



133 W. Broadway Ave.
Meridian, ID 83642

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Accomplishments

Food Bank

- 30,524 volunteer hours were worked to provide food assistance to people in need and school backpacks to hungry children.
- In 2022, the food bank received 1,393,370 lbs. including 92,712 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.
 - The Family Emergency Food Packs are also provided to families placed in housing by 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.
- 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. Food is delivered to the patrons in their vehicles. With the new model, the way of gathering data for this report has changed as well as what data will be captured for reporting.

Food Pantry

- 18,156 households received food in 2022
- 48,375 individuals were served in 2022
- 1,265,380 pounds of food distributed in 2022
- 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

- 19,689 food packs serving over 720 children weekly were provided in 2022.
- 16,436 food packs serving over 500 children weekly were delivered in the 2020-2021 school year.

Demographics

Food Pantry

- Currently serving 29 communities throughout the Treasure Valley area and beyond with 82.8% of the clients residing in Ada and Canyon counties
- 99% of clients fall into very low to low income brackets
- 33.5% of those benefiting from the food pantry services are under the age of 18, 51.8% between the ages of 18 and 59, and 14.6% are 60 or older

Backpack Program

- Currently serving 43 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, 77% elementary school age, 12% middle school age, 11% high school age
- 48.6% of the food packs provided go to 9 schools in the West Ada School District identified as Title 1 schools

Budget

2022 Cash Requirements \$224,018 (Actual)

- Food Pantry Food Purchases - \$62,787
- Backpack Program Food Purchases - \$76,148
- Operating Expenses - \$85,082

2023 Cash Requirements \$268,000 (Projected)

- Food Pantry Food Purchases - \$80,000
- Backpack Program Food Purchases - \$90,000
- Operating Expenses - \$98,000

Notes:

1. Operating expenses are for fuel, insurance, utilities, office expenses, repairs and maintenance. We pay no salaries, no truck payments, no mortgages and carry no debt whatsoever.
2. We have committed to purchase a new refrigerated box truck in 2023 which will be funded from our reserves resulting from generous past donations.

Donations

- 95.7% of the food distributed was donated. The food comes from food drives, private donations, grocery stores, community gardens and local farmers – 1,334,267 pounds of food were donated in 2022.

- Cash donations in 2022 exceeded our cash requirements thereby adding to our essential reserves.

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