• Shirley Chao, PhD, RD, LDN, FAND, Executive Office of Elder Affairs
• Dain Lindquist, RD, Southcoast Health
• Barbara Canuel, MPH, RD, CNSC, Community Nurse Home Care
• Patricia Foster, Greater New Bedford Community Health Center

A panel discussion on the local food economy and improving health:
• Stephanie Perks, MA, RD, LDN, Coastal Foodshed
• Derek Christianson, Brix Bounty Farm
• Desha Van Laarhoven, Round The Bend Farm
• Gena Mavuli, The Livestock Institute of Southern New England

Keynote by Kathryn Brodowski, MD, MPH, The Greater Boston Food Bank.
Closing remarks from Deirdre Healy, Director of Community Service and Partnerships, Leduc Center for Civic Engagement, UMass Dartmouth.

Locally sourced hors-d'oeuvres and opportunity to network with local health professionals, food security organizations, and food producers.

Register: <http://bit.ly/foodsecurityforum>



About Southcoast MA Food Security Network:

The Southeastern MA Food Security Network is a coalition of food pantries, farms, foundations, and social service agencies working together to promote food security in Southeastern MA

About 4C Collaborative/Coastline Elderly

Nutrition: The Key to Healthy Aging, a three-year initiative to improve the health outcomes of vulnerable seniors by improving access to healthful foods, and reducing malnutrition.

About the Leduc Center for Civic Engagement

The University of Massachusetts Dartmouth seeks to prepare students for life as active and engaged citizens. To aid in this endeavor, the Leduc Center for Civic Engagement strives to identify opportunities that meet the challenge of providing active student learning while meeting and addressing community needs as outlined in the UMass Dartmouth Engaged Educational Experience.

About the Charlton College of Business

Our goal for the students at UMass Dartmouth's Charlton College of Business is to help them develop the knowledge and skills needed to be progressive business leaders and good citizens. Experiential learning through student engagement in the region is a critical component.