



Fighting hunger, feeding hope.



THC Newsletter  
September 2017



Dear <<First Name>>,



While many hands make light work, many hearts make the difference. It takes a lot of heart to redefine food security in Blaine County, but fortunately, this community's no slouch.

That's why tomorrow, with wonder and awe, we honor the many people who address the challenges of hunger in Blaine County at our [Farm](#)

[Appreciation Party](#).

Your support has made a tremendous difference this year in the lives of our neighbors.

We invite you, the strong-hearted, community-minded, stop-at-nothing-to-do-the-right-thing people of Blaine County to celebrate your accomplishments. The party is tomorrow evening, Wednesday, September 13 at [Bloom Community Farm](#).

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...and enjoy the music of Andrew Sheppard, light, harvest fresh fare, drinks, and farm tours led by Bloom Youth Project interns, whose personal growth is soaring alongside the green rows of the farm.

Special thanks to [D.L. Evans Bank](#) for making the evening possible. Hope to see you there!

With Gratitude,  
Jeanne Liston, executive director

### FARM APPRECIATION PARTY



When:  
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

Made possible by [D.L. Evans Bank](#)

Please email or call with questions to [info@thehungercoalition.org](mailto:info@thehungercoalition.org) or 208-788-0121.

### FROM THE FIELD



photo by Karen Bossick

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### 2016 DONOR IMPACT REPORT



### LOCAL GROUP AND BUSINESS SUPPORT



Thanks to the following for your support in August!

#### Businesses

[D.L. Evans Bank](#)  
in support of the Farm Appreciation Party  
\$2,000

#### In Kind

[Catering Rights Northwest](#)

[Clearwater Landscaping](#)

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The high yielding, feel good acre of Bloom Community Farm has been making headlines lately - particularly, our [volunteer for veggies](#) program.

In case you missed them, here are three great articles by our friends at Idaho Mountain Express, Eye on Sun Valley, and The Weekly Sun.

[A farm is in full 'Bloom' near Hailey - by Mark Dee, Idaho Mountain Express](#)

[There's more blooming at Bloom Community Farm than meets the eye - Karen Bossick, Eye on Sun Valley](#)

[Volunteer for Veggies \(page 6\) by Dana DuGan, The Weekly Sun](#)

Volunteer for Veggies participants are partly to thank for this season's healthy harvest, totaling over 4,300 lbs between Bloom Community Farm and The Hope Garden. Thanks to everyone who's made these impressive yields possible!

Please note, there are new Volunteer for Veggies hours for September and October - [Click here for current volunteer hours.](#)

### BLOOM YOUTH PROJECT

### BLOOM FOOD TRUCK AND LIBRARY



Breaking News from Bloom: This fall, we will launch the Bloom Food Truck and Library in another impactful partnership with [The Community Library](#).

From the Bloom Truck, we'll sell scratch-made meals at discounted prices and The Library will check out books in English and Spanish to families at Balmoral Play Field in Woodside. Stay tuned for more and a big thanks to the [City of Hailey](#) for its support!



SNACK PACKS ARE BACK



photo by Shanti LaRue

Bloom Youth Project interns can whip up gourmet meals 30 feet from where they harvested their ingredients. They can make ice cream outside in 90 degree heat. They've been farmers, entrepreneurs, and master chefs all in one day. We're waiting to see if there's anything they can't do - but won't hold our breath.

Last month, the interns and Sharon Dohse, client resource and education supervisor, devised a friendly Iron Chef competition to demonstrate their farm-fresh cooking and teamwork skills. What resulted was something to behold. They made roasted root vegetable pot stickers, vegetable curry, chili-sweet corn ice cream (winner - most creative), salad with corn, tomato, and herbs, rice pudding with berries and much, much, more.

Thank you Sun Valley Company Chefs, Hal Jardine and Steve Van Zelfden for mentoring the chefs-in-training, and judges Sarah Barnett Seppa, Wendy Little, and Sierra Schuckert and the one and only Sharon Dohse for making it all happen.

Bloom Youth Project is funded in part by the Wood River Women's Foundation.



Snack Packs provide the nutrition students need to learn, grow and exercise! Volunteer to deliver to a school every Thursday morning and make a big difference in the lives of local children!

Email Rachel or call 208-788-0121 for more information.

## 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.



And just like that - our summer food program is a wrap, but what a summer it was! Thanks to community support, [Bloom Truck](#) and [Lunch in the Park](#) fed a record number of children this summer! We're thrilled to share Bloom traveled 2,322 miles to serve 2,271 lunches to 166 children and checked out 1,938 books from [The Community Library](#) (more below). Meanwhile, Lunch in the Park & Camp sack lunches served 2,669 lunches to 110 children.

Thank you to everyone who made this record year possible and special shout out to the THC Summer Food Program team - Monica Hurtado, Sierra Schuckert, Krista Felton, Megan Schooley, Gus O'Neill, Rachel Shinn, and all of our wonderful volunteers - nice work, everybody!

The Summer Food Program was generously funded by the Nancy Eccles & Homer M. Hayward Family Foundation.



## HARVESTFEST



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. Purchase tickets here: [Wood River Valley Harvestfest](#).

## 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!



This month, we turn the page to our powerhouse partnership with [The Community Library](#), who makes [Bloom Truck](#) come alive with adventures in reading. They too reported record numbers of books checked out this summer to local children who might not otherwise have access to a library card.

In eleven weeks, The Community Library checked out 1,938 books with an average of 9.6 books per child and joined us in collaborating with seventeen other local partners. They traveled 2,322 miles with us and we're thrilled to travel many more together. Thank you to The Community Library for sharing the wheel of this extraordinarily impactful community partnership!

#### A FOND BOARD FAREWELL & WELCOME

We send a big thank you to Cyndi Ochoa for her many years of service on the Board and wish her much success in her new role at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center. Cyndi brought a valuable perspective to the Board that will truly be missed.



This month we're thrilled to welcome [Linda Edwards](#) to [The Hunger Coalition's Board of Directors](#). Linda brings a wealth of experience, talent, and

#### QUIGLEY FIRE NO MATCH FOR LOCAL FIRE CREWS



We express our deepest gratitude for the firefighters who put out a fire neighboring Bloom Community Farm with tubs of fresh produce, of course! Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you, Wood River Fire and Rescue + Hailey Fire Department for your quick, heroic response.

#### TSA CARES



Thank you to the [Friedman Memorial Airport's TSAs](#) who have so far collected 81 pounds of food in their "Feds Feed Families" Food Drive! They continue to collect more and more food in hopes of triumphing over their sister airports in Idaho. Thank you SUN- TSA for helping support our

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neighbors in a great  
many ways.

compassion to the team.

Since moving to the valley, Linda has done work for the Idaho State Bar, been involved in several of the local non-profit organizations and been a strong supporter of The Hunger Coalition. [Click here](#) to read more.

Thank you, Cyndi and Linda, for your commitment to helping advance food security in our community!

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