



Fighting hunger, feeding hope.



THC Newsletter
May 2017



Dear <<First Name>>,



The spring thaw signals wildflowers and big rivers. While May often stirs anticipation for summer adventures, **it's still one of the most challenging months for our neighbors in need.** In painful contrast to the new growth of the season, **May is one of seasonal unemployment and less funding for our food programs.**

You can imagine, it's impossible to enjoy the best of May when you're struggling to pay rent, fuel your car, and eat a decent meal. Fortunately, you have two exciting opportunities to make a difference this month. **Idaho Gives** is coming around the bend to help offset the grim cost of slack. Join us tomorrow, May 4 to support those struggling through the season by making a gift during Idaho Gives. To sweeten the pot, the **very generous Nalen Foundation has put up a**

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matching gift of \$5,000 to double your impact
ha... also join us for a scratch-
made brunch at [The Haven on May 25th](#) to learn
more about our work and raise funds to feed those in
need.

With your generosity, we will help local families make
it through this bleak time and ring in summer, a time
of abundance and [exciting new programs](#) from The
Hunger Coalition.

With Gratitude,

Jeanne Liston, executive director

IDAHO GIVES



[Idaho Gives](#) is a statewide day of giving. It's an
opportunity to unite our community around causes in
which we truly believe and help nonprofit
organizations connect to the larger community.

Last week was our biggest week of 2017. The Hunger
Coalition fed more families than in any week this year.
You can help us ensure we don't have to turn any child
or family away.

With a matching gift of up to \$5,000 from the
Nalen Foundation, your gifts during Idaho Gives
will go twice as far and feed twice as many!

You can help make our campaign a success! Here are
some easy ways:

Share and share alike. Online days of giving are
successful because of our own networks. Help us grow
our network by sending this email to your network and
ask your friends to do the same.

Be socially (media) active. Use your social media
networks: [post on Facebook](#), [tweet about Idaho
Gives](#), and share your love for your particular
passion. Ask others to do the same.

SEEDS, THE UNFOLD
STORY

WISH LIST

SAVE THE DATE:
FARM PARTY



2016 Donor Impact
Report

LOCAL GROUP AND
BUSINESS SUPPORT



Thanks to the following
for your support in
April!

Grants

[Wood River Women's
Foundation](#)
\$1,250
through the Member's
Fund

Organizations

[Upper Big Wood River
Grange](#)
\$152
in support of Bloom
Community Farm and
The Hope Garden

In-Kind

[Animal Shelter of the](#)

FROM THE FIELD



The [Bloom Youth Project](#) interns are immersed in growth. This transformative internship empowers paid interns to manage food production at [Bloom Community Farm](#) and build a business plan for our Bloom Mobile Market, selling discounted, fresh produce to low-income neighborhoods. These teens with promise will feed the hungry while learning critical job and life skills that may help keep them out of our food bank lines as adults.

Already, the interns have weeded, laid irrigation at the farm, and participated in several life-skills workshops. This dynamic, hardworking group is ready to make a big difference this year.

Heartfelt thanks to the [Wood River Women's](#)

[Hailey Coffee Company](#)

[St. Charles Catholic Church](#)

[Sun Valley Garden Center](#)

[Sun Valley Trust](#)

[Taylor Made Woodworks](#)

[Wood River Sustainability Center](#)

BOOK FAIR FOOD DRIVE



Every year, the thoughtful students at [Hailey Elementary](#) hold a food drive at their annual book fair, organized by their librarian, Mrs. B. This year, the students drove in a remarkable 223 lbs of food, which shakes out to 172 meals for local families in need. Thank you, Hailey Elementary!

THE GRANGE
SOWS CHANGE

DONOR SPOTLIGHT: FRIENDS OF THE FARM



This month, we raise a glass to Friend of the Farm, [Taylor Made Woodworks](#). Owner, Scott Taylor donated materials to construct cabinets for our new outdoor kitchen at [Bloom Community Farm](#) and Clint Blackstock, woodworking extraordinaire, volunteered 100 hours to build the cabinets!

These beautifully wrought cabinets will provide a safe and convenient place to [store everything we need to make farm fresh meals right on site](#). Thank you, Scott, Clint, and Taylor Made Woodworks!

VOLUNTEER TO FARM OR GARDEN

A healthy harvest just isn't possible without the help of community volunteers who roll up their sleeves and get their hands dirty. If you're up for some fun in the dirt this season, let us know! [There are several opportunities to help listed below.](#)



The Upper Big Wood River Grange is helping cultivate our growing spaces. At their annual Seed Swap event, they used their passion to help raise money to support Bloom Community Farm and The Hope Garden. Thank you, Upper Big Wood Grange for all you do to sow good will and compassion in our community.

SAVE THE DATE: BRUNCH AT THE HAVEN



On Thursday, May 25, we're teaming up with [The Haven](#) to host a brunch to raise funds for food security in Blaine County. Brunch kicks off at 11 a.m. for \$30. To reserve a seat for this fun and festive meal, sign up on [The Haven's website](#) or call us with questions 208-788-0121. Tickets are limited!

2017 HOPE GARDEN VOLUNTEER HOURS

THE HUNGER COALITION

SPRING
MAY
 Mondays 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
 Wednesdays 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

SUMMER
JUNE-JULY-AUGUST
 Mondays 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
 Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

FALL
SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER
 Mondays 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
 Wednesdays 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Call Lynea at 788-0121 ext. 311
www.thehungercoalition.org

The Hope Garden is located at the corner of South 1st Avenue and Walnut Street in Hailey.



2017 BLOOM FARM VOLUNTEER HOURS

bloom COMMUNITY FARM

SPRING
MAY
 Tuesdays 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
 Saturdays 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

SUMMER
JUNE-JULY-AUGUST
 Wednesdays 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
 Saturday 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Call Lynea at 788-0121 ext. 311
www.thehungercoalition.org

To get to Bloom Farm, take Fox Acres Road east past the high school and track, continue 1/2 mile on dirt road




Our partner, The W.A.T.E.R. Club is excited to bring the film SEEDS the Untold Story to the Community Campus on May 19 at 6:30 p.m. Students will be available to talk about their current project and progress and will be giving out the seedlings they started in April. There will also be a raffle to benefit the W.A.T.E.R. Club at the event. Hope to see you there!

BACKPACKS, DAILY BITES FEED STUDENTS



The Hunger Coalition's Daily Bites and Backpack programs ensure children are well fed during the school year, even in times of scarcity or crisis at home. Daily Bites provides snacks for students at school and after school programs, while the Backpack Program provides meals that students can take home and enjoy in the evenings and on weekends. This school year, we fed nearly 1,500 students through our Daily Bites and Backpack programs combined.

Special thank you to all of the Blaine County Social

WISH LIST



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:

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Workers who help identify children in need and
or help them out programs.

FARM PART

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