



Fighting hunger, feeding hope.



THC Newsletter  
July 2017



Dear <<First Name>>,



Lately, the line at our food bank is a bit shorter. Despite appearances, **the hush over our headquarters means something might be working.**

The idea behind our new programs is to move our neighbors out of our food bank lines and into **growing spaces where they can harvest food by their own hands to share with their**

**families.** There are already signs this change is in motion.

The **Bloom Truck** and **Lunch in the Park** have served nearly as many children as we planned to feed by the end of the summer. **Bloom Youth** are now leading tours of the farm they were first setting foot on two months ago. At the same time, our **Volunteer for Veggies** program is

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Throughout the community, our summer programs are making food **more accessible, more affordable, and more fun.**

**All of this, because of you.** You moved the dial. You refused to stand idly by. You supported change and together, we've made a difference. Thank you for your remarkable commitment.

With your continued support, we can grow this momentum. **Our summer fundraiser is in full swing and your investment will go twice as far with a generous matching gift of \$25,000!**

[Please consider making a gift to feed more families.](#)

With Gratitude,

Jeanne Liston, executive director

FROM THE FIELD



Bloom Community Farm, in peak season, is something to behold. Not only is it alive with broccoli, carrots, zucchini, peppers, peas, beets, and greens, it's alive with an array of community members tending the grounds. People of all ages, experiences, backgrounds, and neighborhoods work side by side, shovel by shovel, making our community a better place for all people.

The following programs from the field have been wildly popular and impactful. [Click here to give to continue to grow these programs.](#)

BLOOM YOUTH PROJECT



2016 Donor Impact Report

LOCAL GROUP AND BUSINESS SUPPORT



Thanks to the following for your support in June!

Grants

Blaine Senior Services Fund in the Idaho Community Foundation  
\$3,600

Businesses

Donahue McNamara Steel LLC  
\$5,000

Mahoney's Bar and Grill & Friends of Mahoney's  
\$1,000

In Kind

Chartwells

Clearwater Landscaping

Five Bee Hives

Frontier Flowers



[Bloom Youth Project interns' Mobile Market](#) is officially open for business! The interns, who have been managing food production at [Bloom Community Farm](#), turned their harvest into a business for social good.

The Mobile Market sells deeply discounted Bloom produce in vulnerable neighborhoods each week. In the process, the interns have learned hands on skills they can use in the future, all the while giving back to our community.

Megan Schooley, garden & youth education supervisor, said, "The interns exude pride in their work. They're proud to share the stories behind the produce they're selling, how they grew and harvested the food themselves, and share in the excitement of fresh, affordable fruits and veggies with their customers."

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.

#### VOLUNTEER FOR VEGGIES

[Art Carlson & Radiant Foil](#)

[The Gold Mine Thrift Store](#)

[Higher Ground](#)

[Kearsarge Lodge Antiques & Co](#)

[Ketchum Kitchens](#)

[Tadasana Structural Integration](#)

[Wood River Middle School](#)

[Yellow Belly Ice Cream](#)

#### SUMMER FUNDRAISER



The Hunger Coalition Summer Fundraiser is an opportunity to raise over \$25,000 for our neighbors in need!

With a \$25,000 matching donation, your gift will go twice as far and impact twice as many lives.

[Click here to make a gift and transform lives.](#)

FRESH BUCKS  
STRETCH AT



[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 with a share of produce fresh out of the ground.

In its first month, over 80 people have volunteered at the farm!

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

CELEBRATE THE FARM WITH US!

# FRESH BUCKS

Once again, the Wood River Farmers' 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.



Join us for a growing season open house at Bloom Community farm. We'll celebrate with with tours, good company, and light refreshments. Hope to see you there!

### SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM



Our summer food program encompasses Lunch in the Park, Bloom Truck, and Sack Lunches. This summer, we are already feeding a record number of children, surpassing last year's total number of kids served through our Summer Food Program in the first two weeks!

#### LUNCH IN THE PARK

Our star Lunch in the Park interns, Sierra Schuckert and Monica Hurtado have served 799 meals to 69 kids in our first month, which is 56% more lunches than last year!

To help make lunch extra fun and educational, local partners have been joining us at Balmoral Playfield to facilitate activities for the children. Recent activities

Rafe Lapham of Kearsarge Lodge Antiques, helped build our greenhouse so our community can enjoy tomatoes, peppers, and basil, and to give us a jump on the growing season! Thank you, Kearsarge Lodge Antiques!

### 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 though 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.

have included recycling with the Environmental  
Recycling Center, bike repairs with Sturtevant's  
Emergent Hotel Bike Team, making clay bugs  
with Boulder Mountain Clayworks, building sand  
castles and painting rocks with Hailey Public  
Library, and nutrition education with 4-H and the  
Dreamers.

### BLOOM TRUCK

Bloom Truck is a partnership between The Hunger  
Coalition and The Community Library. Through the  
Bloom Truck, 166 kids have been fed 662 meals,  
a 15% increase from last year. Children are  
starting to recognize the Bloom Truck not only for its  
healthy lunches, but also as an opportunity to  
continue reading through the summer.

Recently, in response to a Bloom poster, a little girl  
said to her dad, "daddy, it's the Bloom truck that came  
to read to us at our school! Can we go, please?!" This  
is the type of excitement we are seeing from kids over  
the past few weeks. They ride their bikes after us,  
run up to us and can't wait to see what our  
partners' activities are for the day or what lunch  
we have prepared for them. Thank you to everyone  
who makes this program possible.

### SACK LUNCHES

And with Sack Lunches, we've dished up another 200  
lunches to seven different camps and groups!

### PARTNER'S CORNER: UI EXTENSION 4-H, BLAINE COUNTY



This month, we honor our incredible partner, UI  
Extension 4-H, Blaine County!

The UI Extension 4-H is running a program to build  
resiliency in young people and using Bloom  
Community Farm and The Hope Garden as its  
canvas. Each week they work with The Dreamers  
and Blaine County Recreation District to teach  
nutrition education with fun lessons like making

## CLEANING WITH MEANING



If you find yourself with  
an over abundance  
of fruits and  
vegetables in your  
orchard or garden,  
consider giving some  
of your harvest to  
The Hunger  
Coalition.

Our wonderful  
Volunteers will even  
glean for you! Click  
here for more  
information.

### SAVE THE DATE: HARVEST PARTY



September 13, 2017  
Bloom Community  
Farm

Join us as we reflect  
on a momentous  
season, celebrate  
the achievements of  
Bloom Youth Project  
interns, and party  
down to great music,  
food, and drink.

Call 208-788-0121  
for details.

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Thank you, UI Extension 4-H for all you do to empower local youth.

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