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Upcoming Events

20TH ANNUAL FLATHEAD FOOD BANK SOUP SUPPER FUNDRAISER

The 20th annual Flathead Food Bank Soup Supper & Auction will be held **Friday, April 17th at Canvas Church in Kalispell. The event starts at 5:30 PM.**

This years event features soup bowls designed and presented by potters from around the Flathead Valley (Pick and keep your bowl!) and wonderful soups from the Flathead's finest eating establishments.

In addition there will be numerous coveted items on the silent auction to bid on (Golf Package, River Rafting and Fishing Trips, Personal Chef Services, Weekend Get-A-Ways . . . Over 70+ packages to bid on!), and packages made up especially for a live auction (Alaska Airline Tickets, Lake McDonald Lodge Get-A-Way, Remote Car Starter, Sailing and Wild Horse Island Trips, Fly Board Montana . . . Over 20+ Packages to bid on!)! Join Leah Lindsey our host and the Alpine Auction Gals for an awesome event!

Grand Prize of the night, a designer quilt by Marianne Butler will be given away to one lucky participant.

Why attend? You will receive a wonderful pottery bowl, all the soup and bread you can eat, delectable desserts and treats from valley bakeries and support Flathead Food Bank in their efforts to provide emergency food to individuals and families who are dealing with difficult life circumstances that limit their ability to obtain food. Did you know that 18% of northwest Montanans wonder where their next meal will come from. 6% of these are children. People who live in your neighborhood! Join us in our fight against hunger! Tickets are \$30 each and may be purchased at the Flathead Food Bank, 1203 Highway 2 W. Suite 2, by contacting The Flathead Food Bank at 752-3663 or by going to www.flatheadfoodbank.com.

FFB Snapshots

Meet Our Newest Staff Member!

Flathead Food Bank has appointed Bob Helder as Director of Development & Community Relations.



Working together we can and will do more than we have ever done before to eliminate hunger and its root causes in Northwest Montana! Many of you have already met Bob, but if not, stop by and say HI!

FFB In Action With Walmart!

Walmart believes that every family should have access to food that is healthy, safe and affordable. This spring they are asking their stores and customers to fight hunger and spark change for a better future.

There are 3 easy ways to fight hunger in our community!

1. **BUY** participating products: 1 item purchase = 1 meal secured on behalf of a local Feeding America Food Bank—that's FFB! Just look for food items with this logo!
2. **DONATE** money to your local Feeding America Food Bank—that's FFB! At the register!
3. **SHARE** a picture of six people who are committed to fighting hunger in our community. Make it a public post on Facebook or Instagram at the hashtag #WeSparkChange, and Walmart will make a \$10 donation to Feeding America and their local Food Bank—that's FFB! Post as many pictures as you like and challenge your friends to do the same!



The Campaign begins on April 6 at 12:01 P.M. and ends May 3 at 11:59 P.M. (EDT)

Volunteers NEEDED! Positions AVAILABLE: Boxers, Commodity Drivers & Substitutes, & MORE!



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Food Of The Month!

April: Tomato Products

May: School Snacks

July: Soup

Recipe Contest! Submit your best healthy recipe featuring tomatoes by April 15th (Winner announced May 1st), School Snack by May 15, (Winner announced June 1st) Soup by July 15 (Winner announced August 1st), and the winning recipe will be announced and posted online at www.flatheadfoodbank.com!

Submit recipes to angela@flatheadfoodbank.com!

Second Helpings Thrift Store



Created to sustain the Flathead Food Bank.
Find us in the Gateway Community Center.
We appreciate your support of Flathead Food Bank!

25% off

Entire Purchase On Saturdays!

MUST PRESENT COUPON AT TIME OF PURCHASE



Valid On All Saturdays In
April, May & June, 2015

1203 Hwy. 2 W, (406)752-SAVE
Open 10 AM - 5 PM Tuesday-Saturday

LATEST NEWS:

2014 STATS

Flathead Food Bank:

- ◆ 3,390 Households Served = 9,049 People Served!
- ◆ 23,106 Boxes Of Food = 460,494 Meals!
- ◆ Pounds Of Food - 1,465,000!
- ◆ Pounds Per Person, Per Visit - 23 Pounds!
- ◆ Customers: 37% Children, 18 % Senior Citizens
- ◆ Households Headed By Females = 58%.

Senior Commodities:

- ◆ 720 Seniors (60+) (Less Than \$1,265 per month!)
- ◆ 16,262 Bags Delivered!
- ◆ 265,000 Pounds Of Food!

BackPack Program:

- ◆ 17 Schools!
- ◆ 530 Students!
- ◆ 38,000 Pounds Of Food!

Mobile Food Pantry: Serv-

ing Coram, Hungry Horse, Martin City, Evergreen, Kila, Marion.

Individual Volunteers: 326 - 25,120 Hours = 12 Full Time Employees! (According to United Way, this is equivalent To \$500,000 Donation!)



"NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP OF THOUGHTFUL, COMMITTED CITIZENS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD; INDEED IT'S THE ONLY THING THAT EVER HAS."

- MARGARET MEAD



We NEED Your Donations!

Furniture, Electronics, Summer/Seasonal Items, Household Items & Home Decor, Linens, ... Even Prom Dresses!

Spring time in Montana . . . you never know what the weather is going to do. Rain, snow, grapple, or sunshine – each day, each hour bringing a different temperature, a different weather. Life is like that sometimes. One day you may be living high on the horse and the next day be homeless, not knowing where your next meal is coming from. I have seen this many times over the past years. People who have never used our services, who have no idea what agencies are out there to help, families who once had so much and lost it all.

This can be a heartbreaking place to work. What is comforting to me is that each day we are able to help these families get back on the road to success. As a team the Flathead Food Bank/Second Helpings Thrift Store helps people in need every day. We are great at turning tears into smiles. We watch people leave our building with their heads held higher than when they came in, and we hope, know that they will be ok.

How can we make this happen? We know that you, our donors, have our backs! You donate money and groceries on a weekly basis. You make donations to Second Helpings for us to sell or give to families in need. You then shop at the store bringing us additional support. And we can't forget the stores that give so much to our cause by assisting us in rescuing food rather than throwing it away. And the food drives, the special events, the . . . It's YOU!

We are able to do the beneficial work we do because of you! Many people thank me for doing what I do; really, I need to thank you for what you do. Without you we wouldn't be doing anything. Thank you so much for all the time, energy and donations that you give to the Flathead Food Bank/Second Helpings. I appreciate you more than you will ever know. *Loni*