



**The Hunger Coalition**  
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### Dear Friend of the hungry,

As summer draws to a close we have much to celebrate - and much to prepare for. Your contribution to our **Season To Grow** campaign has helped meet the needs of the local individuals and families who do not have enough to make ends meet. Thanks to community support we are over 85% of the way to meeting our \$75,000 goal by September 18th! If you haven't already, please [join us](#).

Thank you for being an integral part of the solution! We are looking forward to celebrating our collective successes as a community with our **Harvest of Hope Celebration**. This is also an opportunity for us to begin preparations for the difficult months ahead.

We are confident that together we can continue to make a tangible difference in the lives of those in need in Blaine County! **Thank You. We couldn't do it without your support!**

Jeanne Liston, Executive Director

### 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.

### 2009 Annual Report!



[Click here](#) to download a copy of our 2009 Annual Report.

## Harvest of Hope Celebration!

**Saturday, September 18**

**4 - 7 pm**

**The Hope Garden**

Walnut Street & 1st Avenue Downtown Hailey

Join in this first annual community celebration and help us reach our Season to Grow campaign goal while celebrating a successful first season at The Hope Garden!

- Enjoy free entertainment & fun family activities

- Support The Hunger Coalition by sampling freshly harvested food prepared by local caterers

- No host beer & wine bar



**A community event in support of The Hunger Coalition**

## A "Successful" Volunteer of the Month

Our Success Stories highlight individuals who have taken initiative and changed their lives for the better. Highlighting our Volunteer of the Month is our way of publicly saying "thank you" to various volunteers throughout the year.

**Rafael is both, and we are delighted to introduce you to him!**

It all started with a word or two from a friend. That's how Rafael learned about The Hunger Coalition in 2009. Since then, Rafael only attends our Mobile Food Bank when he really needs it. Genuinely appreciative of the financial relief these additional groceries provide, Rafael began volunteering in an effort to give back. The Hope Garden has become his favorite place to volunteer, spending countless hours working with Hallie to produce fresh herbs and vegetables for other hungry people. At 60, he is energetic and enthusiastic - always ready with a broad grin and smiling eyes. He is a hard working and genuinely caring volunteer, client, and member of our community!

In his own words Rafael says, "I like to work (at The Hope Garden) because everything is for my community and I feel very happy to be working there. I feel welcomed and it also helps me to relax." With some fairly challenging goals in front of him, like finishing elementary school and learning English, this opportunity to contribute and feel good about his efforts makes a real difference. This is a wonderful example of how the empowerment opportunities available through the Garden look in real life.



We are proud of Rafael's commitment to his education, and greatly value all the work he contributes to The Hope Garden on behalf of those in need. Thank you, Rafael!

## It's Backpack Time Again 2010-2011 Backpack Club begins September 16

**The Backpack Club** is here to make sure the kids in Blaine County can experience childhood, not hunger. By providing children with healthy, easy-to-prepare foods every Friday, kids can get through the weekend and back to school on Monday ready to learn, and play. With your support, we are giving them a better today, and brighter tomorrow!



Light on the Mountain Backpack Volunteers

Special thanks to the [Deer Creek Fund of the Helen K. & Arthur J. Johnson Foundation](#) for their generous grant to The Backpack Program for the 2010-2011 school year.

If you know of a child who would benefit from this program, or to learn more information about eligibility, please contact a Blaine County School District social worker or call The Hunger Coalition.

### The Hunger Blog

[Check out our Blog!](#)

Stay updated and post comments



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## The Stars of the Party . . . Our Volunteers!

*The annual Volunteer Appreciation Party toasted the efforts of our amazing volunteers, showed them a little of the immense gratitude we have for their continued support, and gave everyone a chance to relax and enjoy being a part of The Hunger Coalition.*

### Over 150 community members help by:

- Donating more than 5,000 hours to helping the people in our community facing hunger, and needing hope.
- Bagging beans, distributing food boxes, prepping garden beds, stuffing & delivering backpacks, sorting cans of food
- Stuffing envelopes for mailings, tracking the food we distribute & volunteer hours, helping with our IT needs
- Making daily trips to the warehouse from local grocery stores with deliveries of fresh produce, bread, and more!

**You** are the reason more than 300 individuals and families have fresh food on their tables and hope in their hearts every week, all year long. To learn more, check out our [Volunteer Opportunities!](#)

**On behalf of the Board of Directors, Staff and the hungry in our community, Thank You!**

Geri Herbert

Gerry Kearns

Kaz Thea



### Staff

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## A "Bounty" of Storage Space

We are thrilled to share news of the recent installation of a large cold storage shed at our Food Bank Warehouse in Bellevue. Made possible through the generosity of **Idaho's Bounty**, the cooler will serve as fresh produce and perishable goods storage for both organizations, and will really come in handy during the summer and fall months when refrigerated storage needs are in greatest demand.

Learn more about [Idaho's Bounty](#) and [our partnership](#) in bringing wholesome, locally grown food to the hungry.

A "Bounty" of Storage Space



## Introducing Board Member Harry Weekes

We warmly welcome the newest member of our [Board of Directors](#), Harry Weekes! A Wood River Valley resident for almost 40 years, Harry brings an idealist perspective to the Board - and to a vision of our future as a community.

In founding The Sage School in 2009, Harry made a commitment to help teenagers become comfortable and confident citizens who know themselves, know where they are headed, and who are dedicated to making a positive contribution to their communities. He brings this same desire to make a difference to The Hunger Coalition. We look forward to collaborating with Harry and The Sage School to evoke real change in our community.

Harry lives outside of Hailey with his wife Hilary, children Georgia, Penelope, and Simon, and an expanding flock of chickens.

## Join Friends Who Care About Ending Hunger

**You are invited to join a state wide  
Summit On Hunger  
October 19,  
8am-4pm  
at the Doubletree Riverside in Boise**

Bringing people together from government, business, agriculture, education and the non-profit sector to raise awareness about hunger in our communities, our state and our country, the [Summit on Hunger](#) is essential to advancing our collective efforts and bringing real solutions to those in need.

### Keynote Speakers Include:

- Tom Vilsack, US Dept. of Agriculture
- Sasha Abramsky, author of Breadline USA

In addition to the keynote speakers, there will be 5 workshop tracks.

For conference information and to register:  
[www.idahohungersummit.org](http://www.idahohungersummit.org)

## With Gratitude . . .

*We would like to mention a few people and organizations in our community who are making a difference with their thoughtful gestures and generous support!*

- **Beth and Robert Rohe** made quite an impact on the **Wish List for The Hope Garden**, donating a wonderful array of items from frost cloth and a hose reel to hummingbird feeders and garden books!
- A recent **Food Drive at The Church of The Big Wood** in Ketchum contributed a quantity of canned and dry goods and some thoughtful cash donations - many thanks to the entire congregation for their support!
- Thanks to the generosity of **Leslie Gushwa** with her **sizable donation** of boxes of crayons, color markers and pencils, our clients' children will be a little more prepared for the start of the new school year.
- **Through the generosity of The Deer Creek Fund**, The Backpack Club Program received a \$9,000 grant to help with the substantial operating costs required for the 2010-2011 school year. We are grateful!

### 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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For more information, visit [www.thehungercoalition.org](http://www.thehungercoalition.org)

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