



COMMUNITY
FOOD BASKET
IDAHO FALLS



The Executive Director's Report

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1. Current Issues

1.1 June, July 2020 numbers:

- 1.2.1. At the Community Food Basket, we served:
 - JUNE** – 1,927 families (1,000 new families)
 - JULY** – 1,996 families (214 brand new families)
- 1.2.2. At the Soup Kitchen:
 - JUNE** – 3,575 meals (329 children)
 - JULY** – 3,522 meals (280 children)

1.2 July, August Happenings

1.2.1 Grants and Funding Received

- 1.2.1.1 Albertsons - \$30,000 (distribution center flooring)
- 1.2.1.2 Walmart - \$5,000
- 1.2.1.3 CHC Emergency Funding - \$10,000 (food purchase)
- 1.2.1.4 CDBG - \$7,800 pallet wrap machine for warehouse

1.2.2 East Idaho Diaper Bank Alliance

- 1.2.2.1 Community Food Basket has joined the East Idaho Diaper Bank as an official partner meaning we can continue to give out diapers regularly

1.2.3 USDA CFAP (Coronavirus Food Assistance Program)

- 1.2.3.1 CFB is still receiving 400 boxes weekly, 200 fresh produce boxes, 200 dairy, meat, produce boxes. Each box weighs 25lbs. That is 50lbs of food per family for up to 200 families per week (our average). This program will continue through December.
- 1.2.3.2 No restrictions to these boxes. We share any extra with other agencies.

1.2.4 1,000 Family Food Distribution

- 1.2.4.1 Friday, August 21, 2020 @ vacant Sear's building parking lot located at the Grand Teton Mall moving forward.
- 1.2.4.2 We have partnered with the Idaho Food Bank to distribute 2,000 USDA CFAP boxes to anyone who needs from 4pm-6pm the 3rd Friday of every month until December.

1.2.5 LA Foods

- 1.2.5.1 We invited other food agencies to participate in a large food purchase from LA Foods. 6 agencies participated: CFB, Soup Kitchen, Salvation Army, Rigby Giving Cupboard, Blackfoot Community Dinner Table, Shelley-Firth Food Bank
- 1.2.5.2 All of the agencies who made orders have paid in full. After receiving the \$10,000 CHC grant, CFB purchased \$13,386 from this distributor in July.

1.2.6 Broulims

- 1.2.6.1 CFB purchased an additional \$9,000 in needed staple food items from Broulims in July

1.2.7 Costco

- 1.2.7.1 We have begun to go to Costco 4 days a week for Food Rescue. Amounts similar to Sam's Club. This is the first week and we are still trying to figure out the best way to incorporate this pick up into our normal food rescue schedule.

1.3 Upcoming

1.3.1 Volunteers- We are seeing a deep decline in returning volunteers. We are serving twice as many families with much fewer available volunteers. This virus has caused mayhem. We have reached out to the community several times and while we do often get temporary help for 1 or 2 days, we are not seeing any new long term volunteers. This has meant that our staff has been stretched very thin often working multiple days of 12+ hours to make sure that food distribution can occur for those in need.

We are asking all of our beloved board members to reach out to their congregations, friends, neighbors to help us replace lost volunteers. Could you stick something in your bulletins? Post on your websites? We are continuing with the drive thru model until further notice. As anyone who has been by the distribution center knows, it takes 12-14 people to run these distributions effectively, especially with the added bonus of very hot temperatures.

1.3.2 New Thursday Hours- Beginning on Thursday, September 3, 2020, we will be adjusting the distribution hours at the Food Basket to better address the needs of those working 9-5pm work schedules. Pastor Gina Herman has helped us assemble a team of 10 people who are interested in these later afternoon distributions. We still need a few more to make this happen. We will be sending out an email to those interested exploring the timing options (5-6pm, 5:30-6:30, etc.)

We will only be adjusting the Thursday hours with the rest of the week, M, Tues, Wed, Fri, taking place from 4pm-5pm. This will be a trial run to see if the need is genuinely there.