💥 Introducing RHoK NIU Spring 2026 💥

Are you passionate about creating positive change in your community? Do you have innovative ideas that could make a real difference? Join us for **Random Hacks of Kindness (RHoK) NIU 2026** where students, faculty, and community members come together to solve real-world challenges faced at Northern Illinois University. In Spring 2026, we are tackling food insecurity at NIU. RHoK NIU will host Clinical Assistant Professor of Nutrition and founder of Huskie Harvest Dr. Nancy Prange, Assistant Director of Edible Campus Laura Fehling, and Dean of Students Dr. Kelly Olson.

Organizations like **Huskie Harvest, Edible Campus, and the Huskie Food Pantry** provide free food to NIU students in need, but like any nonprofit initiative, they faces ongoing challenges such as managing inventory, engaging volunteers, student experience, stigmas, and minimal donations. That's where YOU come in!

💡 What is RHoK?

RHoK is a global movement that brings people together to tackle local community challenges through collaborative, creative problem-solving. This semester at NIU, our focus will be food insecurity.

🔢 **Event Dates**: **3.31.25** and **4.07.25** (5:00-7:00pm)

📍 **Location**: 71 North Partnership Studio

🔧 Event Structure:

• **Day 1**: Problem scoping and idea generation in a dynamic expo-style session, where teams will understand the problem space and select a challenge to tackle.

• **Between Days**: Teams will visit and/or volunteer with Huskie Harvest, Huskie Food Pantry, and Edible Campus to gain firsthand experience and refine their solution.

• **Day 2**: Teams will finalize their solution and present them to a panel of judges, with opportunities for implementation and recognition!

Register and make the difference!

Website: https://rhokniu.github.io

For more information, reach out on RHoK NIU SP26 | General | Microsoft Teams.

Why Participate?

• Solve meaningful, real-world challenges.

• Collaborate with like-minded changemakers.

• Gain valuable hands-on experience.

• Impact the NIU community.

This event wouldn't be possible without the contribution of creative and innovative minds like yours. We need your ideas and creativity! Let's come together to **hack for kindness** and improve the lives of students at NIU. 🚀