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June 2011

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Dear {FIRST_NAME|Friend of the Hungry},

As the school year comes to a close, we are ending another successful year of the [Backpack Club](#). I'd like to thank the many people responsible for its success, from those who contributed generous financial support to the dedicated Backpack Elves who weekly commit their time to stuffing and delivering over 120 packs. Read on to learn about *The Lunch Connection* and our commitment to ensuring that no child in our community goes hungry.

This summer we have many opportunities for [Volunteers](#). Grab your family and join us at The Hope Garden, help feed kids at our Summer Food Program, or join our Perishable Goods Team.

Thank you for continuing to provide vital food, and welcome hope, to local families facing hunger and in need of relief.

Happy Summer!

Jeanne Liston, Executive Director

Save the Date!

2nd Annual *Harvest of Hope Celebration*



Please join us on
Wednesday, August 17th
for an evening with family and friends at
The Hope Garden.

This is our opportunity to say "Thank You" to the volunteers, donors, and community members who support our organization

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and believe in our efforts.

And the Winners Are . . .

Thanks to all the businesses who participated in our **Spring Corporate Food Drive!**



The coveted *Golden Can Award* goes to the dedicated staff at **St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center**, raising more than 125 in charitable gifts and over 265 pounds of non-perishable food!

Our *Silver Can Award* goes to **Sun Valley Company** with almost \$80 and more than 180 pounds of Food Drive donations!



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Thanks to the tremendous efforts of **Stephanie Spindler and the WRHS Student Union**, 26 local businesses and organizations participated in the 2011 Spring Corporate Food Drive!

**No Summertime Blues for our Kids!**



Free, hot lunches and breakfasts for hungry Blaine County kids on summertime weekdays means **The Lunch Connection** is back!

- LUNCH: 11am - 12 noon June 13 - August 19
- BREAKFAST: 7:30 - 8:30am July 14 - August 12
- ERC Wild Lunch: 11am - 1pm June 14 - July 14

Lend a hand keeping local kids happy, healthy, and fed this summer. Call Naomi at 788-0121 or email [nspence@thehungercoalition.org](mailto:nspence@thehungercoalition.org) to volunteer!

**SummerFest Returns!**

**Light on the Mountains Spiritual Center** hosts another fabulous SummerFest celebration on



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**2010 Annual Report**



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### Sunday July 3rd!

Enjoy a classic American BBQ, Family Fun & Games, Entertainment by Debra Wagoner, and more!

Call 727-1631 for more information.

*Don't forget the amazing Silent Auction & Raffle ~ 10% of proceeds benefit The Hunger Coalition.*

### From Our Clients

*Recently a young family came to us in need of help. Read how your support is making a difference in their lives!*

A woman came into our office a few weeks ago with her young infant, worried that neither she, nor the baby, had enough to eat. Thanks to our **Infant Formula Initiative**, we were able to give the mother formula to feed her baby right away in our offices. The child gulped the formula down hungrily.

Even though the baby was drinking his mother's milk, there was not enough nutrition in the milk to properly feed and nourish the growing infant. Now the family has enough groceries to eat through our **Mobile Food Bank**, the child continues to receive Infant Formula, and the family has been successful in their attempt to receive food stamps through **Case Management**.

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Looking ahead, there is less fear, more optimism, and welcome relief in the knowledge that this family, and hundreds like them in our community, will get through another challenging week.

We would like to thank them for their courage and perseverance ~ and thank you for lending the hand up they need as they move toward greater food security.

Tune In to The Hunger Stories Saturday, June 4 6:30am KECH Radio



Meet Zana Davey. Hunger Coalition Student Representative, summer intern, volunteer, and all-around advocate for the hungry. A recent graduate of The Community School, Zana examined the issue of hunger, and the role of the Food Bank, in our nation's cities

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and communities for her senior project, "Hunger in America".

Zana also spent hours interviewing clients and staff to capture what hunger looks like, and sounds like, in the Wood River Valley. Local radio station KECH will air **"The Hunger Stories"** on Saturday, June 4th at 6:30 am. Visit **Zana's Blog** and watch for uploads to our **Facebook** page and **website**.

Some "Sage" Cooking Advice



Students at **The Sage School** have been cooking up some wonderful dishes and are ready to share! Using ingredients typically received through our Food Bank distribution, students created tasty, interesting, and economical recipes for

Check out the new page on our website featuring recipes, photos, and more!

Thank You, LBDC ~ WR



We are excited to share news of a \$2,500 grant from the generous and visionary women of the **Little Black Dress Club** who are graciously helping to support our Mentoring & Education Program.

Doing Business With A Conscience

- Special thanks go to **the fabulous women who joined Curves** and made a contribution to The Hunger Coalition!
- A heartfelt thank you to **Rev. Sean Carty of Emmanuel Episcopal Church** in Hailey for his welcome blessing of The Hope Garden this Spring! We look forward to bountiful harvests all summer long, and into the fall.

The Hunger Coalition

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