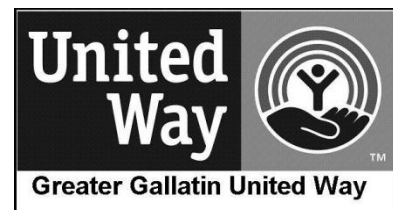


2009 Annual Report

The mission of the Gallatin Valley Food Bank is to improve food security throughout the Gallatin Valley.



Gallatin Valley Food Bank Advisory Council and Staff

President
Mitch Bradley
Vice President
Donna West
Secretary
Judy Mathre

*The Food Bank
Advisory Council
meets on the 4th
Thursday of the month
at 8 am at the Food
Bank.*

Members:
Rick Cameron
Shelle Egbert
Irene Eidet
Clark Finch
David Ford
Chuck Hoge
Jody McDevitt
Betsy Palmer

Officers are elected to a one-year term; members are elected to a three year term.

Staff:
Tim Trzinski,
Program Director

Deanne Slaughter,
Warehouse Manager

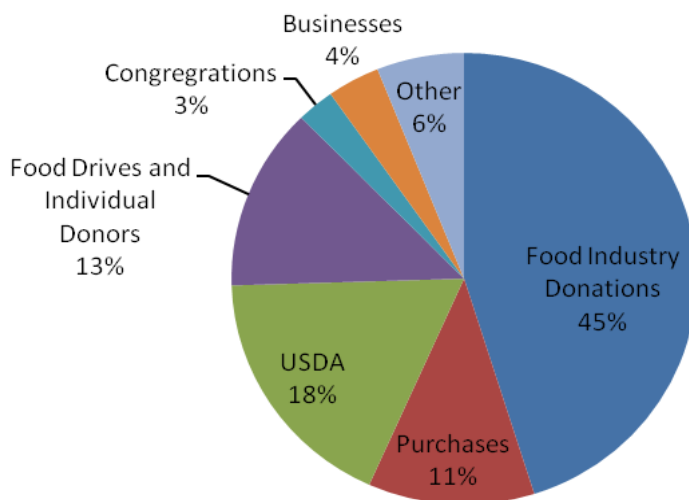
Lori Christenson,
*Program/Volunteer
Coordinator*

Jonathan Hopkins
*Food Rescue Program
Coordinator*

Food Bank Food Sources

The Food Bank distributed 1,130,484 pounds (565 tons) of food during the 2008–2009 fiscal year.

That is an average of 4,982 pounds (2.5 tons) of food per day distributed to area families in need.



Food Bank Funding Fiscal Year 2008–2009

Supplemental Schedule
Human Resource Development Council of District IX, Inc.
Bozeman, Montana

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

GALLATIN VALLEY FOOD BANK

REPORT PERIOD: July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

<u>REVENUE:</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Contributions	
Food	\$ 1,913,997
United Way	41,424
Gallatin County Senior Mill Levy	10,393
Other	437,827
Investment Income	479
Fund-raising	73,673
Senior Food Contract Income	9,736
Other Grant Revenue	4,043
Other Income	<u>0</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ <u>2,491,573</u>
<u>EXPENSES:</u>	
Salaries and Fringe Benefits	\$ 182,947
Legal	717
Travel and Training	1,247
Warehouse Space	799
Communications	2,854
Utilities, Garbage, Snow Removal	14,570
Fund-raising	5,589
Advertising/Public Relations	7,635
Vehicle	57,300
Equipment	2,891
Repairs & Maintenance	17,213
Supplies	3,166
Insurance	4,745
Food Purchases	83,626
Food Distributions	1,898,878
Office Costs	9,316
Audit	1,351
Interest Expenses	7,075
Meat Processing	19,028
Volunteer Expenses	4,161
Senior Food Program	2,180
Depreciation Expenses	18,179
Other	<u>5,768</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ <u>2,351,236</u>
Revenue Over Expenses	\$ 140,337
NET ASSETS AT 07/01/08	<u>482,199</u>
NET ASSETS AT 06/30/09	\$ <u>622,536</u>

The Food Bank's Raised Bed Learning Garden

The Gallatin Valley Food Bank realizes that for hunger to end people must feel empowered. The Food Bank also recognizes that strong partnerships within the community can help promote food security and ensure better access to nutritious, affordable food for all. With the help of the Gallatin Gardeners, youth groups, MSU students, and individual volunteers, the Food Bank was able to have their own garden in 2009 that not only provided fresh produce for people in need, but also created a welcoming environment to learn, explore, and share information.

