



## Big Head Todd & The Monsters-Buy Your Tickets Today!

Elkhorn Concert to Benefit The Hunger Coalition

Please join us for the remaining concert in the Elkhorn Concert Series. On Thursday, September 3rd, Big Head Todd and the Monsters will be performing and The Hunger Coalition will be holding a massive food drive! **Please bring non-perishable food items such as peanut butter, tuna fish, canned chicken, rice or dried beans.**



**What:** Big Head Todd and the Monsters - Proceeds to benefit The Hunger Coalition!  
**When:** September 3, 2009 from 6-10pm  
**Where:** Elkhorn Village Center  
**Why:** Have fun and help raise funds to feed the hungry in our community!

Tickets are sold locally at Atkinsons' Market, Chapter One Bookstore and [online](#). The venue will be open from 6-10pm. Tickets are \$30, \$25 for students under 21 (with ID), and free for children ages 10 and under. Visit [www.bigheadtodd.com](http://www.bigheadtodd.com) for more information.

## Volunteer Spotlight: Mary Ellen Card

Mary Ellen Card moved to the Wood River Valley from New Hampshire 8 years ago. It was an easy decision to make, as both her daughters had settled in Idaho and she has 3 grandchildren here. *(Mary Ellen is pictured here with two of her grandchildren, Sam and Willa Laski.)*



Every Tuesday bright and early, Mary Ellen is at The Hunger Coalition's warehouse with a smile on her face, ready to sort through recently donated non-perishable food to check for dents, rust and any imperfections that may have caused the food to spoil. She then places the food that passes her inspection onto shelves for the mobile food bank volunteers to easily load into the van.

**Mary Ellen's positive attitude, enthusiasm and initiative make her an indispensable volunteer.** She easily creates a cheerful environment around her while getting a lot of work done. Mary Ellen performs many tasks at The Hunger Coalition and she is often a back up for other volunteers on other committees.

She loves volunteering for The Hunger Coalition and feeling that she can make a difference when the need is so great. Mary Ellen also volunteers for Senior Connection doing Meals on Wheels once a week and has volunteered at Company of Fools for several years. She spends her free time in the summer gardening and in the winter skiing and skating. We are so grateful to Mary Ellen for all her terrific support!

To find out how you can volunteer or to read more about some of our other fabulous volunteers, [click here](#) or visit our website: Go to the "How You Can Help" tab and choose "Volunteers".

## Helping Hungry Kids

### SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM WRAPS UP

As summer vacation comes to an end, we'd like to thank our employee, Tonia Lopez, all our volunteers and the Blaine County School District for their superb effort and participation with this year's Summer Food Program. In its second year, the program continues to be a huge success offering free meals to kids daily for a **total of over 6,000 free meals this summer!**



### BACKPACK CLUB TO BEGIN

With school back in session, The Hunger Coalition is teaming up again with the school district's social workers to **feed children who are chronically hungry or in the midst of a family crisis.**

The Hunger Coalition initiated the Backpack Club last school year in order to feed hungry students over the weekends. Donated backpacks were filled with non-perishable, child-friendly and easy to prepare foods that the children could bring home over the weekend. The Backpack club ended its first year serving an average of 85

students weekly which translates to **2,716 backpacks for the 2008-2009 school year!**

Many helping hands made the Backpack Club a success! **If you would like to volunteer for the Backpack Club, please contact Naomi at [nspence@thehungercoalition.org](mailto:nspence@thehungercoalition.org).**

## GROW A ROW PROGRAM GOING STRONG

Local Businesses Pitch In to Donate Walk-In Cooler

In March of this year, The Hunger Coalition began accepting donations of perishable goods from local grocers, thus offering greater choice and nutrition to its clients.



"Going to one of the mobile food bank distribution sites is like going to a miniature farmer's market," states Food Program Manager Naomi Spence, who works at the Coalition's Mobile Food Bank locations. Spence has witnessed so many sighs of relief and smiles from recipients as they choose produce, dairy, meat and bread. "It is a tremendous gift to offer these families the variety and quality of fresh food available which allows them to maintain their healthy eating habits, even though they are struggling financially."

Having the fresh produce is a gift and yet, The Hunger Coalition would not be able to store the abundance of fresh food if not for an amazing group of volunteers and businesses that generously provided the materials and labor for a desperately needed walk-in cooler.

**Thanks to the contributions of many, the dream of a walk-in cooler came to life this July.** Individuals and businesses responsible include: Nick Gilman and Matt Spence of Lee Gilman Builders, Lara Rozzell, Tom Blanchard, Anderson Insulation, Idaho Lumber, Thornton Heating, Buffalo Electric, and Tom Liston of Restorations, Inc. Because of their in kind support, The Hunger Coalition realized a significant savings of \$4,878 which we were able to reallocate toward food!

