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Dear <<First Name>> ,



It's always an honor to tell you about the impact you're making. And after a year like this, there's a lot to tell. But I'm even more excited to show you a beautiful example of the radical growth our community made possible this year.

[Bloom Youth Project](#) forever changed the lives of local teens who forever changed the lives of their neighbors.

Their stories haven't always been easy, but their resilience is profound. [Please watch the accomplishments of Bloom Youth Graduates: Ciera, Savannah, Tania, Diego, Maryanna, Matt, Peter, and Blade.](#)

In this season that sparkles and shines with gratitude and good cheer, I'm especially grateful for the traction of an equitable food movement in Blaine

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we still have a long way to go to redress food security in our community, but this year laid the groundwork for something extraordinary.

Your gifts power the movement and ensure everyone in Blaine County has a seat at the table. Please consider giving the gift of good food this holiday season.

Wishing you and yours a very merry holiday.

With Gratitude,

Jeanne Liston, executive director

*photo courtesy of [Sun Valley Magazine](#)

BLOOM YOUTH (VIDEO) PROJECT



Bloom Youth Project interns grew by leaps and bounds over the course of the seven month internship. They tell their stories here in a moving feature by [Dark 2Light Productions](#) and starring interns Ciera, Savannah, Tania, Diego, Maryanna, Matt, Peter, and Blade and their dynamic leader, Megan Schooley.

If you're adverse to strong feelings of joy and hope for the future, proceed with caution.

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.

\$5,955 LEFT ON THE WAY TO \$40,000!

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2017 DONOR IMPACT REPORT



LOCAL GROUP AND BUSINESS SUPPORT



Thanks to the following for your support in November!

Grants

[Idaho Food Bank Fund](#)
\$5,000
in support of the [Backpack Program](#)

Businesses

[Country Cousins](#)
\$500

[Lost River Outfitters](#)
\$650

In-Kind

[Albertsons](#)

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The [gift of good food](#) for a local family provides more warmth than a new scarf, more quality time than a new watch, and more cheer than a glass of egg nog. Give the gift of good food on behalf of a loved one this season to share joy and good will throughout our community.

[Donate online here](#) or call 208-788-0121 to give the gift of good food and ensure everyone in Blaine County has a seat at the table. We will send a holiday card to the person you're giving the gift in honor of to announce your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Through December 31, [any gift you make is matched dollar for dollar](#) up to \$20,000 to double your impact and feed twice as many families this season.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS REWIND



On Monday, November 20 (and the days leading up to), [local businesses, organizations, individuals, and families](#) came together for the greater good: to ensure every family in need had a warm, full

FOOD DRIVES



We would like to thank everyone who helped bring more food through our doors with November Food Drives.

[Community School](#)

[Wood River Middle School Dramatic Arts](#)

[Sage School](#)

[Sun Valley Company](#)

[POWER Engineers](#)

[Rocky Mountain Hardware](#)

[Sotheby's Real Estate](#)

[Pioneer Federal](#)

[Big Wood School](#)

If you would like to organize a food drive to help local families this holiday season, please contact Noel at 208-

Locals donated food, funds, and their time to make this important day possible. [We are thankful for everyone involved with more photos and a full list of thank yous here.](#)

PARTNER'S CORNER: KETCHUM KITCHENS

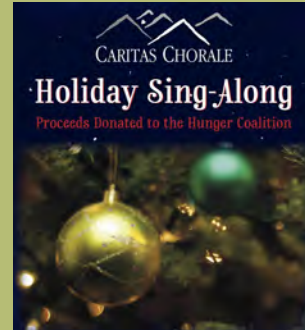


This month, we celebrate our exciting new partnership with Ketchum Kitchens. The owners, John Melin and Monica Williams are committed to giving everyone in Blaine County the resources to create and enjoy wholesome meals.

For instance, tomorrow, December 9 the business will donate 10% of proceeds raised during their renovation celebration to The Hunger Coalition! Please check out their beautifully renovated space, shop around, and give back to the community in one fell swoop. Thank you and congrats to, Ketchum Kitchens! We look forward to all that's in store.

INFANT FORMULA INITIATIVE HIGHLIGHT

CARITAS CHORALE SING-A-LONG



Caritas Chorale will be hosting their annual Sing-a-Long at St. Thomas Episcopal Church on Sunday, December 10th at 5pm.

Proceeds from this event will again benefit The Hunger Coalition!

HOLIDAY LUMINARIES



Are you hosting a holiday party? Light up your walkway with beautiful holiday luminaries to benefit The Hunger Coalition!

Once again Lee Dabney has kindly organized a Holiday Luminary Celebration. The luminaries will be available for purchase for \$1 each this



The Hunger Coalition's [Infant Formula Initiative](#) enhances the [Women, Infants, and Children \(WIC\)](#) program by providing supplementary infant formula to babies for the first 12 months of their lives. With the [generous support of The Papoose Club](#) and [St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center](#), we've grown the quality of the program to accommodate babies with unique dietary needs. Hundreds of local families have been supported by the program since its inception in 2005. Recently, local mother, Sharon and her baby, Olive, who was born prematurely, found comfort in the initiative.

Without resources or maternity leave, Sharon had to go back to work just weeks after Olive was born. At the same time, Olive's pediatrician suggested Sharon invest in a costly kind of formula developed to help pre-mature babies overcome their health challenges.

Feeling entirely overwhelmed, Sharon reached out to The Hunger Coalition for help. Empowered by The Papoose Club and St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center, we were able to provide Sharon and Olive three cans of Enriched Nutrition Formula for babies born prematurely. Thank you to everyone who makes this essential program possible and ensures we can support every mother and baby who comes through our doors.

Luminaries may be purchased directly from Lee Dabney in Hailey. Contact Lee at (208) 578-0861, or pick them up directly at 620 Kintail Dr. in the Northridge subdivision in Hailey. The luminaries are on the front porch, using the honor system. All proceeds from the luminaries will benefit The Hunger Coalition.

Luminaries will be lit in neighborhoods across the Wood River Valley on Sunday, December 24th.

SAVE THE DATE: EMPTY BOWLS



Save the date for the 8th annual Empty Bowls event Sunday, January 14, 2018 to enjoy great food and great art on behalf of The Hunger Coalition, [Boulder Mountain Clayworks](#) and [Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood](#).

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