



133 W. Broadway Ave.
Meridian, ID 83642

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Accomplishments

Food Bank

31,332 volunteer hours were worked to provide food assistance to people in need and school backpacks to hungry children.

- In 2021 the food bank received 1,237,052 lbs. including 82,185 lbs. of food from “food drives”.
- The Teacher Snack Packs and the Family Emergency Food Packs have continued to help satisfy the need brought on 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 upon request from a teacher.
 - 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 by a counselor. The schools can provide the packs to families of students facing an immediate food crisis. It is the hope that the food bank can help the families move from an emergency situation to a more stable environment.

The Family Emergency Food Packs are also provided to families who recently acquired housing through CATCH, Inc. as well as the Agency on Aging when needed.

Shopping area and facilities configurations

- Until the Spring of 2020, A “Choice Pantry” model was in place to allow the patrons to shop from available food and not have to take something they don’t want or won’t use. This model also allowed for the use of a small shopping cart rather than a grocery bag.

- Effective March of 2020, Covid-19, with all of the complications it brought, forced us to completely change the manner in which we provide food to our patrons. The food distribution process to our patrons was moved to our warehouse to support a new “drive-thru” model. The “Choice Pantry” is no longer feasible with the many requirements in place to keep patrons safe. Food is now delivered to the patrons in their vehicles. With the new model, the way of gathering data for this report has also changed as well as what data will be captured for reporting.

Food Pantry

- 14,861 households received food in 2020
- 40,017 individuals were served in 2020
- 1,289,895 pounds of food distributed in 2020
- 1,336 holiday meats distributed in 2020.

- 12,870 households received food in 2021
- 34,774 individuals were served in 2021
- 1,127,578 pounds of food distributed in 2021
- Holiday baskets contained 3,083 lbs. of turkeys in 2021.

Backpack Program

- 14,626 food packs serving over 600 children weekly were provided in the 2019-2020 school year. Note: Schools were not in session through the remainder of the school year due to Covid-19.
- 16,436 food packs, serving over 500 children weekly, were delivered in the 2020-2021 school year.
- Partial funding for BP food purchases was made possible by grants from Emergency Food and Shelter Program, Scentsy Family Foundation and the Greater Boise Rotary Foundation in addition to private donations.

Demographics

Food Pantry

- Currently serving 30 communities throughout the Treasure Valley area and beyond with 83% of the clients residing in Ada and Canyon counties
- 97% of clients fall into very low to low income brackets
- 34% of those benefiting from the food pantry services are under the age of 18, 51% between the ages of 18 and 59, and 15% are 60 or older
- 10% of clients are Hispanic

Backpack Program

- Currently serving 47 schools out of the 57 schools within the West Ada School District and the Meridian Head Start Program.
- The percentages of children receiving food packs are, 74% elementary, 12% Middle School and 14% High School.
- 46% of the food packs provided go to 9 schools in the West Ada School District identified as Title 1 schools

Budget

2021 Income Budget \$188,550 (Forecast):

- Food Pantry - \$132,000
- Backpack Program - \$47,700
- Additional Income - \$8,850

2022 Income Budget \$368,950 (Forecast):

- Food Pantry - \$256,000
- Backpack Program - \$99,350
- Additional Income – \$13,600

Donations

- 98% of all monetary donations came from individuals and local organizations.
- 87% of the food distributed was donated. The food comes from food drives, private donations, grocery stores, community gardens and local farmers – 1,381,934 pounds of food were donated in 2020.

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 when requested.

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 West Ada School District Backpack Program.
- 9 member Board of Directors
- 7 person management team directing daily operations
- Managerial oversight provided by Executive Director