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October 2011

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Dear {FIRST_NAME},

With Winter coming, we are gearing up for longer lines at our Mobile Food Banks as more local families find themselves unable to feed their children. Heating bills, winter coats & boots, and rising gas prices all consume grocery money. With summer jobs gone, this is the start of the lean winter months for many.

Thank you for joining us this October for Hunger Awareness Month, whether it's supporting a Food Drive, fasting for a day, or celebrating *Dine Out Blaine County!*

Everything you do makes a difference. Thank you for being committed to our community, helping to spread the word about hunger in Blaine County, and giving to those who are less fortunate.

Jeanne Liston, Executive Director

HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH

October is here, which means communities across Idaho are educating people about the issue of hunger and helping our neighbors in need.

We invite you to [Learn More About Hunger](#) and stay up-to-date with what's happening in our community and around the state. Please read on!

Fill the Food Bank. *Feed The Hungry!*



Winter is coming . . . and the Food Bank Shelves are empty!

Please watch for Food Donation Bins at our local schools, churches, and business during the month of

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October and [Donate Non-Perishable Foods.](#)

Your contribution goes directly to **hungry children & adults in our community who are struggling to make ends meet.**

Get involved and [Host A Food Drive](#) at your business or in your neighborhood and be part of the solution!

[Click Here for Current & Upcoming Food Drives](#)

Dine Out Blaine County!

Break your "Fast for Hunger" by participating in this special evening while supporting local restaurants.



**Call Your Friends.
Make A Reservation.**

Friday, October 21st

Participating restaurants include:

- [CK's Real Food](#)
- [Desperado's](#)
- [Globus](#)
- [KB's Burritos](#)
- [Lefty's Bar & Grill](#)
- [Mahoney's Bar & Grill](#)
- [McClains Pizzeria](#)
- [Sun Valley Brewing Co.](#)
- [The Cornerstone Bar & Grill](#)
- [Wise Guy Pizza \(Hailey & Ketchum\)](#)

Hunger at Sesame Street

We would like to take a moment to share with you a video on childhood hunger presented by Brad Paisley & Sesame Street.

[Sesame Street:Behind the Scenes - Growing Hope Against Hunger](#)

These children share the same experiences of hunger as the **686 kids in our community** who do not have enough to eat. Please take a moment to watch this and, in honor of Hunger Awareness Month, share it with your family & friends.

Fast for Hunger

Step into the shoes of a neighbor in need. Skip a meal or **fast for the day on Thursday, October 20th** in recognition of Hunger Awareness Month. Donate the money you save on food to The Hunger Coalition.

Share your experience with family, friends, and the community on our [Facebook page.](#)



Give Food



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It's Training Time

Are you joining a Mobile Food Bank Volunteer Team?



Don't forget the Mobile Food Bank Training!

Thursday, October 27th
4 - 5:30 pm

at The Hunger Coalition
121 Honeysuckle Street in Bellevue

What's Happening at The Hope Garden

Hallie & volunteers have been "busy bees" with warm weather crops finishing their growing season, including a second strawberry crop and delicious looking pie pumpkins to be shared through our Thanksgiving Basket distribution.



The **Harvest Total has reached nearly 1,300 pounds**, and continues to grow as fall crops such as kale, beets, cabbage, brussel sprouts & carrots are harvested through November.

More than 300 students & adults from local elementary schools are sharing the wonders of the garden while enjoying a fresh carrot snack and learning about hunger in our community.

Volunteer Spotlight: Jon Anderson

There is no task too small or large, dirty or tedious, that Jon isn't willing to do to help us at The Hunger Coalition! We are honored to have him on our Volunteer Team and enjoy his frequent company in the Food Bank Warehouse.



According to Dana, our Food Bank Supervisor, "**Jon is an invaluable asset and one of our most reliable and dedicated volunteers.**" With more than 150 volunteer hours since he joined us in February, Jon is an integral part

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of feeding the hungry in our community ~ and a welcome member of our team!

Why does Jon spend his valuable free time at The Hunger Coalition? In his own words, **"It's the personal satisfaction I get from being able to give back to my community and be involved."** With his natural leadership ability and easy-going attitude, Jon is the ideal candidate to help with new volunteer training and is very pro-active in streamlining things in the warehouse.

We sincerely appreciate Jon for his incredible support and consider him an inspiration!

Looking Ahead: Empty Bowls

We are excited to announce the 2nd annual

Empty Bowls



Sunday, January 15, 2012

We are looking forward to working with **Boulder Mountain Clayworks** and the **Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood** for this special community fundraising event.

Join **Boulder Mountain Clayworks** at special, designated bowl-making sessions and create your very own "Empty Bowl".

Doing Business with a Conscience

Thank You for Generous Support!

For keeping our Food Bank Warehouse free from critters and bugs, a **special thank you to Sam, Paul & everyone at Organic Solutions.**

We are grateful for the ongoing generosity of **Mike & Jodie at Clear Creek Disposal for providing select services** as an "in kind" donation throughout the year.

Sotheby's International Realty graciously donated yummy hot dogs and buns to help feed the hungry.

Our refrigerator unit and coolers are running smoothly **thanks to the ongoing help of Town Refrigeration.**

The Hope Garden will have ample opportunity to bloom next spring with a **welcome donation of seeds from Webb Landscape & Garden Centers.**

The Mobile Food bank van is always looking clean and fresh on account of **the generosity of Gary Peak at Splash & Dash**, offering free car washes!

We want to thank **Tammy Eaton and Building Balanced Communities, Inc. for hosting a Food Drive** on our behalf in Bellevue and helping to fill the food

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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.



bank shelves.

Every gift, no matter how small or large, is making a real difference for local families struggling to make ends meet, Thank You!

Wish List

Your "Old Stuff" can **help us save precious donor dollars and resources** by becoming our "New Stuff"! Please review our Wish List and see if there is something you can contribute today.

- Large office chair
- Small refrigerator (dorm size)
- Coffee table, around 42" x 42"
- Cork Board, decent condition
- Electric Oven, less than 10 yrs. old.

Thank you for helping our offices to run smoothly by meeting the needs of our hard working, and grateful, staff!

And The Winner Is . . .

Karen Bossick is the winner of a Hamilton Beach Slow Cooker for entering our [Email Newsletter Sign Up](#) "Give Away" at the *Harvest of Hope Celebration* !

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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



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