

# 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



### 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



## 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

	March		April		May	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Grocery Rescue	787,586	859,079	835,018	318,511	584,868	200,287
USDA Purchased	184,755	491,386	211,788	539,277 <sup>1</sup>	217,336	307,107
Donated	147,122	258,326	248,314	345,742	127,102	267,049
	119,903	113,295	163,619	389,168 <sup>2</sup>	84,148	560,804 <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Increased USDA due to utilizing backstock to accommodate demand.

<sup>2</sup> Increased pounds donated due to agriculture supply chain challenges.

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

	March		April		May	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020 <sup>1</sup>
Children	12,727	21,301	14,056	18,224	16,751	12,974
Adults	19,808	33,682	21,242	23,619	24,634	18,210
Seniors over 60	6,888	13,847	7,313	10,480	7,511	8,295

<sup>1</sup> 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

	March		April		May	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Children	2,148	1,398	1,916	4,054	1,840	4,469
Adults	13,665	9,257	18,042	5,842	17,014	4,263
Seniors over 60	7,150	3,742	7,416	2,369	6,841	2,895

# 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

With all of the changes that happen due to the global pandemic, MFBN is so grateful for our 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.

Congratulations to our Policy team for achieving Feeding America's Advocacy Hall of Fame 6 years in a row!



Achieving Hall of Fame status means that we met a series of challenging goals, necessary for successful policy work. Our policy strategies include direct communication with state and federal lawmakers, engaging the media, asking grassroots and grasstop partners to act, and working with partners in diverse fields such as health, agriculture, faith, business, 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.



## 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

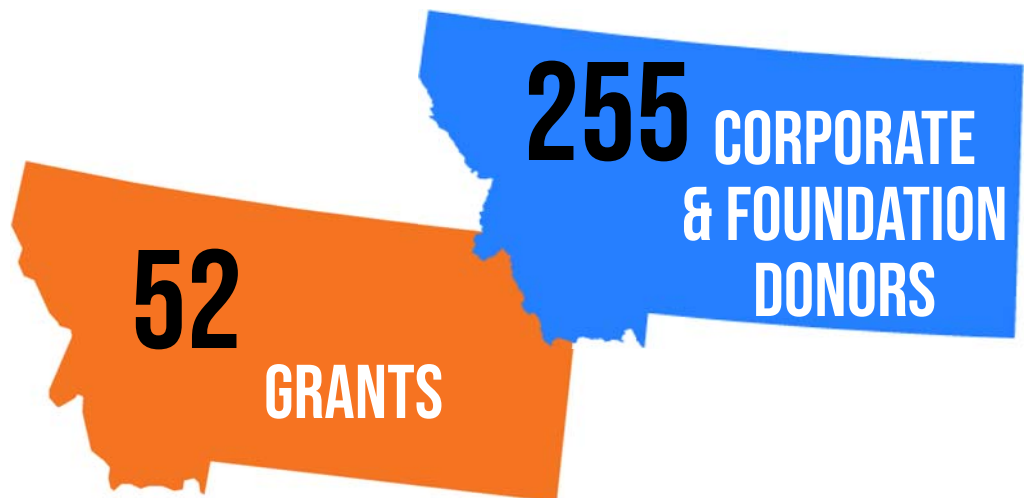
Donated Food Distributed.....	\$19,293,503
Food Distribution Costs .....	\$3,745,650
Fundraising .....	\$701,790
General & Administration .....	\$333,492
Public Policy .....	\$212,933
Total Expenses .....	\$24,296,368

## 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

# 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.

GET INVOLVED

VOLUNTEER

SPONSOR

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## 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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