

FNYS 2026 SUMMIT WRAP UP

THINGS WE DID WELL		THINGS WE COULD IMPROVE		ATTENDEE SUMMIT FEEDBACK	SAVE THE DATE
	SATISFACTION RATES		FEEDBACK HIGHLIGHTS		Here's What's Coming!
ACTIVITIES - FOODLINK TOUR - FOODLINK COMMUNITY FARM PRESENTATIONS - CRITICAL THINKING - SEE YOURSELF IN ADVOCACY - NYS DEC FOOD RECOVERY BREAKOUT SESSIONS - SOURCING & FARM PARTNERSHIPS - DIRECT DONOR PICKUPS - TECHNOLOGY FOR GOOD THE DUKE RECEPTION THE FOOD SPECIALTY DRINKS LIVE BAND SPONSOR INVOLVEMENT –THE EVENT MET ITS GOAL– We are Feeding NYS 	Strong Overall Satisfaction & Impact! 98% LIKED IT OR LOVED IT – OVERALL SUMMIT EXPERIENCE 96% LIKED IT OR LOVED IT – SESSION QUALITY & CONTENT 92% SPONSOR INVOLVEMENT ADDED VALUE - Networking & connection were the #1 cited highlight - Foodlink and reception were standout favorites - The Duke reception/dinner drew rave reviews 97% loved/liked the food at The Duke	HOTEL CHALLENGES → WEDNESDAY ATTENDANCE → CONVENTION CENTER FOOD → BREAKOUT VARIETY → SPONSORS → <i>Focus areas for 2027 planning</i>	THE HYATT - MIXED REVIEWS ON QUALITY - CLEANLINESS CONCERNS RAISED 68% LOVED/LIKED IT - HELPFUL STAFF, DESPITE HOTEL ISSUES 35% SKIPPED AM SESSIONS - SALESFORCE FELT MISPLACED - CONSIDER REWORK FOR LAST DAY FLOW MORE DIETARY/ALLERGY OPTIONS - REQUEST FOR GRAB & GO OPTIONS 86% LOVED/LIKED IT MORE TOPICS REQUESTED - VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT - TECHNOLOGY - COMPLIANCE - AGENCY RELATIONS - MEMBER SERVICES VENDOR ENGAGEMENT - MORE DEDICATED VENDOR TIME - RAFFLE AT TABLES OR ACTIVITY TO DRIVE TRAFFIC	“I loved, loved, loved networking and deepening my relationships with other foodbankers and adjacent organizations. I have almost 10 meetings now just from the conference on projects directly related to my work at RFB. It was awesome!” “The tour of Foodlink and their farm was my favorite part!” “For such a small team, FNYS can deliver! Impressed by the sponsorships and how those relationships add to our advocacy efforts.” “Steffani, you did an amazing job planning!! You created a very kind and collaborative space this year.” “LOVED meeting new folks from Food Banks all around the state.” 	Where to Next? #1 Vote: NYC Area (Food Bank for NYC or City Harvest) #2 Vote: Westchester area (Feeding Westchester) #3 Vote: Syracuse area (Food Bank of CNY) Conversations That Matter More sessions on the topics you told us matter most. Smoother Wednesday Flow Reworked schedule to keep energy high throughout the last day. More Breakout Variety New tracks - we're listening! More Vendor Management Dedicated time & activities to connect with sponsors. SAVE THE DATE June 7–9 2027 Location TBD