



Fighting hunger, feeding hope.



THC Newsletter  
November 2017



Dear <<First Name>>,



In a small community, **we are uniquely connected to each other**. The trouble with being closely connected is you may know someone who is facing unthinkable obstacles.

Roughly **1 in 3 Blaine County** locals have a hard time putting good food on the table. These are people you see every day who serve you coffee, cut your hair, teach your kids, even keep you safe from fires who quietly struggle to feed their families.

With your help, this can change. The beauty of a small town is that your gift of good food can transform the lives of those who touch your own life every day.

Our new **2017 Donor Impact Report** illustrates the profound impact your gifts have on local people and the future of food security in Blaine County.

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This time of year there is so much to be thankful for and so many opportunities to give back. If you haven't already, we hope you will consider the gift of good food. [Right now you can double your donation through our year-end appeal and support programs that will forever transform the landscape of food security in Blaine County.](#)

Thank you for your generosity and enjoy the holiday season!

With Gratitude,

Jeanne Liston, executive director

THE HUNGER COALITION YEAR END APPEAL



[Give to make our community ties stronger and ensure everyone in Blaine County has a seat at the table.](#)

Generous donors have offered to match any gift up to \$20,000 to double your impact and feed twice as many people this season.

AN ALL NEW DONOR IMPACT REPORT



2017 DONOR IMPACT REPORT



LOCAL SUPPORT



Thanks to the following for your support in October!

Grants

[St. Luke's Wood River](#)  
\$1,500  
for our [Infant Formula Initiative](#)

Businesses

[Dang's Thai Cuisine](#)  
\$500

[RBC Wealth Management](#)  
\$530  
in honor of Julie Steinman's volunteer hours

In-Kind Gifts

[Christy A. McPherson, CPA](#)

[Clear Creek Disposal](#)

**DONOR SPOTLIGHT: JULIE STIENMEN & RBC WEALTH MANAGEMENT**



Julie Steinman (pictured right) gives back to The Hunger Coalition in every way imaginable. She volunteers at our [food pantry](#) each week, helping walk people through the grocery line and supporting them with a bright smile and a warm heart.

Above and beyond her volunteer work, she teams with her employer [RBC Wealth Management](#) to generate funds for good food through their employee matching gifts program.

Julie explained her giving experience in conjunction with RBC, "Annually, I give to The Hunger Coalition and to the [Missoula Food Bank](#) in memory of our daughter and RBC is gracious enough to match these cash donations. I also make an annual gift to each of these organizations and fulfill my forty hour per year volunteer commitment so that I can maximize RBC's volunteer grant to The Hunger Coalition. The Hunger Coalition also applies for the foundation grants which I am happy to support."

Thank you, Julie and RBC Wealth Management! Your commitment to giving back is deeply inspiring and we're honored you choose to advance food-security in Blaine County.

Check to see if your employer has an Employee Matching Gifts Program to support your favorite organization this season!

**FROM THE FIELD**

[Nicholas & Company](#)

[River's Edge Orchard](#)

[The Sawtooth Hotel](#)

[Wiederrick's Custom Metalworks](#)

[Wood River Farmers' Markets](#)

[Wood River YMCA](#)

**THANKSGIVING BASKETS**



To help share the spirit of the season, consider making a gift to provide a holiday meal for a local family in need.

Your gift of \$35 feeds a family of four and a gift of \$50 feeds a family of five or more.

[Click here](#) to give a local family a happy holiday.





As Bloom Community Farm goes into hibernation for the winter, we reflect fondly on a momentous second season and look forward to all that lies ahead.

What started as a humble acre of weeds and dirt evolved into a high-yielding community space that produced a total of 7,270 pounds of fresh, local produce that was shared with our community. Combined with The Hope Garden, our growing spaces produced over 8,000 pounds of harvest this year!

Meanwhile, these spaces were the canvas for two powerful new programs that launched this summer: Bloom Youth Project and Volunteer for Veggies.



Bloom Youth celebrate Halloween while tying up Bloom Farm

By the Numbers:

A total of 229 individuals volunteered for veggies at The Hope Garden and Bloom Community Farm for the 2017 season, harvesting 8,670 pounds of produce. Eight brilliant Bloom Youth Interns sold fresh, affordable produce to a total of 345 mobile market and food truck customers.

Those very eight interns graduated from the program in a bittersweet ceremony at the farm last month.



Save the Date:  
Friday, November 24  
4-6 p.m.  
Sun Valley Art Galleries

The Sun Valley Gallery Association is kindly hosting a giving walk next Friday. Tour local art galleries and bring non-perishable food items to donate or make a monetary donation that evening. Thank you, Sun Valley Gallery Association for putting on such a lovely evening of art and generosity!

IDAHO NONPROFIT  
CENTER HONOR



We are grateful to be an honoree for the Idaho Nonprofit Center's Southwest Idaho Philanthropy Day in the Nonprofit Collaboration category alongside some of our favorite local partners, Boulder Mountain Clayworks, Camp Rainbow Gold, City of Ketchum, The

Thank you, Bloom Youth for your hard work, curiosity, compassion, and leadership. We can't wait to see what a difference you make in the world!



And finally, thank you to every single person who had a hand in making 2017 an outstanding growing season. To the volunteers, the friends of the farm, the youth interns, the students, the staff, and the visitors who helped cultivate this valuable community space. Till next time!



COOKING MATTERS®



In collaboration with the Idaho Food Bank and generously supported by St. Luke's Wood River Foundation, our Cooking Matters® classes provide hands on cooking and nutrition lessons for a variety of students. The latest class is at Silver Creek High School with nine juniors and seniors.

Thank you Idaho Non-Profit Center for all you do to support the good work of Idaho Nonprofits.

GIVE BACK AT ALBERTSONS



Our local Albertsons Market is making it easy to make life easier on our neighbors this Thanksgiving.

Next time you're grocery shopping, you can make a donation at check-out that will be directly invested in Thanksgiving meals for local families in need.

Thank you, Albertsons Market for ensuring everyone in our community has a happy holiday this year!

FOOD DRIVES



We would like to thank

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Sharon Dohse, Cooking Matters® Educator, said of the class, "The students have a lot on their plate, yet they made it to each class, were kind, respectful, participated and devoured everything we made. The vegetarian chili was the biggest hit."

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everyone who helped bring more food through our doors with October Food Drives.

The Community School

The Sage School

Wood River Middle School

If you would like to organize a food drive to help local families this holiday season, please contact Noel at 208-788-0121 or email her here.

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