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To:

Mission: To provide temporary, emergency food assistance to those in need.

Flathead Food Bank
... A Capital Campaign? Hmm.
 We want input, feedback from you!
Less Cost. More Food. Less Hunger
... Because no one should ever be hungry!
 Share your thoughts at: bob@flatheadfoodbank.com.
 Or call us: 406-752-3663!

Working To Meet The Growing Needs In Northwest Montana

Flathead Food Bank, as a non-profit, raises the funds needed to cover the cost of all that we do to achieve our mission. Every year, more people seem to have greater needs. How do we meet these growing challenges? For sustainability, we continue to do what we do every day with all our heart and energy! **What do we do? Well, we intentionally . . .**

Dear Friends of Flathead Food Bank,

This summer marks my 12th year at the Flathead Food Bank. What started as a temporary job has turned into a lifetime passion for me. I have seen so many changes in my time here at the food bank, but one thing has remained the same. People are hungry. People are hungry and they count on us to help them get through the hard times that they are experiencing. Unfortunately, at Flathead Food Bank donations are down, cost of food is up, and rent is being paid monthly on a facility that will never be an investment for our future. With that being said, we have had to make a major decision, one that will affect all of our lives.

Flathead Food Bank is embarking on a mission to find a new home. Why? Our mission is to feed hungry families, and in staying true to that, a plan to reduce overhead costs is being investigated. A need to create a permanent space for the Flathead Food Bank means less overhead cost, more food for hungry families and less hunger in our community.

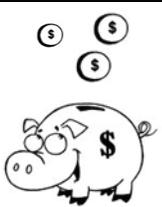
Sounds easy right? It will be an enormous project and we are looking for help from community members. Please take some time to consider how you can help the Flathead Food Bank reach this important goal. Whether it be by making a monetary donation, volunteering your time, or joining our fundraising committee to help this mission come to fruition, we need your help. Please think seriously about supporting this project.

Thank you for making our mission stay true to the need by jumping in where and when you can with your help. It is always appreciated.

*Lori Botkin
 Flathead Food Bank Executive Director*

- ◆ We work and network with existing and new supporters and donors: Community members, organizations, businesses, clubs, schools, churches, the media, EVERYONE!
- ◆ We invite local grocers, caterers and restaurateurs to become food recovery partners with us. At the same time we work with retailers to donate goods to Second Helpings Thrift Store.
- ◆ Focus on increasing and bringing in more support through targeted fundraising activities and events.
- ◆ Identify and apply for grants, grant renewals and other sources of funding.
- ◆ Share the "heart stories", the "experiences" of the powerful work we do, with all who will listen. Stories of people who live on your street, people who go to your church, people who you work with, people you know . . . you just didn't realize that they are hungry. Sharing with individuals, groups, classes, the media, . . . YOU! We will even give you a tour of our facility. Why? Because food is a powerful tool, a catalyst that can ignite hope and indeed transform lives!
- ◆ Serve our customers beyond expectation, because each person who walks into our lives has a story we know nothing about. We treat them with kindness and respect.

Save Your Change This Summer For Flathead Food Bank! Start Collecting, TODAY!



“What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal” - Albert Pike



Just an Envelope? No, It's About So Much MORE!



As you send FFB your summer cash contribution, be confident that your entire donation will be used efficiently, compassionately and wisely. Share the joy of selfless celebration, the warmth of grateful giving, and the satisfaction of meaningful action. Join the FFB team in their daily fight against hunger.

The Statistics . . . How Do We Advocate For Change?

According to Montana Low Wage Nation 2015—Job Gap Report, 49% of job openings in Montana pay less than \$14.40 per hour, the living wage for a single adult. More than four out of five, 82%, pay less than \$25.82 an hour, the living wage for a single adult with two children.

For every job opening that pays at least \$14.40 an hour, the living wage for a single adult, there are six job-seekers. For each job opening that pays at least \$25.82 an hour, the living wage for a single adult with two children, there are 16 job-seekers.

**Flathead Food Bank Customers
in 2015—76% take home \$15,000 or less per year
and 51% take home \$10,000 or less per year!**

Do What You love, Fight What You Hate . . . Hunger!

Summer should be a time of fun, not hunger! Yet with children out of school, kids do not have access to school breakfast and lunch programs. The result is that families make emergency food visits to FFB to help stretch their budgets. For many young people, no school means no meals.

The reality—people are hungry all year round and we need your help to feed them.

We would like to invite you this summer to make a plan, an intention to **“Do What You Love** (hike, grow a garden, ride a bike, walk or run, play sports, read—whatever you love spending time doing and), **Fight What You Hate . . . Hunger** (by raising funds or collecting food from others while doing what you love to do!)” The result—the hungry will be fed!

Need Help being creative? Call us at 406-752-3663!

Flathead Food Bank Has Been Approved For Round It Up Montana! But We Need YOU!

Would you be a restaurant or retail mission partner with us? Do you know of someone who could be? Round It Up America will give you the tools you need, and it's Free! By using the “charity donation” line on your credit card receipt your customers can simply round up to the nearest dollar or write in any donation amount to us! It takes just cents and just makes sense!

Big change can come from small change! Join us in our mission to feed the hungry!

Flathead Food Bank Staff Changes: Goodbye & Welcome!

Saying Goodbye Is Never Easy!

Janette Nostrum—After serving FFB as Volunteer Coordinator for the past 7 years, is moving to Casper, Wyoming where her husband is beginning his 3 year residency in family medicine. *“It has been a privilege to work with so many amazing volunteers! People from 5 to 80 years old, with a passion to help others and make our community a better place. I will always hold you, the staff, and FFB dear to my heart.”*

Sheri Sakariason—As the Second Helpings Thrift Store Manager for the past 2 years, she is beginning a new journey in Boise, Idaho. *“I am blessed to have been a part of the special family at the Flathead Food-bank/Second Helpings. I am so proud of how much we have grown and accomplished together!”*

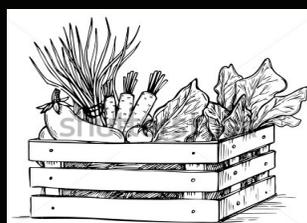
All of us at FFB would like to thank Janette and Sheri for their years of awesome service! You will be missed!

Saying Welcome Is An Investment In Tomorrow!

Tasha Powers—will be stepping into the role of Volunteer Coordinator. *“I am very excited to once again be joining the non-profit world! I am blessed to have the opportunity to assist the community my family has been part of for 25 years.”*

Tasha, welcome to the FFB Team!

Things To Donate This Summer:



- Garden Produce, Pasta,
- Canned Meat, Soup,
- Canned Tomato Products,
- Mac & Cheese,
- Canned Vegetables,
- Chili/Beans,
- Peanut Butter,

Oatmeal, Rice, Cereal . . . A monetary donation!

Food of the Month!

June—Soup

July—Canned Beans, August—Rice

**Total Job Seekers In Montana—53,000
Total Job Openings—18,492. Hmm.**



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**Entire Purchase On Saturdays
June—August, 2016!**

MUST PRESENT COUPON AT TIME OF PURCHASE

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