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“It has become appallingly obvious that our technology has exceeded our humanity.” - Albert Einstein

Take The disCONNECT to reCONNECT Challenge!



Individuals, families, companies, and organizations are invited to participate in the disCONNECT to reCONNECT Challenge!

What’s it all about? It’s simple - disCONNECT and detox from all things electronic: cell phones, iPhones, iPods, Facebook, TV, Xbox (and the list goes on!), and reCONNECT with yourself, your family, your friends, your community and the world around you!

At the same time we are asking you to CONNECT to the purpose of Flathead Food Bank – to provide emergency food to individuals and families who are dealing with difficult life circumstances that limit their ability to obtain food - by raising funds through sponsorships.

Schedule your challenge in April, on the weekend of your choosing, from Friday at 5:00 PM to Sunday at 5:00 PM and spend the weekend reCONNECTing!

For more information, for support resources, pledge sheet or for information on the disCONNECT to reCONNECT to Reading Challenge (school version) call us today at 752-3663.

Volunteer!

We have over 15 formal volunteer opportunities, for individuals and groups at Flathead Food Bank and Second Helpings Thrift Store! What positions need to be filled this immediately?

- ◆ Food Pantry Boxer (Thursday’s 1-4:00 PM)
- ◆ Mobile Pantry Canyon Volunteer (2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month)
- ◆ Senior Commodities Delivery (Sub-Drivers)

For more information on these and other opportunities, contact us TODAY!

From the Director . . .

It’s hard to believe that we are knee deep into another new year! We are so thankful for all of the people who help us so much. Take a look below at the figures from last year and celebrate with us. We were able to help so many families last year who may have gone without had we not been there to help. We wouldn’t have been able to do it without the help of our faithful donors who consistently send money, bring in food items for our customers, or clothing/other household goods for Second Helpings Thrift Store.

In 2016 we are working hard to create new ways to help feed our customers. Take a look at the disCONNECT to reCONNECT challenge that we are doing in April. This is a great way for you to collect pledges to support the Flathead Food Bank.

Second Helpings Thrift Store is plowing ahead, getting ready for garage sale season already. That is our busiest time of the year, and although we may look full when you come in to drop your goodies, they bring money in that is used to support the Flathead Food Bank. If you haven’t been in recently, stop in. The staff worked thru the month of January to re-set the store and it looks mighty fabulous! We have the best thrift store in the valley. It is always neat, doesn’t smell musty, and the staff is always pleasant and helpful. We are blessed to have a group of people that work so well together to make such a great contribution to our food bank and to the community. Don’t forget that February 29th, the store will be open on Mondays for your convenience. Come see us on a Monday!

I need to say a special thanks to our friends at Applied Materials. They took the month of November and December and had an all out fundraiser for us. They had ice cream socials, golf tournaments, construction, chili feeds, auctions, and so much more I can’t even remember it all. Overall, this company brought together 18,000 pounds of food and just shy of \$78,000. Now that is a fundraiser that I would challenge anyone to beat! Thanks Applied Materials! As our biggest donor, we appreciate all of you greatly and enjoy helping in all of your events for the Flathead Food Bank.

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



Food of the Month!

February: Can meat
March: Chili or beans
April—Tomato Products

Did You Know That You Can Donate NOW? Simply Go To . . . [www.flatheadfoodbank.com!](http://www.flatheadfoodbank.com)

2015...Just The Stats!

Here are some things that the Flathead Food Bank accomplished in 2015

- 8,160 ~ Individual Customers Served
- 46,030 ~ Total Times Customers Served
- 3,633 ~ Households Served
- 21,269 ~ Number of Boxes Given Out
- 43 ~ Number of Average Pounds Per Household
- 19.75 ~ Average Pounds Given to Each Person
- 1,506,368 ~ Total Pounds Given Out in 2015
- 1,491 ~ Number of Holiday Baskets Distributed
- 463 ~ Number of Children in Backpack Program
- 17,594 ~ Number of Backpacks Given Out
- 18 ~ Number of Schools Involved in Backpack Program
- 30% ~ Percentage of Children Using Our Services
- 18% ~ Percentage of Seniors Using Our Services
- 59% ~ Households Headed by Females
- 41% ~ Households Headed by Males
- 76% ~ Customers That Take Home \$15k or Less a Year
- 51% ~ Customers That Take Home \$10k or Less a Year
- 708 ~ Number of Seniors in Commodity Program
- 8,504 ~ Number of Senior Bags Delivered

Second Helpings Thrift Store Fundraising Opportunity!

Flathead Food Bank, through Second Helpings Thrift Store would like to help your school, church group or organization raise money! Here's how easy it is: Claim a Saturday from 12 Noon – 5:00 PM and invite everyone you know to shop!

On your designated fundraising day, Flathead Food Bank's Second Helpings Thrift Store will donate up to 25% of the sales you help to generate during the 5 hours of your fundraiser back to your organization



A good turnout of shoppers adds up fast cash for your cause! For more information contact bob@flatheadfoodbank.com, and get on the calendar today!

Why would Flathead Food Bank open the doors of Second Helpings Thrift Store for us?

1. To support your fundraising intentions/needs!
2. To introduce our store to new customers!
3. To generate sales that can be used to purchase food to feed the hungry in Northwest Montana!

Thank you so much for Supporting Flathead Food Bank.

Flathead Food Bank Endowment

Through the Flathead Community Foundation, Flathead Food Bank has established an Endowment Fund.

The Community Foundations works for us to design legacy gift plans that fit every person and every economic situation, ensuring that the supporters of Flathead Food Bank receive the most benefit from their charitable, philanthropic contributions.



Gifts to our endowment is the perfect way to express support for our hunger-relief efforts in short and long-term ways.

The endowment provides important additional funding sufficient to ensure that no individual is denied emergency food, to provide for capitol needs, and to support program needs within the organization targeted to eliminate hunger long term. Consider making a legacy gift.

For more information, contact Flathead Community Foundation at www.flatheadcommunityfoundation.org.

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- <http://www.facebook.com/SecondHelpingsThriftStore>
- Instagram: [secondhelpingsthrift](#)
- Snapchat: [secondhelpings](#)

Starting
February 29th
We will be open
On
Mondays!

A Point To PONDER:
“A society will be judged by how it treats Its weakest members”
—Harry S. Truman

Second Helpings
thrift store
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MUST PRESENT COUPON AT TIME OF PURCHASE



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March & April, 2016
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