



133 W. Broadway Ave.  
Meridian, ID 83642

## 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

### Accomplishments

#### Food Bank

- 32,811 volunteer hours were worked to provide food assistance to people in need and school backpacks to hungry children.
- Acquisition of an additional walk-in freezer allowed us to receive more food safely from more markets. Funding for the freezer was from the Nagel Foundation.
- In 2018, the food bank received 95,016 lbs. of food from “food drives”.
- The Teacher Snack Packs and the Family Emergency Food Packs have continued to help satisfy the need brought upon 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 been discontinued. We now refer those clients needing diapers to other organizations who are performing the service.
- The process in place for capturing the weight of all food items received and distributed has been updated 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.
- In 2018, a grant was awarded for the electrical infrastructure to be upgraded. The project involved replacing and/or adding additional electrical panels, replacing and/or adding wiring and wall outlets.

### **Food Pantry**

- 19,583 households received food in 2018
- 50,771 individuals were served in 2018
- 1,189,674 pounds of food distributed in 2018
- 1,779 holiday baskets distributed in 2018
  
- 19,577 households received food in 2017
- 51,603 individuals were served in 2017
- 1,057,970 pounds of food distributed in 2017
- 1,949 holiday baskets distributed in 2017

### **Backpack Program**

- 19,454 food packs serving over 650 children weekly were provided in the 2017-2018 school year.
- 17,025 food packs serving over 600 children weekly were provided in the 2016-2017 school year.
- Partial funding for BP food purchases is made possible by grants from The Whittenberger Foundation, Select Health, Idaho Community Foundation and Realtors Community Foundation.

## Demographics

### Food Pantry

- Currently serving 23 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, 45% between the ages of 18 and 59, and 20% are 60 or older
- 24% of clients are Hispanic

### Backpack Program

- Currently serving 50 schools out of the 57 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

### 2019 Income Budget \$213,800 (Forecast):

- Food Pantry - \$95,000
- Food Pantry Grants - \$32,000
- Backpack Program - \$86,500
- Additional Income - \$300

### 2018 Income Budget \$246,500:

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

## Donations

- 65% of all monetary donations came from individuals and local organizations, 13% from the City of Meridian (Community Development Block Grant) and 22% 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 – 1,080,819 pounds of food were donated in 2018.

## 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 200 volunteers conduct day to day operations for both the Food Pantry and the School Backpack Program.
- 9 member Board of Directors
- 7 person management team directing daily operations
- Managerial oversight provided by Executive Director