



133 W. Broadway Ave.
Meridian, ID 83642

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Accomplishments:

• Food Bank

- 27,801 volunteer hours worked to provide food assistance to people in need and school backpacks to hungry children.
- Acquisition of a new floor jack equipped with scales will allow food to be weighed when received rather than being moved to the main scales before placed into storage. The food bank exterior trim was painted giving the building a fresh appearance. Funding for these items was from the Nagel Foundation.
- In 2016, the food bank received 107,464 lbs. of food from “food drives”.
- The Teacher Snack Packs and the Family Emergency Food Packs have continued to help satisfy the need brought by food insecurity.
 - The Teacher Snack Packs are a supply of snacks for school children. The packs are provided to the Title 1 Schools in the West Ada School District for use in the classroom.
 - The Family Emergency Food Packs are a 2-day emergency food supply. The packs are provided to schools within the West Ada School District, when requested. The schools can provide the packs to families facing an immediate food crisis.
 - The Family Emergency Food Packs are also provided to homeless families placed in housing by CATCH, Inc. The Emergency Food Packs are also made available to the Agency on Aging when needed.
- We have partnered with the Idaho Diaper Bank in Meridian to help fulfill that need for our clients with small children.
- The food bank was approved as an allowed charity under the Combined Federal Campaign, the Federal employees giving program.

Shopping area and facilities configurations.

- A “Choice Pantry” model is in place to allow the patrons to select from available food and not have to take something they don’t want or won’t use. This model also allows for the use of a small shopping cart rather than a grocery bag.
- An effort is underway to upgrade the facilities infrastructure. In 2015, four furnaces were replaced and early in 2016, four air conditioners were replaced. Additionally, an ongoing inspection of the facility’s electrical needs is taking place.

- **Food Pantry**
 - 19,075 households received food in 2016
 - 50,120 individuals were served in 2016
 - 1,057,970 pounds of food distributed in 2016
 - 1,998 holiday baskets distributed in 2016

 - 20,065 households received food in 2015
 - 54,529 individuals were served in 2015
 - 1,048,751 pounds of food distributed in 2015
 - 2,106 holiday baskets distributed in 2015

- **Backpack Program**
 - 18,953 food packs serving nearly 600 children weekly provided in the 2015-2016 school year.
 - 17,554 food packs serving over 500 children weekly provided in the 2014-2015 school year.
 - Funding for BP food purchases is made possible by grants from the Jeker Foundation, the Union Pacific Railroad and private donors.

Demographics:

- **Food Pantry**
 - Currently serving 26 communities throughout the Treasure Valley area with 99% of the clients residing in Ada and Canyon counties.
 - 90% of clients fall into very low to low income brackets.
 - 35% of those benefiting from the food pantry services are under the age of 18, 47% between the ages of 18 and 59, and 18% are 60 or older.
 - 24% of clients are Hispanic.

- **Backpack Program**
 - Currently serving 48 schools out of the 56 schools within the West Ada School District and the Meridian Head Start Program.
 - 6% of children receiving food packs are pre-school age (Head Start), 64% elementary school age, 19% middle school age, 11% high school age.
 - 45% of the food packs provided go to 9 schools in the West Ada School District identified as Title 1 schools.

Budget:

- 2017 Budget \$254,000 (Forecast):
 - Food Pantry - \$86,000
 - Backpack Program - \$71,000
 - Refrigerated Truck Purchase - \$38,000
 - Additional food bank expenses - \$59,000

- 2016 Budget \$296,900
 - Food Pantry - \$137,100
 - Backpack Program - \$86,000
 - Food Bank Building Exterior Paint - \$6,000
 - Additional food bank needs - \$65,000

Donations:

- 59% of all monetary donations come from individuals and local organizations, 18% from the City of Meridian (Community Development Block Grant), and 23% from corporations and foundations.
- 92% of the food distributed was donated. The food comes from food drives, private donations, grocery stores, community gardens and local farmers – 974,953 pounds of food were donated in 2016.

Services:

- **Food pantry services** available Monday, Wednesday, Thursday each week. Individuals and families within Treasure Valley are permitted two visits per month.
- **School backpack program** delivers food packs weekly to children within the West Ada School District and Meridian Head Start.

Organization:

- Founded in 1999, received 501(c) (3) designation in 2006.
- All volunteer organization. No paid positions. Over 150 volunteers conduct day-to-day operations for both the Food Pantry and School Backpack Program.
- 9 member Board of Directors.
- 3 person management team directing daily operations.
- Managerial oversight provided by Executive Director.