



Fighting hunger, feeding hope.



THC Newsletter
August 2017



Dear <<First Name>>,



Change looks different from person to person. We all share the capacity to hurt, hope, and heal, but in very different ways, influenced by our vastly different experiences.

Your support of The Hunger Coalition has influenced change in countless ways. Here are five powerful examples of how your generosity is positively

impacting lives this summer.

1. [Bloom Youth Project intern](#), Savannah, has gone from the self-proclaimed worst kid in the world, to a confident, ambitious teen, working toward a bright future as a preschool teacher.
2. [Volunteer for Veggies participant](#), Cindy, used to rely on canned corn and potatoes as the few

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vegetables she could afford to feed her family. Now her dinner table is filled with a bright parade of produce she harvested from Bloom Community Farm.

3. Gabriel was a standoffish eight year old who didn't trust new adults. In time, he warmed up to the staff at [Bloom Truck](#), and now enjoys healthy lunches and reading each week.

4. Without transportation of his own, local senior, Richard, struggled to get to the grocery store, much less afford produce when there. The Bloom Youth run Mobile Market brings deeply discounted veggies right to his neighborhood so he can regularly enjoy his favorites: radishes and Chinese cabbage.

5. Bloom Youth Project Intern, Maryanna feels stronger and healthier since she started her internship. She now shares what she's learned about gardening, cooking, and budgeting with her family so they can grow together.

Thank you for all you do to support people in our community like Savannah, Cindy, Gabriel, Richard, and Maryanna. Please join us to celebrate all you've helped accomplish at our [farm appreciation party](#) Wednesday, September 13!

With Gratitude,

Jeanne Liston, executive director

FARM APPRECIATION PARTY



Community support made a colossal difference this year for Bloom and The Hunger Coalition. Join us to celebrate our collective accomplishments and honor the progress of [Bloom Youth Project Interns](#), whose personal growth is soaring alongside the green rows of [Bloom Community Farm](#). Everyone's invited!

Enjoy harvest-fresh bites! Drinks! Farm tours! Music!

2016 Donor Impact
Report



LOCAL GROUP AND
BUSINESS SUPPORT



Thanks to the following
for your support in
July!

Grants

Good Works
Institute Inc.
\$15,000
in support of the
[Backpack Program](#)

[RBC Wealth
Management](#)
\$2,000
in support of [Bloom
Youth Project](#)

[WOW Students](#)
\$10,000
partially in support of
[Bloom Community
Farm](#)

Wednesday, September 13 | 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Where:

Bloom Community Farm
South end of Quigley Farm, Hailey entry/access via
Fox Acres Road, just past high school football field

Please RSVP by Tuesday, September 5 to
info@thehungercoalition.org or 208-788-0121.
Hope to see you there!

FROM THE FIELD



photo by Charlotta Harris

We've harvested a ton of food this summer - literally over 2,000 lbs, or one ton, of fresh fruits and veggies have filled the shelves of our food bank, been sold at deeply discounted rates to vulnerable neighbors through our mobile market, enhanced kids' summer meals, and gone home with [Volunteer for Veggies](#) participants. Between our staff farm team, Bloom Youth, community partners, and over 125 local volunteers, this mammoth harvest has truly been a community effort. Thanks to everyone who's had a hand in growing this summer!

BLOOM YOUTH PROJECT

[WRWF Members Fund](#)

\$3250

[Waddell Fine Art](#)

\$500

[Ketchum/SV Rotary](#)

\$2500

[Alki Lumber Company](#)

\$500

[Queen's Crown Ranch](#)

\$500

[In Kind](#)

[Hailey Coffee Company](#)

[KB's Burrito](#)

[Lion's Club](#)

[Mahoney's Bar and Grill](#)

[Metropolitan Bigwood
Cinemas](#)

[Sun Valley Elkhorn
Association](#)

[Wiseguy Pizza Pie](#)

[Yellow Belly Ice Cream](#)

THANK YOU FOR
RAISING \$50,000!



[With a matching gift,](#)
[this summer, you](#)
[helped raise \\$50,000](#)
[to invest in the growth](#)



Nowadays, the remarkable growth of [Bloom Youth Project](#) interns is especially evident in the farm tours they lead. After an evening of leading donors, volunteers, and community members around the farm at our open house party, one intern, Peter said, "I didn't even realize how much I'd learned until I was giving someone a tour. I thought, Wow! I really know what I'm doing."

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

Our deepest thanks for providing hope, health, and happiness for all people in Blaine County.

We can't wait to share all that you continue to make possible.

DINNER WITH THE LOCAL FOOD ALLIANCE



On Friday, September 15, pull up a chair next to the Local Food Alliance for a meal to remember!

A celebration of the harvest and the farmers that provide it, this event brings our valley a long-awaited "elevated" experience of farm to table at Kraay's Market & Garden in Bellevue.

Purchase tickets [here](#) or visit LFA's homepage for dinner in the field!

HARVESTFEST



To date, over 125 volunteers have worked in The Hope Garden and [Bloom Community Farm](#) in exchange for a share of fresh produce to take home and dish up. Most recently, shares included mixed salad greens, arugula, summer squash, basil, cilantro, tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots, beets, chard, green onions, broccoli, and spinach.

Naomi Spence, associate director, said "Our first summer of [Volunteer for Veggies](#) has been a beautiful coming together of locals from all walks of life, connecting over the fun and fulfillment of planting and harvesting good food."

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

SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM



Our Summer Food Program makes summers bright for



After an amazing meal in the field, check out the Wood River Valley Harvestfest the following day and sample the best food and drink our community has to offer. For more information, visit Wood River Valley Harvestfest.

THANKS FOR COMING!



Last month, we invited the community to tour the farm grounds in peak season at the Bloom Farm Open House Party.

It was a truly lovely evening that gave Bloom Youth Project interns an opportunity to share their tremendous growth with the

local children with a healthy mix of food, fun, and learning. [Lunch in the Park and Bloom Truck](#). Thanks to a great array of partnerships with local organizations, our summer food program has given children memorable, formative experiences they might not have access to otherwise.

In June and July, over 3,252 lunches were served and we premiered a signature treat: pineapple, carrot, and zucchini muffins with veggies from Bloom Community Farm. The muffins were very well received, despite being deceptively healthy.

[Virtual reality with Paul Zimmerman](#) was another exciting, new treat. Children traveled to Mars and back without ever leaving Hailey, and reported their adventures were out of this world. Thank you, Paul!



PARTNER'S CORNER: WOOD RIVER FARMERS' MARKET



greater community. Thank you to everyone who joined us. [Check out photos from the evening here.](#)

Hope to see you again at our [farm appreciation party](#) on September 13 for more food, fun, music, tours, and good company.

GLEANNING 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.](#)

ABOVE THE HOPE GARDEN

Big thanks to the Hailey Fire Department for these beautiful aerial drone photos of The Hope Garden.

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Past Issues

tip our hats to Wood River Farmers' Market, who ensures our community has access to the freshest, finest local fare each summer.

Every year, the Wood River Farmers' Markets and The Hunger Coalition team up to make possible FRESH BUCKS - DOUBLE UP BUCKS where recipients' SNAP/Food Stamp dollars are matched (up to \$20 per week) so they can receive double the tokens to spend at the market.

Help support the Wood River Farmers' Market by telling this survey how much you dig it! It's quick, easy, and could make a big difference.

Thank you, Wood River Farmers' Market for all you do to give everyone in our community the opportunity to eat well and support local growers.



For more photos from high in the the sky, click [here](#).



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