

Dear Friend of the hungry,

It's the Season To Grow and we are counting on your support to cultivate a healthy, vibrant community through your donation to The Hunger Coalition!

You can put healthy food on the tables and offer hope to local families in need. Every gift, no matter how large or small, makes a difference in the lives and well being of many people in Blaine County.

Our goal is to raise \$75,000 by the end of September, and we are already 60% of the way there! Your \$10 donation can become \$100 worth of food on our shelves.

Give. And watch the community around you blossom.

Thank You, Jeanne Liston, Executive Director

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Special Thanks

The Hunger Coalition has a new look.

View our new website!

With new colors, completely revised text, and eye-catching imagery, the site is user-friendly, informative and easy to navigate.

Donate!

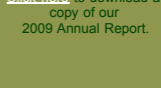
Don't have time to volunteer? Your tax-deductible donation will go a long way toward fighting hunger in our community. Click here to donate online or send checks to:

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.

Annual Report!



Click here to download a copy of our 2009 Annual Report.

Hunger Blog

Check out our Blog! Stay updated and post comments

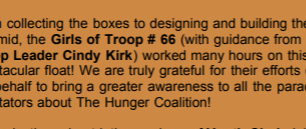


Join Our Mailing List!

The 8th wonder of the world debuts at Hailey 4th of July Parade!

We are incredibly proud of all the girls in Troop # 66 for their amazing efforts in creating the fabulous

Food Box Pyramid!



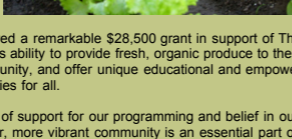
From collecting the boxes to designing and building the pyramid, the Girls of Troop # 66 (with guidance from Troop Leader Cindy Kirk) worked many hours on this spectacular float!

Enthusiastic and patriotic members of Youth Circle joined in the fun with their bikes and costumes for the parade (with the help of Alison Higdon and Gwynn Mesce!)

Watch for us next year as we celebrate independence - and a brighter, healthier tomorrow!

Nancy Eccles and Homer M. Hayward Foundation Gift

Through the generosity of Wendy, Hope and family, The Hope Garden will continue to grow and flourish!



We received a remarkable \$28,500 grant in support of The Hope Garden, its ability to provide fresh, organic produce to the hungry in our community, and offer unique educational and empowerment opportunities for all.

This level of support for our programming and belief in our vision of a healthier, more vibrant community is an essential part of our efforts. As part of our Season To Grow campaign, this single gift provides for more than 30% of our targeted goal!

Visit Us at the Ketchum Arts Festival this Weekend!

Look for THE HUNGER COALITION TENT at the Ketchum Arts Festival

- Friday, July 9 10am - 6 pm
Saturday, July 10 10 am - 6 pm
Sunday, July 11 10 am - 6 pm

Stop by to say hello, meet some of our staff & volunteers and learn more about how you can make a difference in the future of Blaine County!

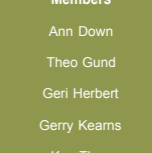
Join in on the fun with our Art Project for The Hope Garden - Bring the kids!

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Blaine County Shows Support!

We are thrilled to share the news of a \$7,500 grant awarded to us from the Blaine County Commissioners. This show of support in our efforts reinforces the fact that hunger is a community issue we need to address collectively and solve by working together.

Thank you Commissioners!



Language in the Garden

Just as gardens needs constant tending and new growth, so do our language skills! Language in the Garden brings people together in the welcoming setting of The Hope Garden for a genuine exchange of knowledge and a sharing of skills.

Participants need to fill out a brief questionnaire and commit to weekly attendance. This is designed for people with a working knowledge of both languages, looking to practice and improve.

Please call Naomi 788-0121 or email: nspence@thehungercoalition.org for more information



The Gift that keeps on Giving . . .

We are honored to have Judith and Richard Smooke as members of our community!