In other words, the Food Bank is still doing what it does best—providing food for hungry people—but with the garden it is also providing some of the tools necessary for self-sufficiency by promoting backyard gardening, supplementing diets with fresh produce, and providing “do-it-yourself” information exchange through recipes and gardening information. Through a combination of produce donated through local growers and our own garden, Food Bank recipients took home an **average 2.5 pounds of fresh produce** in their food boxes during the summer months.

In the 2010 growing season expect to see new additions to this program. Specifically, **Grow a Row for the Food Bank**, a project where gardeners donate some of their garden produce to the Food Bank. By signing up for the Grow a Row project, a gardener's effort ensures that the underserved in our community have access to high-quality, fresh produce. Gardeners plan to grow an extra row or two, determine a percentage of their garden produce to donate, or donate the excess of what is already growing. We are growing, and hope you will too!



Montana Yellowstone Expeditions student harvesting radishes.



Volunteers working in the garden in early spring.

Satellite Service in Belgrade

The Food Bank continued the partnership we began in 2007 with the Living Waters United Methodist Church to provide additional access to emergency food assistance to those in the Belgrade community or households who are unable to visit the Bozeman location during the workweek. In 2009, this satellite service provided fresh foods and emergency food boxes to **1,242** duplicated households. More than **13,541 pounds** (6.8 tons) have been gleaned, sorted, and provided to area residents with the help of our volunteers.

Food Bank Moves Record Amount of Food for Hunger Relief

Throughout 2009 the Food Bank distributed **52,826 pounds** (26 tons) of food to area food pantries, senior centers, group homes, and other local non-profits to supplement the services they provide to those in need. We achieved our goal of increasing our assistance to area agencies by nearly **tripling** the amount of food we provided to these agencies the previous year.

Emergency Food Box Program—Year in Review

- The Food Bank's Emergency Food Box Program provided food assistance to a **total of 3,951 households** (8,549 individuals), with unemployment listed as the most common reason for needing assistance. The average household size served was 2.2 individuals.
- A record-breaking **13,253 requests** were honored, a **21.8% increase** over the previous year. This equates to serving 53.3 households per weekday in Bozeman and 3.6 households per Saturday in Belgrade.
- An average of **1,103 households** requested assistance from the Food Bank each month.
- A **majority** (65.9%) of households served turn to the Food Bank **only one to three times** a year; only 2.2% of all households served requested assistance each month.
- Approximately **154 new families** were served **each month**.
- In addition to emergency food boxes, the Food Bank distributed an additional **1,182 holiday food boxes** in the three days before Thanksgiving. During this week, we also provided 4,850 pounds of turkeys and non-perishable items to neighboring food banks, assisting them in serving an additional 271 households.

Approximately 1 out of every 5 Gallatin County residents is at risk of food insecurity.

1 in 10 Gallatin County residents lives at or below the federal poverty line.

Volunteers are Vital to Fighting Hunger

Hunger never takes a day off—and neither do our volunteers. From children to college students to special needs high-school students to church groups to major corporations and seniors, our volunteers are diverse.

- There are **125 volunteers** who regularly contribute their time each week and over **60 volunteers** who assist with special projects, events, and fundraisers.
- Volunteers donated **11,630 hours** in 2009, equivalent to **6 full-time employees** every week.
- This saves the Food Bank over **\$125,000** each year!

A very special thank you to our 2009 volunteers!

Charlotte Ackerman
Lindy Adelman
Diana Arnold
Rebecca Balian
John Barnhart
Joseph & Hilda Basile
Robert Berger
Susan Berry
Diane Bertelson
Licia and Gary Bishop
Jennie Blair
Heleen Bloethe
Alan Broadway
Jeremy Brooks
Jim Buehler
Tim Burden
Bill Burr
Catherine Buser
Diann Button
Gary, Jason, & Karen, Cargill
Dave Cary
Elaine Cellicci
Cynthia Cheney
Jennifer Chrisman
Craig, Joy, Liam, & Maggie Churchill
Katie Claridge
Jack Conard
Kevin (K.C.), Connell
Jill Cooney
Angela Counts
Kamlin, Kanyon, & Kayleen Cox
Bob Crowe
Eric Crouch
Laura & Terry Cunningham
Levi Davis
Linda Dean
Emily DeLuca
Katie Desin
Ann DiBernardinis
Priscilla Dolan
Brad & Katy Dolesh
Mitch Domier
Ariel Donohue
Jim Doyle
Joan Edmunds
MacKenzie, Makayla & Marlene Eickelberg and Family

