

## **Additional Opportunities**

**Healthy for Life Community Nutrition Grant** - The American Heart Association and Aramark launched [Healthy for Life®](#), an innovative health impact initiative, in 2015. The commitment: work together to leverage our combined reach and resources to help millions lead healthier lives. Through our collaboration, we developed a community nutrition program that empowers people to make healthy food, nutrition and lifestyle choices.

The Healthy for Life community nutrition program goals, are intended to:

- Increase skills and confidence in preparing and cooking healthy food.
- Increase consumption of fruits, vegetables and whole grains.
- Increase knowledge of how to connect food choices with daily goals.

**As a critical partner providing nutrition education in under-resourced communities, we would like to offer Cooperative Extension agencies a unique grant opportunity.** The primary goal is to further support the provision of quality nutrition education. It may also facilitate healthcare and community connections as outlined in the updated [Cooperative Extension Framework for Health Equity and Well-being](#).

**Criteria:** The American Heart Association requires the organization applying for the grant be able to meet the following eligibility criteria.

**Opportunities to Serve on USDA NIFA Peer Review Panels** - USDA NIFA convenes peer review panels comprised of research, education, extension, and other subject matter experts to review competitive grant proposals. Panelist duties include reviewing proposals; drafting and submitting individual scores and written reviews; attending and participating in a panel meeting. During the panel meeting panelists discuss and reach a group consensus on proposal rankings. Panels may be conducted via teleconference or at in-person meeting spaces. Persons interested in serving on a peer-review panel can provide their contact information by visiting [NIFA Peer Review System](#) and clicking on the "Panelist Recruitment" link in the "Volunteer" section.

**Secretary Vilsack Releases USDA's Blueprint for Nutrition Security** - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced a report detailing the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) [Actions on Nutrition Security](#). This report highlights USDA's commitment to advancing nutrition security, and the consistent access to safe, nutritious food that supports optimal health and well-being for all Americans. On May 17th, Secretary Vilsack showcased USDA's robust efforts to tackle nutrition insecurity. The address underscored USDA's commitment under the Biden-Harris Administration to prioritize bold nutrition security efforts that will help ensure all American children and families have consistent and equitable access to healthy, safe, and affordable food. See the speech here [usda.gov/live](https://www.usda.gov/live).

### **Retirement Celebration for Donna Donald**

**Wednesday, April 27, 2022**

**2:45 - 4:00 pm, with comments at 3:15 pm**

2nd floor Scheman Building at the Iowa State Center, 1805 Center Drive, Ames



Please join us for a celebration in honor of Donna Donald's retirement on Wednesday, April 27 from 2:45 - 4:00 pm, with comments at 3:15 pm.

Speakers Include:

**Dr. Laura Dunn Jolly, Dean**  
College of Human Sciences

**Dr. John Lawrence, Vice President**  
ISU Extension and Outreach

**Dr. Deb Sellers, Associate Dean and Director**  
Human Sciences Extension and Outreach

**Donna Donald, Senior Manager, Education Extension**  
ISU Extension and Outreach

We hope you are able to join us on April 27 (we regret that our venue cannot support virtual attendance). Whether you will be with us in person or in spirit, here are some ways you might celebrate and honor Donna:

- [Read Donna's bio](#) and send her a congratulatory note.
- [Listen to Donna's oral history interview](#) and share with her what you learned (you know she would love that)!
- [Watch Donna's video from her 2021 NEAFCS Hall of Fame Award](#) and present her with the lyrics to "We are the Champions," a video of a Masters Green Jacket presentation, or . . . you get the idea!
- [Contribute to Donna's Keepsake Book](#) (we will present this at the celebration).
- [Explore gift ideas](#) (these are "Donna-approved!")

### Home Baking Association Materials -

- Monthly Baking Calendar of Hospitality, Events and Hacks. It's full of resources for April. <https://www.homebaking.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/April-Baking-Calendar2022.pdf>
- Affordable, best baking practices! <https://www.homebaking.org/baking-food-safety/>
- Don't miss the Thermopop *Heat is an Ingredient* offer <https://www.homebaking.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/HBA-Student-Flyer-1.pdf>
- and, Mug Muffin lesson <https://www.homebaking.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Baking-Food-Safety-Mug-Muffin-Lesson21.pdf>