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June 2017

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Dear << Test First Name >> ,



This summer, we're getting familiar with uncharted territory.

Now that our maps are drawn and our compasses calibrated, we're launching new programs that defy convention. These programs, while modeled after successful solutions across the country, are unique to Blaine County.

You've been with us as we dare to dream, pioneer solutions, and pilot programs to best

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address hunger in our community. Everything you have done to help has propelled the solution forward and we're thrilled to share in the adventure with you.

This summer, keep an eye out for [Bloom Truck](#), keep an ear out for updates on [Bloom Youth interns](#), and keep stopping by the [farm](#) or [garden](#) to lend a hand and help a neighbor. Your interest and support make a difference.

Already, our neighbors are [volunteering for veggies](#) with their families. They are filling their plates with fresh, Bloom produce and giving their children a meaningful experience.

And it's only just begun.

Your support keeps these innovative new programs in orbit. Please consider making a gift to ensure these programs fulfill our goals and acutely address hunger in Blaine County.

With Gratitude,

Jeanne Liston, executive director

FROM THE FIELD



The latest field reports from [Bloom Community Farm](#) and [The Hope Garden](#) are etched in red, white, and green. Radishes, onions, lettuce.

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LOCAL GROUP AND BUSINESS SUPPORT



Thanks to the following for your support in May!

Grants

[Blaine County Commissioners](#)
\$7,500

Businesses

[Waddell Fine Art](#)
\$500

In-Kind

[Arborcare](#)

[Hailey Coffee Company](#)

[Limelight Hotel](#)

[Sparrow Meats](#)

...and green beans, onions, lettuce, asparagus, and spinach already fill the shelves of our food bank while two of our most exciting programs to date, [Volunteer for Veggies](#) and [Bloom Youth Project](#), are making a lasting difference in Blaine County.

VOLUNTEER FOR VEGGIES



Volunteer for Veggies provides access to fresh, healthy food for everyone in the community.

Volunteers take home a share of the farm freshest, nutrient richest, most delicious fruits and veggies around in exchange for their time at Bloom Community Farm or The Hope Garden.

Time on the farm is spent seeding, weeding, and harvesting our growing spaces and we reward all volunteers handsomely with a share of produce fresh out of the ground.

Interested in learning more? [Click here for current volunteer hours.](#)

BLOOM YOUTH PROJECT



Click to watch Bloom Youth raise the roof on our greenhouse!

The Bloom Youth interns are in step. As their

[SCARROW HEATS](#)

[Sun Valley Garden Center](#)

[Food Drives](#)

[Bellevue Softball League](#)

[Sun Valley Post Office](#)

[Washington Federal, Ketchum \(ongoing\)](#)

BRUNCH AT THE HAVEN



A good time was had by all at The Haven's fundraiser brunch for The Hunger Coalition. Thanks to the generosity and culinary masterwork of Kellee Havens and the thoughtfulness and good cheer of everyone in attendance!

FRESH BUCKS
STRETCH AT
FARMERS' MARKET



Once again, The Wood River Farmers!

The Bloom youth interns are in step. As their confidence grows and their talents shine, they're proudly taking ownership of their work. In just over a month, the students have weeded, planted, harvested, made and met some personal and financial goals, topped off a commercial sized greenhouse, and drafted a business plan for the Bloom Mobile Market, which will deliver fresh, affordable produce throughout the community.

One of the Bloom Youth said her favorite part of the program is, "learning new things that will help me in life, because knowledge is a good trait." Another intern shared that since the program started, "cooking is one of my biggest passions." With support, compassion, and guidance, the sky's the limit for these remarkable young people.

Bloom Youth Project is a paid internship for local teens with promise that empowers interns to manage food production at Bloom Community Farm and share what they harvest with their neighbors in need.

SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM



Despite all of the sun and fun of summer, the season also means some children are left without their one reliable school meal per day. To address this gap, we designed our summer food program to ensure all kids are well fed and having fun each summer. Last year, the Summer Food Program served 2,003 lunches to local children!

This year, the program will encompass Lunch in the Park and Bloom Truck to help us reach more kids and share more food.

LUNCH IN THE PARK

Lunch in the Park will be served at Balmoral Park from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday - Friday, between June 12 - August 18. In addition to a delightful daily lunch, there will be games and

Markets and The Hunger Coalition have teamed up to proudly present FRESH BUCKS - DOUBLE UP BUCKS!

Recipients' SNAP/Food Stamp dollars will be matched (up to \$20 per week) so they can receive double the tokens to spend at the market.

FRESH BUCKS can purchase vegetables, fruit, meat, cheese, milk, eggs and honey.

Eating healthy, local food is beneficial for all community members. Thanks to everyone who helped make this program possible!

WELCOME, FRIENDS OF THE FARM



Our Friends of the Farm donate their time, talent, and treasure to help ensure Bloom Community Farm is doing the most good for Blaine County. Gifted storytellers and videographers, Dark2Light are lending their talent to tell the story of Bloom Youth Project. Thank you, Dark2Light!

Stay tuned for an exclusive release of these powerful stories later this year.

educational opportunities.

"At Lunch in the Park, kids learn about nutrition and environmental science, enjoyed arts and crafts projects, and once even got to pet some goats," said Krista Felton, The Hunger Coalition's development & program supervisor.

BLOOM TRUCK

Between June 12 - August 25, Bloom Truck will bring free food, fun, and reading to isolated, pocket communities in Blaine County. We will hit the road in our mobile lunch and library to provide local children healthy, happy summers right out their own front door.

Bloom Truck is a partnership between The Hunger Coalition and [The Community Library](#).

PARTNER'S CORNER: WOW STUDENTS



This month, we raise a glass (of juice) to our partner, [WOW Students](#). This local organization inspires kids to engage in generosity projects with local nonprofits. The outpouring of great ideas and hard work from students has made some very cool projects possible.

Much of the beauty and personality of [Bloom Community Farm](#) is thanks to [WOW Students](#). This year at the farm, WOW students built birdhouses, a willow lattice tunnel, finished a rainbow rock path, made nests for native bees, created and decorated labels for crops, and built a tee-pee for our edible enchanted forest! Not to mention, [WOW students invest generously in our programming and are committed Friends of the Farm](#). Thank you, WOW Students!

later this year.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



There's a lot of work to be done and fun to be had this summer for our extraordinary team of volunteers. Consider joining us to lend a hand and make an impact on our community. Our current needs are as follows:

[The Hope Garden and Bloom Community Farm Volunteers](#)

Someone to build a shade shelter at The Hope Garden

General help in the [food bank](#) including hauling food around, sorting tough food, bagging food, cleaning coolers, sweeping, etc.

If you would like to fill one of these volunteer positions, please call Rachel Shinn, volunteer manager at 208-788-0121.

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We're in need of the items on our wish list to help grow the farm and garden. If you're looking to pass along any of the items on this list, we would be very grateful.

SAVE THE DATE:
FARM PARTY



September 13, 2017
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