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August 2011**

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Dear {FIRST_NAME}

It seems like we were hosting the first Harvest of Hope Celebration just yesterday. So much has happened since we started The Hope Garden a little over one year ago.

Many of you have been there beside us ~ watching us grow, literally! And providing us with the invaluable time and vital funding necessary to ensure our local families have nutritious food as they strive to get back on their feet.

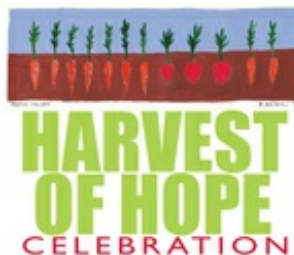
Read on to see how you can get involved. Let your voice be heard at the Blaine County Commissioners meeting on Aug 8, join us for our Harvest of Hope Celebration, get involved with the Backpack Club, and more!

Thank You for continuing to believe in our efforts!

Sincerely,

Jeanne Liston, Executive Director

Please Join Us for the 2nd Annual



Free Community Event

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Give Your Time



Wednesday, August 17th
6 ~ 9 pm

The Hope Garden

Walnut & 1st Ave, Hailey

Spend an evening with family & friends as we say

Thank You

to the remarkable volunteers, donors and community members
who support our efforts to feed the hungry!

Live music by *Slow Children Playing*

Small Tastes ~ Kids Activities

No Host Wine & Beer Tent

[Click Here for Details](#)

Drying Foods Workshop



This FREE **Educational Workshop** teaches the basics of drying fruits, vegetables and herbs so they can be enjoyed long after they have been picked.

The Hope Garden

Tuesday, August 24th

6 - 7:30 pm

Reserve your space today by calling 788-0121 or email Hallie
at: hreikowsky@thehungercoalition.org

Blaine County Commissioners Meeting

Monday, August 8th

9:00 am

The County Courthouse, Hailey

The Board of County Commissioners is having a very important discussion on the remaining items in the Blaine County budget.

They are deciding at what level, if any, to contribute funding to The Hunger Coalition.

The Commissioners are taking public comment at this meeting. If you cannot attend, written comment can be emailed to Larry Schoen at lschoen@co.blaine.id.us and Tom Bowman at tbowman@co.blaine.id.us.

Your voice is important. We need to show the Commissioners the importance of our work - that all Blaine County citizens have a basic right to feed themselves and their

Give Food



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children.

Thank you for speaking out on behalf of the 240 hungry children and adults we feed each week!

Summers' End Ends Summer Food!



Blaine County kids have been enjoying wholesome meals this summer through the ***Lunch Connection*** thanks to our amazing volunteers, the Blaine County School District and Woodside Elementary School.

Breakfast Service Ends Friday, August 12th

Lunch Service Ends Friday, August 19th

Special thanks to the Environmental Resource Center, Bellevue Public Library and all our wonderful volunteers for their continued participation!

Volunteer Spotlight: Barbara Corwin

As a member of our Mobile Food Bank Volunteer Team , Barbara offers clients the kindness and support they need during challenging times.



Many of you may know her from her enthusiastic commitment to our local schools, the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood, 4H, or the Sun Valley Arts & Crafts Festival. With her vast experience and insight, Barbara has long recognized the level of need in the Wood River Valley.

In her own words, "I would like to encourage people to be more aware of their neighbors and acquaintances...the face of people with food insufficiency is multicultural and may include our neighbors and workmates."

We are deeply honored and incredibly thankful to Barbara for her enthusiasm and dedication!

4th Year of the Backpack Club!

Imagine coming home from school to an empty house, with no



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food to eat, no one to make you dinner, and you are hungry.

This is why we have the **Backpack Club**



More than 4,000 bags of easy-to-prepare, healthy meals and snacks went home from school with Blaine County kids during 2010. As we gear up for another year, please contact us if you know of a child who may not be getting enough to eat. You may call us at 788-0121 or contact the child's school social worker.

Because every child in our community deserves the chance to learn and play to their fullest potential.

Farewell, Zana!



For the last 2 years, Zana Davey has contributed her remarkable compassion, dedication and unique perspective to our Board of Directors as Student Representative and displayed her excellent leadership skills as our 2010 Summer Intern.

A recent graduate of The Community School, Zana advocated strongly on our behalf through food drives, community awareness projects and the production of "The Hunger Stories" earlier this summer.

With a bright and exciting future ahead at Yale University, we bid Zana a fond farewell!

Calling All Volunteers!

Wanted: Dedicated volunteers to pick up daily collections of fresh perishable goods from our local grocery stores.

Help ensure local families have vegetables, fruits, and bread in their grocery bags every week at the Mobile Food Bank.

Please call Naomi at 788-0121 or email nspence@thehungercoalition.org

A Special Thank You!

We are thrilled to share the news of recent funding from the **Deer Creek Fund of the Helen K. and Arthur E. Johnson Foundation**



Thank you for recognizing the



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.





tremendous value of [The Hope Garden](#) and supporting our efforts to provide hungry local families with nutritious, organically grown produce!

Hunger Coalition Wish List

- Coffee table
- Dishwasher
- Gently Used Oven
- Under the Counter Refrigerator

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