



Montana Food Bank Network

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Dear Reader:

The Food Security Council serves to identify barriers to food security, gaps in services and the need for program development throughout the state. The mission of the Council is to identify the impact and effect of hunger in Montana; to educate the public and policy makers on the status of hunger in Montana, and the role they play in ending hunger; to collaborate with private, public and governmental organizations to implement realistic solutions to reducing hunger; and to pursue long term solutions at the local, state, regional, and federal policy levels and increase participation in food assistance programs.

Following up on the work of the Montana State Advisory Council on Food and Nutrition, the Food Security Council would like to continue to ***recognize public and private actions and individuals who significantly contribute to the reduction of hunger and/or the improvement of nutritional status in Montana.*** You may be in a position to nominate individuals deserving of such recognition. The nomination should demonstrate that the nominee has gone above their normal job duties to make a noteworthy contribution to their local community or the state as a whole. ***Please be inclusive of local and/or regional activities within the farm and ranching communities, local retail grocers, and other businesses that meet the following guidelines.*** Activities to be considered when making a nomination include:

- # worked to create consistent and sustainable access to nutritious food
- # went beyond the normal requirements of the job,
- # treated clients with dignity and respect,
- # humanized a negative, emotional situation,
- # removed a barrier,
- # employed a creative/innovative method to overcome a problem, or
- # maximized limited resources.

Letters of nomination should include specific activities that warrant the award. The deadline for nominations to be received is **FRIDAY, MARCH 9th, 2012.** Your nomination letter can be sent to the address below or faxed to (406) 542-3770. Nomination forms will also be available for submission through the Food Security website at: www.mfbn.org/fsc/awards.

The Council will announce award recipients no later than **FRIDAY, APRIL 13th, 2012**, and awards will be presented at a special reception at the Capitol Rotunda in Helena on **TUESDAY, MAY 1st, 2012.**

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter and for taking the time to recognize deserving individuals in your community. Please *return the attached nomination form to me at the address below or submit your nomination form online by **FRIDAY, MARCH 9th, 2012.*** Please remember to **include the address and telephone number of the nominee as well as the nominator** on the form. Feel free to contact me with questions at (406) 721-3825 x225 or 800-809-4752 x225.

Sincerely,

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