



Leading the effort to end hunger in Idaho

Latest Statistics

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The Idaho Foodbank is an independent nonprofit organization in Idaho. Since 1984, The Idaho Foodbank has been working with a network of independent partner agencies to distribute free emergency food to individuals and families in need. This network with more than 200 partner agencies consists of emergency food pantries, community kitchens, shelters and programs that collectively work together to relieve hunger in Idaho. In fiscal year 2011, 10.6 million pounds of food were distributed through the Foodbank network, which equates to 8.8 million meals, compared to nearly 7 million meals the previous year.

More than a statewide distribution system, The Idaho Foodbank provides direct-service programs such as the Backpack program, which supplies weekend nutrition to school children who otherwise would go hungry over the weekend. Mobile Pantry, a program that provides emergency food to rural areas lacking emergency food services, and Grocery Alliance program which partners with grocery stores and supermarkets to provide fresh nutritious food into the Foodbank network. The Idaho Community Gardens program coordinates the direct connection of local community gardens with local emergency food pantries throughout the state. These programs serve an important role in filling the gaps for communities that lack resources to feed families and children.

Contributions made to the organization come from many sources such as individuals, grants and corporate donations. The Idaho Foodbank is not a state agency and does not depend on government funding or subsidies. Food donations are accepted from manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers, community and corporate food drives and through the national Feeding America network. Tax deductible cash donations received are critically needed to underwrite the costs associated with acquiring, transporting, warehousing and distributing the donated food.

- The Idaho Foodbank partner network provided free emergency food assistance more than **100,000** times each month. The highest month was March with over **132,000** times assisted.
- Latest data from Feeding America shows that **235,970 (1 in 6)** Idaho residents are food insecure
- **Food Insecurity** is the uncertainty of knowing the availability of food and one's access to it.
- **95,150** Idaho children (**1 in 4**) are food insecure; 23,008 of these are children under the age of 5
- **5.39%** of Idaho seniors **60 years and older** are at risk of hunger, which makes Idaho the 25th worst state for senior hunger. (AARP study)
- Since 2008, our food distribution has increased by 93%.
- Since 1984 the Foodbank has distributed more than **100 million pounds** of free emergency food through a partner network comprised of food pantries, community kitchens, shelters, and direct service programs.
- The Foodbank operates on a **7%** administrative overhead, assuring that public support goes directly to programs and the acquisition and distribution of food.
- *Through our efficiencies \$1 can provide hunger relief for 1 person for an entire day (\$1 = 3 meals)*
- Most-needed items for The Idaho Foodbank; *canned meats(tuna), veggies(green beans) and meals (chili), as well as rice, pasta, cereal and shelf stable protein such as peanut butter and dried beans.*

\$1 donated provides **3.89** pounds of food.

\$1 donated provides **\$6.00** worth of food.

\$1 donated provides **3** nutritious meals.

The Idaho Foodbank.

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