

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

For all, last year was a time of rapid change and flexibility. For us, it was one of adaptation, innovation, collaboration, and opportunity.

In the face of supply chain challenges, transportation shortages, and staff retention, MFBN continued to acquire and distribute resources so that no individual or partner was turned away. We continued to fight on the federal and state level to ensure ongoing support for public assistance programs, while educating all on the needs we face along the long road of economic recovery.

As the Network leader, we adapted to the changing needs by building capacity in communities and making fresher food available more frequently, while building new protocols to ensure safe food handling and to protect the health of our staff and volunteers.

The struggle of Montanans facing hunger continues. On this journey, we and our network of partners are determined to look at every challenge as an opportunity, as a chance to grow, and a lesson to learn. We encourage you to join us.

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**Together We Can Strengthen The
Roots Of Our Communities and
End Hunger In Montana.**



*Resiliency, determination, and passion
for our vision that every Montanan has
equal access to nutritious food.*

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

IN-KIND.....	\$15,020.00
SPECIAL EVENTS.....	\$132,163.00
GRANTS.....	\$3,059,622.00
EARNED INCOME.....	\$2,100,558.00
CONTRIBUTIONS.....	\$2,286,563.00
VALUE OF DONATED FOOD.....	\$19,953,797.00

TOTAL REVENUE AND PUBLIC SUPPORT.....\$27,547,723.00

DONATED FOOD DISTRIBUTED.....	\$19,970,783.00
FOOD DISTRIBUTION.....	\$4,997,276.00
FUNDRAISING.....	\$799,432.00
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE.....	\$346,921.00
PUBLIC POLICY.....	\$283,823.00

TOTAL EXPENSE.....\$26,398,235.00

POLICY & ADVOCACY MILESTONES

- **Hunger Survey:** Surveyed more than 900 Montanans across 30 counties, collecting stories and data on the impacts of COVID-19.
- **SNAP Assistance:** Assisted 295 households with completing SNAP applications which will help families access an estimated 330,000 meals.
- **Community Engagement:** Built relationships with stakeholders and convened 7 community conversations with state lawmakers, food pantries, healthcare providers, senior advocates, individuals with lived experience of food insecurity, local food groups.
- **State Policy Advocacy:** Successfully defended SNAP against harmful policy changes. Worked with food partners to pass a bill to invest in Montana's Double SNAP Dollars Program through the legislature.

- **Federal Advocacy:** Worked with Montana's Congressional offices to share updates on the status of hunger in Montana through the pandemic and to urge a strong federal response.

PROGRAM UPDATES

FOOD DISTRIBUTED (IN POUNDS)

GROCERY RESCUE.....	8,844,770
USDA.....	8,996,333
PURCHASED.....	3,315,519
DONATED.....	2,263,446
TOTAL.....	23,420,068

TOTAL VISITS* TO PARTNER FOOD BANKS/PANTRIES AND MEAL PROGRAMS

CHILDREN.....	242,037
ADULTS.....	435,682
SENIORS.....	157,526

*SOME INDIVIDUALS MAY HAVE BEEN SERVED MORE THAN ONCE

DISTRIBUTION

Miles driven – 125,000
Hours on the road – 2,000
Gallons of diesel -16,000