Programs

GROCERY RESCUE PROGRAM
Montana Food Bank Network works with grocery stores to connect food rescue programs to donate food directly to local partner agencies.

Fiscal Year 2020 Impact:

43 Network Partners that participate in the program
69 Retail Donors
9,210,257 POUNDS OF FOOD RESCUED

Types of Food Rescued
- Bakery Goods: 1,592,954 lbs
- Produce: 2,778,907 lbs
- Meat: 1,022,885 lbs
- Dairy: 1,933,639 lbs
- Prepared/Perishables: 540,911 lbs
- Beverages: 137,076 lbs
- Non-Food: 135,293 lbs
- Mix (Dry grocery, frozen, etc.): 1,020,829 lbs

# of Pounds Donated by National Donors
- Albertsons: 2,527,291 lbs
- Smart Foodservice: 132,432 lbs
- Walmart: 1,244,850 lbs
- Costco: 932,871 lbs
- Sam’s Club: 938,063 lbs
- WinCo: 208,495 lbs
- Target: 161,844 lbs
- Loaf N Jug: 18,719 lbs
- Safeway: 680,866 lbs

HUNTERS AGAINST HUNGER
The mission of Hunters Against Hunger is to end hunger in Montana by partnering with hunters, meat processors, and Fish, Wildlife, and Parks to provide wild game, a highly nutritious protein, for communities in need.

Fiscal Year 2020 Impact:

4 New Processors
36 Network Partners that received wild game donations
32 Participating Processors
664 Animals donated by Montanans
143 Animals donated by Out-of-State Hunters

Total Animals Donated
- 807
  - 1 Bison
  - 1 Moose
  - 47 Antelope
  - 177 Elk
  - 580 Deer

49,465 pounds of Game Donated
COVID-19 Response
Due to the 2020 global pandemic, many changes were made at MFBN. In March, all who were able to work-from-home did, and our essential warehouse staff went above and beyond to continue sourcing and distributing food to meet the increased need. Many of Montana's larger cities saw an increase in households needing food assistance of more than 200% during March, April, and May.

**DISTRIBUTION 2019 VS. 2020**

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<td>Grocery</td>
<td>787,586</td>
<td>859,079</td>
<td>835,018</td>
<td>318,511</td>
<td>584,868</td>
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<td>USDA</td>
<td>184,755</td>
<td>491,386</td>
<td>211,788</td>
<td>539,277(^1)</td>
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<td>Purchased</td>
<td>147,122</td>
<td>258,326</td>
<td>248,314</td>
<td>345,742</td>
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<td>Donated</td>
<td>119,903</td>
<td>113,295</td>
<td>163,619</td>
<td>389,168(^2)</td>
<td>84,148</td>
<td>560,804(^2)</td>
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\(^1\) Increased USDA due to utilizing backstock to accommodate demand.
\(^2\) Increased pounds donated due to agriculture supply chain challenges.

**CLIENTS SERVED 2019 VS. 2020**
by Food Banks & Food Pantries

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<th>March 2019</th>
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<td>12,727</td>
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<td>Adults</td>
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<td>33,682</td>
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<td>Seniors over 60</td>
<td>6,888</td>
<td>13,847</td>
<td>7,313</td>
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\(^1\) Due to COVID, our partners faced many new challenges and a fluctuating need within their communities. The number of people served varied widely throughout the state and within individual agencies this year.

**CLIENTS SERVED 2019 VS. 2020**
by Meal Programs

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<td>Children</td>
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<td>Seniors over 60</td>
<td>7,150</td>
<td>3,742</td>
<td>7,416</td>
<td>2,369</td>
<td>6,841</td>
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VOLUNTEERS
Volunteers play a vital role in MFBN’s mission of eliminating hunger in Montana. Thousands of hours have been donated over the years by individuals, groups, and organizations that are as passionate as we are about strengthening our communities’ roots all over the state. From local businesses to families to individuals willing to share their time, MFBN is grateful for all of our volunteers who help us reach our mission.

Fiscal Year 2020 Impact:
4,760 Volunteer Hours
868 Individual Volunteers

VOLUNTEERING During COVID-19
Since the beginning of the 2020 global pandemic, MFBN had to change how we assemble our food boxes, which are distributed through our Mail-a-Meal and Mobile Food Pantry programs. Neptune Aviation generously helped us set up a small box production area in an unused helicopter hanger. Volunteers can now help build food boxes safely at Neptune, while the MFBN facility is closed to the general public for safety precaution.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."
— Winston Churchill
ADVOCACY AND OUTREACH RAISING VOICES

In addition to providing emergency food, MFBN works to end hunger in Montana through public policy solutions at the state and federal levels. MFBN also works to increase access to and participation in public nutrition programs through outreach and education.

