



133 W. Broadway Ave.
Meridian, ID 83642

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Accomplishments

Food Bank

- 29,905 volunteer hours were worked to provide food assistance to people in need and school backpacks to hungry children.
- Acquisition of an additional refrigerated truck has allowed us to move more food safely from more markets. Funding for the truck was from the Nagel Foundation.
- In 2017, the food bank received 105,480 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.
- Our partnership with the Idaho Diaper Bank in Meridian has continued to be a successful venture. We plan to maintain the relationship for our clients with small children.
- We have implemented a new process for capturing the weight of all food items received and distributed. An additional scale has been added to the pantry area to weigh all food as it leaves the food bank. This also allows the separation of non-food from food to increase accuracy.

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

- 19,577 households received food in 2017
- 51,603 individuals were served in 2017
- 1,108,946 pounds of food distributed in 2017
- 1,949 holiday baskets distributed in 2017

- 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

Backpack Program

- 17,025 food packs serving nearly 600 children weekly provided in the 2016-2017 school year; the decrease was a result of multiple snow days
- 18,953 food packs serving over 600 children weekly provided in the 2015-2016 school year
- Partial funding for BP food purchases is made possible by grants from the Scentsy Family Foundation and Larry H. Miller.

Demographics

Food Pantry

- Currently serving 20 communities throughout the Treasure Valley area with 99% of the clients residing in Ada and Canyon counties
- 86% 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 49 schools out of the 56 schools within the West Ada School District and the Meridian Head Start Program
- 8% of children receiving food packs are pre-school age (Head Start), 60% elementary school age, 23% middle school age, 9% 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

2018 Budget \$246,500 (Forecast):

- Food Pantry - \$124,000
- Food Pantry Grants - \$47,500
- Backpack Program - \$44,000
- Additional Expenses - \$31,000

2017 Budget \$254,000

- Food Pantry - \$86,000
- Backpack Program - \$71,000
- Refrigerated Truck Purchase - \$38,000
- Additional food bank needs - \$59,000

Donations

- 61% of all monetary donations came from individuals and local organizations, 16% from the City of Meridian (Community Development Block Grant) and 23% from corporations and foundations.
- 90% of the food distributed was donated. The food comes from food drives, private donations, grocery stores, community gardens and local farmers – 1,062,982 pounds of food were donated in 2017.

Services

- **Food Pantry Services** are available Monday, Wednesday and 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 the School Backpack Program.
- 9 member Board of Directors
- 3 person management team directing daily operations
- Managerial oversight provided by Executive Director