The walk-in cooler came just in time to handle donations from the new **Grow a Row Program.** This program encourages local gardeners and farmers to grow an extra row in their garden to be donated to The Hunger Coalition. Volunteer coordinator Julie Fox-Jones has taken the lead and oversees 55 participating gardeners! Julie directs gardeners to their neighborhood point person, who collects the food and delivers it to the food bank.

**To date 554 pounds of produce have been donated through the Grow A Row program and nearly 52,000 pounds of perishables have come from local grocers!**

The Hunger Coalition is very grateful to all involved for providing both the food and the capacity to store this fresh food safely. To get involved with the Grow A Row program, contact Julie Fox-Jones at [Julie@adager.com](mailto:Julie@adager.com).

## Workshops on Generational Poverty Educate All

In August, The Blaine County Hunger Coalition's Board, staff, partners and many volunteers participated in workshops on Generational Poverty and Hunger. These workshops were led by consultant Cass VanDerMeer, who has over 35 years experience in this field. The Hunger Coalition has been interviewing food recipients since March to determine their level of need and connect them with other resources to help move them out of food insecurity. We recognized that additional training in this area would help staff, our partners, Board and volunteers to better understand the challenges faced by our clients and allow us to be more effective in meeting their long-term needs. **We learned so much and are grateful to Cass and all those who took the time to attend these sessions!**

## Become a Member on Facebook & Myspace

Want to know what's going on in between our monthly newsletters? Join our groups on [Facebook](#) to get behind the scenes info and receive personal invites to all our events. Search for Blaine County Hunger Coalition or, if you already have a Facebook page, click [here](#).

## OCTOBER IS HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH

### Get involved-there's so much you can do!

- **Host a food drive** for your work, club or neighborhood
- **Skip a meal or fast for a day**, then donate the food you would have eaten or the money you would have spent to The Hunger Coalition
- **Dine Out Blaine County!** This annual event will take place on Friday, October 16th this year. Participating restaurants will donate a percentage of their proceeds for the evening to The Hunger Coalition.
- **Stay tuned** for more info in the October e-newsletter!

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### Join Our Mailing List!

**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  
P.O. Box 1576  
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For information on making a gift of appreciated securities, please contact Jeanne Liston at 788.0212 or [jliston@thehungercoalition.org](mailto:jliston@thehungercoalition.org)

### Annual Report!



Click [here](#) to download a copy of our 2008 Annual Report.

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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.

### 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

# Thank You!

**The Hunger Coalition would like to thank a few of the many organizations and individuals who have helped us fight hunger this past month:**

Thank you to **Will age (6) and Charlie age (4) Price** for the box of money they saved and collected and passed on to The Hunger Coalition.

We are so grateful to **Kim Morgan of Glacier Graphics** for help with teaching us how to update our website!

Thank you to **Brent Anderson of Hailey Car Quest** and **Fred Anderson of River Run Auto Parts** for their generous donation!

A sincere thank you to **Gary Peak of Splash & Dash in Bellevue** for providing a "van wash" to help *Van-Go* (our mobile food bank), look presentable while distributing food to our clients!

We sincerely appreciate the continued support of the **Presbyterian Church of the Bigwood** for their ongoing food drives.

A big thank you to **Pat Robinson and Harold Webb of Blue Heron Frame Shop** for beautifully framing a news article for us-and on short notice!

We can't give enough thanks to **participants in the Relay for Life**. Not only did they walk overnight to fight cancer, they also brought canned goods for The Hunger Coalition! We appreciate all their efforts to include us in this event.

## Wish List

- Heavy canvas to be used for door-length curtains
- New laptop PC
- Industrial mop bucket
- Flat screen monitor
- Security camera for warehouse

If you can purchase or donate any of these items, please call the office at 788-0121 or email [info@thehungercoalition.org](mailto:info@thehungercoalition.org). Thank you!

## HELP END HUNGER WHILE SHOPPING!

The Hunger Coalition can earn up to 4% of your eligible purchases at Albertsons to support our programs! All you need is your Albertsons Preferred Savings Card number to register. Simply click [here](#). Login by clicking under the Shoppers login or register with your Preferred Savings Card first link.

Once you log in, click on "Sign Me Up" and type in "Blaine County Hunger Coalition" under organization or partner number 49001022029.

Complete the registration process.

**Thank you for supporting The Hunger Coalition while you shop!**

**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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