Kate Elson
Bob Enloe
Ty Ethridge
Norval Fandrich
Carlee Flasnck
Shirley Francisco
Gerald & LaDona Geise
Tom Goldsmith
Kelsey Guthier
Lynne Haniuk
Mike & Sherry Henderson
Sue Hendricks
PJ Hennigan
John Hermanson
Don & Diane Heyden
Roxanne Hoblitt
Jason Hoke
Leigh Holleman
Richard Horswell
Connie Howell
Gary and Kira Huls
Marj & Bill Hunt
Damon Hunter
Tim Jaronik
Roman Jimenez
Jhett & Mark Johnson
Patrick Johnson
Tanya Johnson
Jean Jungst
Joanne Kamplin
Marilyn Keller
Sarah Knaff
Eri Koga
Andrew, Kirt & Meghan Kranker
Rosalyn, Valerie, Eli, Eric Charlotte, & Tony Kutsch
David Lahr
Jared Lawley
Breanna Leake
Cheri Lonner
Andrew Lybeck
Pat & Gordon Mabie
Margaret Mackin
Josephine Malloy
Karen & Ryan Maroney
Cheryl & Gary Matthews
Gerry Mathison
Richard Mayer
Steve McAtee

Hunt McCauley
Mardie McGregor
Wilma Meredith
Michael Messina
Christopher Mirador
June Mittelstadt
Kilani Morris
Robin Morris
Habib, Sami, Maggie, Lindsey & Luigi Mostefa
Pat Nagy
Carter Nelson
Seranna, and Maddie Nesmith
Nate, Elisabeth, Joel, Josiah, Laura, Matthew, Stephanie, & Susanna Oswell
Alyssa Panning
Betsy Palmer
Mary Paoli
Tia Persson
Mary Pierre
Cindy Pipinich
Mary Pohl
Chris & Jess Pummel
Erika Rauk
Bob & Marcia Rider
Scott Riffle
Molly Ring
Greta Robinson
Dorothy Roedar
Harley Roedar
Triston Rogers
Angela Sandoval
Angie Schlegel
Jean & Steve Schnee
Sherry Schupbach
Joe Schwab
Dick Schwaller
Todd Semple
Sarah Sharp
Charlene Sizemore
Patrick Skogen
Anthony Smith
Billy Smith
Peggy Smith
Ray & Marion Sperry
Scott Springer
Rebecca Stephany
Laura & Ashley Stonecipher
Bill Thomas

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Sandra Tung
Lynda Upton & Coltne, Danni, Molly & Quinn VanCampen
Julie Videon
Maureen & Louis Ward
Rob Watkins
Donna West
Marshall White
Judy Wilcox
Nancy Wise
Harmony Wolfe
Graham Young
Toni Young
George & Thyrsa Zabriskie
Cathy Zimmer

Congratulations and many thanks to the Food Bank's VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR:

John Hermanson and Jean Schnee

Also to our Rookies of the Year: Heleen Bloethe, and Kamlin, Kanyon, and Kayleen Cox

Food Bank Special Programs—Year in Review

The Healthy KidsPack Program: *The program provides a bag of nutritious, shelf-stable, kid-friendly food for school-aged children to take home at the end of each week. The program intends to increase the number of school-aged children who have access to healthy foods during weekends and school break, and to increase knowledge about nutrition and healthy lifestyles. The KidsPack program serves ANY child identified by school personnel or their parents to be at risk of hunger.*

- There are **1,098 elementary school children** who are eligible for free and reduced priced lunch in Gallatin County.
- Through the KidsPack Program we serve **32% (1 of 3)** of the **K–5 children** who are currently eligible for free and reduced-priced lunch.
- More than **3,150 pounds** of food are distributed through the KidsPack Program each month.
- Each bag supplies a child with one meal, a snack, and a breakfast that follows the USDA Guidelines for Child Nutrition Programs. Each bag contains an average 1,100 calories and 40 grams of protein in addition to fruit, vegetable, grain, and dairy servings.
- In the 2009–2010 school year, there are **7 schools enrolled:** two elementary schools in Bozeman, an elementary school in Belgrade, West Yellowstone, Three Forks, Willow Creek, and Manhattan.
This equates to a 40% increase over last year’s participation
- The average cost of food per child every week is \$2.25 or \$ 82.00 per school year.

