



Fighting hunger, feeding hope.



THC Newsletter  
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Dear Friend of the Hungry,

There are so many ways to get involved with The Hunger Coalition. In addition to the 9 volunteer teams we utilize on a weekly basis, our new Client Mentoring Program and Educational Workshops offer other ways to help out.

It is encouraging to know we are putting useful tools and opportunities into the hands of our clients during such challenging times through these new programs. The level of need remains quite high. Anything we can do to help our struggling neighbors and local families is critical.

I invite you to read on to learn more about these programs and the many ways you can get involved and make a difference in your community.

Happy Spring to all!

Jeanne Liston  
Executive Director

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#### Learn to Make Tortillas!



We continue our exciting Educational Workshop Series in April with **"Authentic Tortillas"**

#### [GIVE FOOD](#)





Tuesday, April 26th  
5:30 - 7:00pm

The Hunger Coalition Kitchen

Cooking with a few basic ingredients, you can make both flour and corn tortillas - stretching your grocery dollars while improving the healthfulness of your family's meals.

Call us at 788-0121 to reserve a space!

### Health Heroes

With special thanks to Peter Curran and Angenie McCleary, The Hunger Coalition was nominated for, and won, a **2011 Health Hero Award from the South Central District Health** for our efforts at promoting the health and well-being of our community.

We invite you to **watch the video here**.

*Congratulations to all the wonderful volunteers who helped us achieve this distinction!*

### Getting Ready to Garden



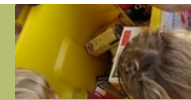
With Spring peeking out from beneath the snow, we are preparing for another fabulous growing season at **The Hope Garden**.

If you are interested in digging in the dirt, nurturing a variety of veggies or want to help feed the hungry in Blaine County, please call Hallie at 788-0121 or email [hreikowsky@thehungercoalition.org](mailto:hreikowsky@thehungercoalition.org)

### It's Golden Can Time Again!



**May 2nd kicks off our 2011 Spring Corporate Food Drive.** Each Spring, local businesses and organizations engage in a friendly competition to bring in the greatest quantity of non-perishable food and cash donations per employee. All donations benefit our neighbors in need.



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Be a part of the solution, build team spirit in your organization, and take home the coveted *Golden Can Award!* For more information, please call Naomi at 788-0121 or email [nspence@thehungercoalition.org](mailto:nspence@thehungercoalition.org)

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### Darling Clementines



The bright, sweet smell of sunshine fills our warehouse thanks to the generosity of Bob & Besty Reniers.

The Reniers have thoughtfully arranged weekly deliveries of fresh, juicy Clementines from California so local families may enjoy their fresh taste and essential vitamins! For many, fresh produce is a luxury, especially during challenging winter months. This weekly gift brings tasty nutrition, and a little sunshine, to local families in need!

*Thank you Bob & Betsy!*

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### Announcements

**A Fond Farewell:** The time has come to bid farewell to our Food Bank Supervisor, Robin Christensen. For those of you who don't have the pleasure of knowing Robin, she is a highly talented, organized and accomplished woman. She lent her expertise to us during the most hectic time of year, beautifully executing the myriad responsibilities we put before her. We sincerely appreciate her commitment and dedication to feeding the hungry and providing opportunity and assistance for those in need.

*Thank you, Robin!*

~ Evan, Hallie, Jeanne, Lorena, Meagan & Naomi

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**Joining Our Team:** And so, we take this opportunity to welcome Dana Christensen to The Hunger Coalition as our new Food Bank Supervisor! We look forward to getting to know Dana better and will share more with you about her in the coming months.

**Welcome Aboard, Dana!**

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**We're Live, Blaine County!**

Robin Moore Leahy

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We invite you to view a compelling video about hunger in Blaine County on our YouTube site. Originally created for a fundraiser at Gilman Contemporary Gallery by owner and supporter L'Anne Gilman, this video helps to spread our message and garner support for our cause.

We look forward to sharing more with you about our organization and the people behind the scenes in the months ahead - and hope you will share these videos with your friends and family, too!

Click Here to go to our YouTube Site or paste: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9MbjjJOY47I> into your browser.

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### Volunteer Spotlight: Deysi Mariano



With a gracious smile and welcome enthusiasm, **we are honored to have Deysi Mariano on our dedicated team of Hunger Coalition Volunteers** - and want to take this opportunity to recognize her efforts.

In more ways than one, Deysi brings invaluable support to our organization. A member of the Hailey Mobile Food Bank Team, she is the first to get the van unloaded and lends her bilingual talents by helping others practice their Spanish. In our Educational Workshops, Deysi takes on the role of teacher, sharing her knowledge of authentic tortilla preparation. At the Food Bank Warehouse, Deysi keeps things clean and welcoming by offering her time and energy cleaning the offices and common areas weekly.

*We are immensely grateful for Deysi's commitment to bringing wholesome food to the people in our community facing hunger.*

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### Doing Business With A Conscience

We are grateful to the wonderful people at **Valley Maintenance & Restoration for their recent Food Drive on our behalf.**

Through their creative promotional offers, they raised more than \$400 and donated over 50 pounds of non-perishable food for

**Jeanne Liston**

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*Bookkeeper & Office*

*Assistant*



### 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

the hungry in our community!

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**A special thank you to The Hennessey Group.** We became the fortunate recipients of a wide variety of goods through the recent closure of the Elkhorn Store. On behalf of our clients who will receive these plentiful gifts, thank you!

**The Hunger Coalition**

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