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Every donation makes a difference!

Don't have time to volunteer?

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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.

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



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Dear Friend of the Hungry,

Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2011! It is hard to believe another year has passed. Looking back, there is much for which we have to be thankful, the support of our community foremost.

- Together we provided nearly 150,000 meals to the hungry!
- You helped us bring over 73,000 pounds of vital fresh produce to the hungry in Blaine County, with more than 1,200 coming directly from The Hope Garden!
- With volunteer help, over 235 individuals received food every week at the Mobile Food Bank.
- An average of 130 hungry kids went home with enough to eat over the weekends during the 2009-2010 school year.

Every gift, every effort, every donation does make a difference. We hope you will stay with us as we continue our fight against hunger in the coming year.

Just imagine what we can accomplish!
Jeanne Liston, Executive Director



With a gracious glow

Neighborhoods across the Wood River Valley were glowing with the light of thousands of luminary candles on Sunday, December 19th thanks to the remarkable effort of Lee Dabney, her volunteers, and the countless community members who purchased **Lights for Food**.

All proceeds from this beautiful community event go directly to help feed the hungry in Blaine County - over \$5,000! Thank you!

Fill Your Bowl . . . and Feed Others

The Hunger Coalition and Boulder Mountain Clayworks invite you to the first annual **Empty Bowls** event

Sunday, January 16th
12 noon - 2pm
Church of the Big Wood



Purchase one of 200 hand-crafted, hand-painted ceramic bowls for \$20 and enjoy a wonderful lunch of freshly prepared soups, bread, salad and dessert from local restaurants & caterers including:

Atkinsons', Big Wood Bread, CK's Real Food, Perry's, Rolling in Dough, Segos, Silver Fox Catering, Sun Valley Company & Toni's Ice Cream

All proceeds benefit the hungry in our community!

Contact [Boulder Mountain Clayworks](#) at 726-4484 or call [The Hunger Coalition](#) at 788-0121 for more information

Eat Better, Save Money!

Want to learn how to save money? Looking for a way to make those leftovers a little more interesting?

Introducing an exciting new Workshop Series hosted by The Hunger Coalition offering helpful hints and valuable information on how to get more for your money and create healthier, tastier meals for you & your family without breaking the bank!

January 25th: The Secrets of Coupon Clipping
5:30 - 6:30 pm, location to be announced

All workshops are **FREE** and open to the public
Call 788-0121 to reserve your space today or email Hallie at hreikowsky@thehungercoalition.org

Food, Glorious Food!

Your non-perishable food donations are making a real difference in the lives of local individuals and families facing very challenging times and not able to make ends meet.

- The Community School
- Emmanuel Episcopal Church
- Hailey Elementary School
- Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church
- Power Engineers
- St. Thomas Episcopal Church
- Smith Sport Optics
- Wood River Fire & Rescue
- YMCA

Special Thanks to these fabulous community organizations & businesses who hosted Food Drives this Holiday Season!

Caring, Creative Kids

Students of the Wood River Middle School Blue Team generated more than \$1,700 through the sale of hand-painted bowls at a special "Art Walk" held on Friday, December 17th.

We applaud their incredible efforts on behalf of the hungry in our community and are inspired by their dedication!



Doing Business With A Conscience

- Thank you to everyone who reveled in the fun at **The Cornerstone's Guest Bartender Series** on behalf of The Hunger Coalition ~ and our sincere appreciation to **Ben Young & Brad Gus** for their efforts.
- Special thanks to **Ezmaralda Gordon** for her generosity in **contributing 25 % of the sale of her exquisite jewelry designs** to The Hunger Coalition.
- This year's **Sing~A~Long with Caritas Chorale** and members of the community at **St. Thomas Episcopal Church** brought welcome food & cash donations in support of our efforts. *Many thanks to all who participated!*

Rico's One for One
Monday, January 17th
 Rico's Pizza & Pasta
 200 Main Street Ketchum

ONE can of food for The Hunger Coalition earns you ONE free dessert. Rico's will donate ONE can of food for every can donated.

Visit Rico's Facebook page or www.ricospizzaandpasta.com or call 726-RICO to make your reservation

Volunteer Spotlight: Leslie Gushwa

Leslie Gushwa, a retired High School science teacher who began volunteering in March of last year, brings good stuff to all areas of The Hunger Coalition. From bags of school supplies at the beginning of the school year to beautiful note cards featuring one of her original works of art, Leslie has a generosity that knows no bounds and a genuine selflessness that inspires us all!

Working one on one with clients through our newly established Mentoring Program, Leslie offers her professional experience, love of teaching, and wealth of knowledge! Commenting on the program, Leslie says, "Our clients are eager to get to work as evidenced by the time and energy they spend putting together a resume. Many have always worked hard and are only now unemployed or seriously underemployed for the first time in their lives. Any efforts we as a community can make to help our neighbors get back in their feet and get back to work will be richly rewarded."

Leslie finds her own inspiration in being a Mentor by incorporating the rich history and experience of the client's life into a resume that truly reflects who they are and what they are really capable of.

More than 20 years ago, Leslie decided she would call Sun Valley home one day. That day has come and, together with her husband Greg, is working "to ensure that this remains one of the best places on earth".



Hailey Mobile Food Bank Has New Hours

To accommodate the winter bus schedule

Mobile Food Bank Distribution
 Tuesdays

The Community Campus in Hailey
4 - 5:30 pm

Ann Down
 Theo Gund
 Geri Herbert
 Gerry Kearns
 Robin Leavitt



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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.



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

All we can ask in our lives is that perhaps we can make a little difference in someone else's.
 -Lillian Davis

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