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The Hunger Coalition has a new look.

[View our new website!](#)

With new colors, completely revised text, and eye-catching imagery, the site is user-friendly, informative and easy to navigate.

Donate!

Don't have time to volunteer?

Your tax-deductible donation will go a long way toward fighting hunger in our community.

[Click here](#) to donate online or send checks to:

The Hunger Coalition
121 Honeysuckle Street
Bellevue, ID 83313

For information on making a gift of appreciated securities, please contact [Jeanne Liston](#) at 788.0121.

2009 Annual Report!



[Click here](#) to download a copy of our 2009 Annual Report.

This Month's Conversation:

What do You Think About Hunger in Blaine County?

[Check out The Hunger Blog!](#)

Share your views, read about people, problems and the solutions we are working towards.



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Dear Friend of the Hungry,

Thanks to all who made our **Season to Grow** a success! Community support allowed us to meet our goal of \$75,000, then come together to celebrate at the Harvest of Hope Celebration. Thanks to everyone whose gift brought hope to those in need!

Fall is here and we are now gearing up for what we anticipate to be a challenging winter for many. October is **Hunger Awareness Month** in Idaho. This is an opportunity to raise awareness about the issue of hunger, promote solutions to the underlying causes and show support to our neighbors in need.

You can get involved by participating in **Fast for Hunger** on October 21, **Dine Out Blaine County!** on October 22 and our **Coins for Kids** coin drive throughout the month. I hope you'll join us in helping to create a whole and healthy community!

With sincere appreciation,
Jeanne Liston, Executive Director

Congratulations, Blaine County!

The first annual **Harvest of Hope Celebration** was a huge success!

Through your generosity and support, we surpassed our \$75,000 **Season To Grow** campaign goal and came together to celebrate at this community event!

[View Harvest of Hope Celebration photos here!](#)



A very Special Thank You to the caterers & musicians who made the evening special: All Nite Diner, 5BBQ, Big Belly Deli, Bigwood Bread, Bliss River Orchard, Brooke Bonner, Dana Denney, Deschutes Brewery, Esta, Fair Mountain Farm, Full Moon Catering, Food Services of America, Hailey Fire Department, Hayden Beverage, Lava Lake Lamb, Lorna's Catering, M & M Heath Farms, Sayvour, S & C Importers, Willow Creek Nursery.

And a huge thanks to the Board & many volunteers who ensured a fun and festive event!

October is **Hunger Awareness Month**

Did you know?

- Idaho is ranked the 24th hungriest state in the US
- During the 2009-2010 school year, 39% of Blaine County students (1,200) qualified for free or reduced cost meals
- 45% of The Hunger Coalition's food recipients are children under the age of 18, and of those, 1 in 3 are newborn to 5.
- More than 250 local individuals and families need food assistance every week

Please join us during the month of October to raise awareness and critical funding - *Fast for Hunger*, *Dine Out Blaine County!* and more!

Hunger Awareness Food Drives: Pioneer Montessori School, Wood River High School, and Atkinsons' & Albertsons Markets

Together We Can Create A Whole & Healthy Community!

Fast for Hunger

- Do you know what it feels like to be truly hungry?
- Can you imagine not being able to buy enough groceries to feed your family?
- What if your child had to go to bed hungry and you felt like there was nothing you could do?

We encourage you to join the Fast for Hunger on Thursday, October 21st

Skip a Meal or Fast for the Day

Take it one step farther . . . DONATE the money you would have spent on food so that others may have enough to eat

It's Time to *Dine Out Blaine County!*



October is here! It is time again to gather together with family and friends in support of local restaurants and our neighbors in need.

Friday, October 22nd

Posters, radio and newspaper ads, Facebook, The Hunger Coalition Blog and our website will provide a complete list of ALL participating restaurants. Call your friends and make a reservation...before the tables are all taken!

Participating restaurants will donate a percentage of the evening's proceeds to The Hunger Coalition.

