

Snohomish Community Food Bank



A Letter to Our Community

The most incredible trait the Snohomish Community Food Bank has is its' position in the county. By belonging to the generous citizens of the City of Snohomish and more specifically, the residents living within the Snohomish School District, we are well stocked. This community really takes care of its' own. To illustrate this point, we can look at the numbers from just before this recent recession to our current status.

In 2009, we served 4,760 households, including 22,578 people. In 2010, we served 11,076 households, including 30,728 people; and in 2011, the number of households jumped to over 37,000 with 13,010 people. The need is great and higher in the history of our service to our families, but the need is consistently met. In 2009, the food donations came in at 397,993 and in 2011, we received an overwhelming 749,316 pounds of food!

The financial support has been increasing with the need, as well. In 2009, \$133,000.00 in funding came in and then jumped over 80% two years later. Through individual contributions and corporate grants, the Food Bank was given nearly \$240,000.00 this past year to underwrite our programs and operations.

People power is what makes this food bank operate on a day-to-day level. In 2009, there were 60 volunteers who came in week after week to do their assigned task. These jobs include sorting produce, picking up groceries, packing and rotating non-perishables, serving the clients, stocking shelves, checking expiration dates, organizing the coolers and freezers and general maintenance. Today, there are 130 and in 2011, they worked a collective 22,008 hours.

In addition to feeding our families every Tuesday and Friday, the Food Bank has partnered up with other local organizations to bring the following programs to our community:

Box Tops and Campbell's Labels

In appreciation of the many gifts bestowed upon the Food Bank by our local schools, we cut and collect Box Tops and Campbell's labels and give them back to the participating schools. In 2010-2011, we were able to share over 25,000 clipped labels with our elementary and middle schools. This is equivalent to \$2,500.00!

Food-2-Go

Financially supported by Morgan Stanley, weekend groceries are provided to "homeless" high school students. These young adults are facing a world of uncertainty and this program takes away the stress of buying their own food.

Homeless Groceries

Bags of food that is full of easily opened items and/or products that are self-heating. We also include fresh fruit and vegetables when available.

Infant Program

Sponsored by the two Kiwanis Clubs, we are able to provide baby food, formula, infant cereal, diapers and supplies to families with these needs.

Kid's Café

The Snohomish School District provides free breakfasts and lunches to all children in the district 18 years and under of age during the summer. From the time school is out until the week before school goes back in session in the fall. This is a collaborative effort with the Food Bank and Boys and Girls Clubs.

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Pet Food Program

Local Vet Clinics, retailers and organizations concerned about Pet Care consistently donated pet food for our clients

School Supplies in a Backpack Program

Every August we are honored to purchase new backpacks for SSD students from kindergarten through 8th grade. Through donations, sponsorships and discounts by local retailers, we can also provide the majority of the needed supplies. In 2010 and 2011, this program was partially funded by Grainger, which allowed us to give out over 500 backpacks.

Tree of Giving

This program allows us to treat our clients to a selection of Christmas gifts that they can choose for their children 18 and under. Last Holiday season, we provided toys, books, games, puzzles and/or gift cards to over 600 kids.

Salvation Army Vouchers

This new partnership gives us an opportunity to assist our clients with their energy bills.

Snohomish Community Food Bank Delivery Service

Through funding from a grant from the Norman Archibald Foundation and our community, we purchased a small new truck to bring food to those who are homebound every other week.

Snohomish Special Service Shuttle

Partnering with the Community Kitchen, Senior Center and under the direction of the Zion Lutheran Church, we can offer pick up and drop off service to those who have no other way to the Food Bank. Even for those who can walk to get their groceries, the shuttle can provide a ride home, making it possible to get more food for their families.

Warm Home Funds

Through Puget Sound Energy, we can assist in paying our clients heating bills.

Partnerships @ the Food Bank

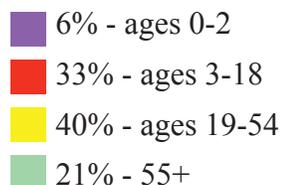
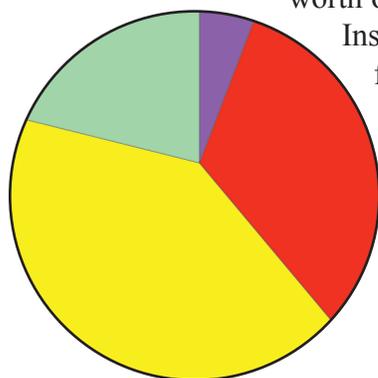
Our thanks to Brian Zinser and the entire team at the Snohomish Post Office for the successful Letter carriers drive in May, 2011. They really “delivered” with 24,542 pounds of food and \$550.00 in cash donations!

Program received “Excellence in Collaboration” Award from Food Lifeline

The Snohomish Community Food Bank received \$5,000 and one of the *2011 Agency Excellence Awards* for our “Sponsor a Holiday Product” Program from Food Lifeline.

In years past, holiday food drives brought in plenty of canned pumpkin, canned cranberry sauce and green beans, but other items were missing and the food bank would have to shop for the difference. The organization fed more families this year and had to ensure each family would receive the same fare.

The food bank contacted school groups, churches and civic clubs, asking them to help provide a week’s worth of food for the organization’s 325 families for Thanksgiving and again for Christmas. Instead of the usual request of “Please hold a food drive”, the food bank asked each group for one item, but in quantities of 325. 2011 was our second year for this program and it has truly been embraced by our local organizations.



People Receiving Groceries from the Snohomish Community Food Bank, by age.