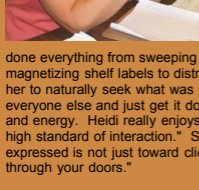
While attending The Advocates Annual Gala, the Smookes won a \$1,500 gift certificate from Idaho's Bounty - a regional organization that works with local farmers and businesses to procure and provide access to fresh, locally grown, organic produce.

The Smookes chose to donate their \$1,500 gift certificate to us!

We're grateful to the Smookes for enabling us to buy fresh, locally grown produce for distribution through our Mobile Food Bank!

- Staff
Jeanne Liston Executive Director
Naomi Spence Food Program Manager
Lorena Horne Food Program Assistant
Meagan Stasz Administrative and Communications Assistant
Wally Miller Food Bank Supervisor
Evan Stelma Office Assistant & Bookkeeper
Hallie Reikowsky Garden & Education Manager

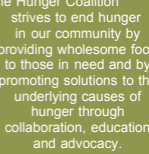
Volunteer Spotlight: Heidi Bynum



Gracious and patient, Heidi Bynum is responsible for maintaining the tracking systems on all of our amazing volunteers and all of the food donations we receive, and all of the food we distribute through our Mobile Food Bank.

done everything from sweeping floors in the warehouse to magnetizing shelf labels to distributing food. Her thoughtfulness led her to naturally seek what was needed to make it easier for everyone else and just get it done. We are grateful for Heidi's time and energy. Heidi really enjoys "the graciousness in the office and high standard of interaction." She states, "The compassion expressed is not just toward clients but toward everyone who walks through your doors."

As an integral part of our team, Heidi is the "volunteer behind the scenes" whose efforts make a tremendous impact. Next time you see Heidi, please let her know she's appreciated. Thank You, Heidi!



Celebrate at Summerfest!

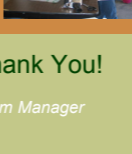
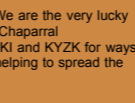
Who: Light on The Mountains Spiritual Center
Where: 12446 Hwy 75 North of the Sawtooth Botanical Garden
When: Saturday, July 24 4 - 8pm
Why? Because this annual fundraising event is filled with music, fun, raffle prizes, and hosts a fabulous silent auction!
Because The Light on The Mountains is an important part of the health and well being of our community.
Because . . . 10% of proceeds will go to The Hunger Coalition!

R.L. Rowsey ~ FourStroke Bus ~ Face Painting Art Projects ~ Silent Auction ~ Raffle Prizes
Visit: www.lightonthemountains.com for details!



A Few People We'd Like To Mention . . .

- A special thank you to all who participated in or attended our Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Thursday, June 24th at The Hope Garden.
Are You Listening, Blaine County? We are the very lucky recipients of a \$5,000 raffle prize from Chaparral Broadcasting!
Namaste to Cathie Caccia, Dana Henry and Tener Rogers for hosting special yoga practices during the Rhythm & Ride Festival.
Thanks to our Star Spangled Volunteers, Mary Ellen Card, Zana Davey, and Gerry Kearns, who greeted visitors at the 4th of July Parade from our tent along the parade route!
Go YMCA Campers! The Food Bank Warehouse was again filled with laughter as kids from the YMCA Day Camp spent an afternoon bagging pinto beans!



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

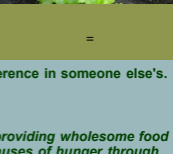
Welcome Back and Thank You!

We welcome back Food Program Manager Naomi Spence and Thank Evan Stelma for covering in her absence

We are immensely grateful for Evan's arrival in the office when Naomi took a brief hiatus to become a Mom! Evan continues to provide invaluable assistance as our Bookkeeper and Office Assistant and can be found in the office on Tuesday afternoons.

Bags! Bags! Bags!

The recent donation of more than 50 cloth, reusable grocery bags received a resounding applause from all at the Food Bank! Thank you to Diana & Dick Fassino! We love creative thinking when it comes to donations!



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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Peace begins when the hungry are fed -- Anonymous