Kid’s Summer Lunch Program: *The Food Bank’s Kid’s Summer Lunch exists to help families better manage an increase in grocery expenses during the summer months when school food is unavailable. The Food Bank operated 5 sites during the summer of 2009: MSU Family Housing, Centennial Park, Monforton School, Irving School, and Heck-Quaw Elementary School in Belgrade. The Food Bank is the local sponsor for the State Office of Public Instruction’s Summer Food Service Program. This year fresh produce from the Food Bank garden and other local growers such as Towne’s Harvest, a student-run community supported agriculture (CSA) farm, were incorporated into the meals.*

- An average of 590 free, nutritionally balanced meals per week—**120 meals per day**, were prepared and offered to children during the summer of 2009. A total of **5,928 lunches** were served.
- An average of **27 children per day** was provided with nutritionally balanced morning snacks during the summer of 2009 (a total of 804 snacks were served).
- In 2009 the Summer Lunch Program expanded to include Heck-Quaw Elementary School in Belgrade. The goal of the Food Bank is to continue expanding this program in order to reach the 2,113 children eligible for the free and reduced-priced lunch program in Gallatin County.
- Through the Food Bank’s Kid’s Summer Lunch Program we serve 14% (1 of 7) of those children eligible for free and reduced-priced lunch in our service area.
- The average cost per meal (lunches and snacks) for the summer program was \$ 2.13.

Senior Grocery Program: *The Food Bank provides monthly supplemental groceries to qualifying area seniors living in Park, Gallatin, and Madison counties. A contract with the State of Montana’s Department of Health and Human Services Commodity Supplemental Food Program provides food for seniors with a monthly income less than 130% of the federal poverty threshold. The State assigns the Food Bank the ability to provide for an average of 250 seniors per month.*

- Volunteers pack and deliver groceries to participating seniors.
- The State of Montana was recently awarded additional federal funding in order to increase the CSFP caseload for 2010. An additional 3,191 slots have been awarded to Montana. The current caseload for the State in is now 10,000.
- The average monthly income of seniors participating in this program in 2009 was \$718.85.
- Of the 250 available openings in 2009 there were 77 participants in Park County, 12 in Madison County, and 161 in Gallatin County. Unfortunately there are more than 500 additional seniors eligible in the tri-county area.



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Testimonials

"Mom these peas taste like candy! Can we grow some of these at home?"

-Young girl to her mother in the Food Bank Garden

"The Food Bank really helped me out, I was looking for work and the food from the Food Bank made the difference between having enough for my girls to eat or having only cereal to feed them".

—Gallatin Valley Food Bank recipient

Did you know?

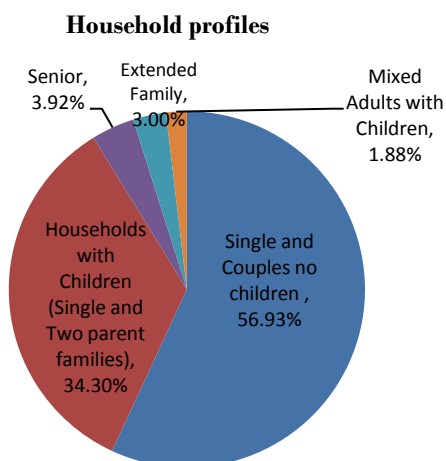
Food insecurity is the inability to access food in a consistent and socially acceptable manner to meet the family's nutritional needs. Food insecurity is characterized by not having the financial means to buy or grow food, the need for emergency food assistance, and adults skipping meals. Food insecurity exists when the availability of nutritionally adequate food or the ability to access it on a consistent basis is uncertain or limited.

Hunger is an income issue.

3,130 (23.6%) of households listed "low wages" as the reason for visiting the Food Bank.

4,887 (36.9%) of households requesting assistance listed "unemployment" as the most common reason for visiting the Food Bank, a **70.6%** increase from 2007–2008.

Singles and households with children are the largest groups serve.



36.2 % of those receiving food are children.

Ages of food recipients