FEDERAL ADVOCACY

Ending hunger in Montana requires strong public nutrition programs and policies that address the root causes of hunger. MFBN works closely with our Congressional leaders to provide information on the status of hunger in Montana, helping them understand the importance of public nutrition programs in our state. We regularly advocate for policies that will protect these programs and make them work even better for Montana families.

Fiscal Year 2020 Impact:

AREAS OF FOCUS

Preparing for a possible Child Nutrition Reauthorization

Funding for TEFAP foods, storage, & distribution

Robust COVID relief to address food insecurity & provide stability for struggling households

OUR VOICES TOGETHER

13 Visits to Summer Food sites, WIC clinics, & other child nutrition programs for Congressional staff in preparation for Child Nutrition Reauthorization.

2 In-person meetings with Montana’s Congressional Leaders to discuss hunger in Montana & the importance of strengthening the child nutrition programs.

16 Action alerts to our network of advocacy partners, generating 100s of messages to Congressional offices.
SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)

SNAP is our most effective anti-hunger program, helping nearly 55,000 Montana households keep food on the table each month. SNAP further demonstrated its importance in 2020, responding quickly to the COVID crisis. Congress implemented several policy changes to maximize the impact of SNAP, reducing administrative barriers and providing boosted benefits to many households.

23 Community partners provided SNAP outreach and assistance to clients, thanks to training and support from MFBN

73 Households applied for SNAP with the help of our Benefits Access Specialist

372 Households applied for SNAP with the help of our trained community partners

455 Total SNAP applications approved, equivalent to more than 480,000 meals!

FOOD SECURITY COUNCIL

MFBN convenes the Food Security Council, which includes state program administrators, nonprofits, Congressional offices, and MFBN Board and staff. The Council facilitates collaboration between programs and supports broad-ranging actions leading to improved food security and nutrition for all Montanans. Members are currently focusing on advancing state investment in Double SNAP Dollars and supporting MFBN’s policy priorities. Additionally, the Council is working to better understand and engage partners on senior hunger and support healthy environments at food pantries.

ENGAGING Local Communities

Every two years, MFBN facilitates a series of community conversations on hunger across the state. In summer 2019, we visited Billings, Cut Bank, Dillon, and Hardin.

93 Individuals Came Together Across 4 Community Conversations

- Representing social services, faith community, educators, local policymakers, senior services, kids’ programs, Congressional offices, and more.

- Discussed community resources, opportunities, and challenges related to food security.

- Developed shared action ideas including coordinated program outreach, education to lawmakers, improved communication between services and sectors, and advocacy to strengthen public food programs.
FINANCIALS

EXPENSES

Donated Food Distributed ............................................................... $19,293,503
Food Distribution Costs .............................................................. $3,745,650
Fundraising .............................................................................. $701,790
General & Administration ......................................................... $333,492
Public Policy ............................................................................. $212,933
Total Expenses .......................................................................... $24,296,368

PUBLIC SUPPORT & REVENUE

In-Kind Contributions .................................................................. $20,067
Special Events ........................................................................... $150,022
Grants ....................................................................................... $2,931,144
Earned Income ........................................................................ $1,953,679
Contributions ........................................................................... $1,542,882
Value of Donated Food ............................................................... $19,312,583
Total Revenue & Public Support ................................................ $25,910,377

GENEROUS SUPPORT

AARP
AT&T
Blue Cross Blue Shield
BNSF Railway Foundation
Browning Kimball Foundation
Clearwater Credit Union
CoBank
Bill & Marian Cook Foundation
Costco Wholesale
Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation
Feeding America
First Interstate BancSystem Foundation
Ford Motor Company
Bill & Rosemary Gallagher Foundation
Glacier Bancorp, Inc.
Headwaters Foundation
Missoula Fresh Market LLC
Montana Healthcare Foundation
Northwest Farm Credit Services
No Kid Hungry
Star Peak Foundation
State of Montana
Subway
The Albertsons Companies Foundation
The Scoob Trust Foundation
Thoroughfare Foundation
TJX Foundation
Town Pump Charitable Foundation
Wal-Mart Foundation
Wells Fargo

255 CORPORATE & FOUNDATION DONORS

52 GRANTS
SPECIAL EVENTS

THE TASTE - MARCH

The Taste is held annually in March at Neptune Aviation. Guests enjoy an evening in a unique atmosphere listening to live, local music while sampling over 100 deliciously crafted food and drink tastes from almost 40 local establishments. A silent auction and “Everybody Wins!” raffle increases the excitement and directs funds to help end hunger in Montana. The Taste 2020 raised $71,595.71 for Montana Food Bank Network.

FEED MONTANA - SEPTEMBER

Feed Montana is a month-long annual fundraising competition that takes place in September during Hunger Action Month. Community members across the state take part in a challenge to raise funds in unique and creative ways on behalf of MFBN. Statewide there are individuals, community groups, and corporate establishments that get involved to help fight hunger! Feed Montana 2020 raised $75,000 for Montana Food Bank Network.
Thank you!

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