Announcing a Special Food Distribution

In an effort to reach more of the people in our community facing hunger, we are launching a new food assistance opportunity on **Wednesday, October 6th**

**The Food Bank Warehouse
5 - 6pm**

Offering greater privacy, this special monthly distribution is offered by Hunger Coalition Staff only

Future Monthly Distributions are scheduled for **November 3rd and December 1st**

For more information, please call us at 788-0121



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Empty Bowls

The Goal: To create 200 individual clay bowls at Boulder Mountain Clayworks in Ketchum

The Reason: A January event that will help feed families in need in the Wood River Valley

The Dates: Bowl making - October 8 & 23 and November 5 & 20



*All supplies are provided free of charge.
All proceeds go toward the purchase of food for the hungry.*

**Put your artistic energy to work!
Create a Bowl. Feed a Family.**

Join The Hunger Coalition and Boulder Mountain Clayworks for this special community event & fundraiser.

Please call 726-4484 or visit www.bouldermtnclay.com



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Team Training Time

You are invited to join our incredible Team of Volunteers!

Food Program Manager, Naomi Spence is hosting a [Mobile Food Bank Distribution Team](#) Training for community members interested in bringing wholesome food, and hope, to our neighbors and families in need.

October 21st 4 - 5:50 pm

The Hunger Coalition Food Bank Warehouse
121 Honeysuckle Street in Bellevue

Call Naomi at 788-0121 or email: nspence@thehungercoalition.org



An Amazed (and Amazing) Volunteer

Highlighting our Volunteer of the Month is our way of publicly saying "thank you" to various volunteers throughout the year.

The Hope Garden is especially beautiful thanks to the dedication of one special volunteer, Linda!

Meet Linda Haavik: Private Consultant, Wife, Mom, 35 year member of our community, and an Amazing Volunteer.

On Getting Involved: Linda's interest in The Hunger Coalition originated through her participation in planning meetings at the very first stages of The Hope Garden. In her own words, "Watching the progress literally from the ground up was amazing." While Linda has contributed to The Hunger Coalition over the years through food donations, it was her time spent at Work Parties in the garden that truly changed her perspective on community participation. Linda always knew and recognized there was a need. Now she has a "better appreciation for what it takes to make a difference."



Linda & volunteer help install fence at Garden.

Linda's Favorite Memory: "Hugs, smiles, cooperation, collaboration . . . all the time, through all the hard work."

Her Message to You: The Hunger Coalition offers a variety of different tasks, and people just need to decide what works for them and their schedules. There is always something to do for others, and at the same time, opportunity to learn and grown from your experiences.

*Thank You, Linda, for inspiring us with your generosity!
Want to get involved? Check out our [Volunteer Opportunities!](#)*

Mission

The Hunger Coalition strives to end hunger in our community by providing wholesome food to those in need and by promoting solutions to the underlying causes of hunger through collaboration, education and advocacy.



Vision

We envision a community free from hunger where all individuals are able to participate as healthy, contributing members.



Values

Compassion for the plight of those less fortunate

Empowerment of the hungry to become healthy, contributing members of our community

Human Dignity and the right of all to have their basic needs met respectfully

Efficient Use of Donor Resources to meet our clients' needs

Responsibility toward our neighbors in need

Providing **Hope** to the hungry

With Gratitude . . .

We would like to mention a few people and organizations in our community who are making a difference with their thoughtful gestures and generous support!

- **The Hope Garden has a beautiful new information kiosk thanks to Matt Spence!** We appreciate his time and talent in creating this terrific addition to our wonderful garden and hope you all will take a look when you pass by.
- Through the generosity of **The Good Works Institute, The Backpack Club Program** received a **\$10,000 matching grant** to help with the substantial costs required for the 2010-2011 school year. A generous anonymous donor recently stepped up to meet this match, ensuring this vital program has funding for the entire school year!
- **A heartfelt thank you to Travis Scott of the [Well Life Center](#) and Sher Foster of Crisis Hotline for their behind-the-scenes support.** By offering welcome stress reduction and suicide prevention training classes for our Staff Members, we are better prepared to help feed the hungry and offer them the hope they need.
- **Light on The Mountains Spiritual Center** - what can we say? Again, we're grateful for **their amazing dedication to our Backpack Club** Program. Special thanks to **Sara Gorham** & **Beth Duke** for locating and procuring the funds for the program's new eco-conscious bags.