



2018 Helena Food Share Annual Report

When the doors to Helena Food Share open to a line of customers, we welcome neighbors facing the realities of hunger. The reality is the young man who came into the Lewis Street pantry during his lunch break. He admitted, "I haven't eaten anything in two days." It's the young couple with five kids who found themselves suddenly without income due to a job loss who said, "we don't know what we would do without Helena Food Share until we are back on our feet." Or, the child found taking extra food from the school cafeteria so he and his siblings would have food on weekends. The realities are seniors living on fixed, limited incomes who cannot afford fresh food. The realities are often families surprised by emergencies or unexpected medical costs.

Thankfully, because of your generosity and that of our wonderful community, together we put food on tables when the reality is hunger.

Our mission calls us to provide food with dignity and respect. Unfortunately, in 2018 the number of households served and the number of individuals getting food assistance from Helena Food Share increased about 3.5% over 2017. Sadly, this number has never been higher, and we have a tough fight.

As indicated by the statistical highlights on the second page of this annual report, it takes a lot of food, friends and financial support to meet this need and to ensure no one in our community goes hungry. It could not be done without you. In 2018 your compassion put food into hands and hope into hearts.

Gratefully,

Bruce Day
Executive Director



Volunteers from First Interstate Bank set up fresh vegetables this summer in the Farm Stand.



Smiles at the Helena Food Share Pantry thanks to the Rotary birthday bag. It has cake mix, candles & party plates.



You donated generously to the Turkey Challenge & 2,285 holiday meals were distributed. SoFi crew pictured here.



Using the Charlie Cart, volunteers teach healthy cooking classes to customers at Helena Food Share.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

Your Annual Update by the Numbers

39,754

Kid Packs were distributed to children at risk of going hungry on the weekend

28,936

Grocery Share services provided

8,744

individuals were served in 4,034 different households

4,744

volunteers donated 22,962 hours — the equivalent to 11 full-time employees



37,426

pounds of fresh produce donated by local gardeners

74,408

total food assistance services provided

2,190

Senior Commodity food boxes distributed to low income senior citizens

1,667,972

pounds of food shared from Helena Food Share

2,285

holiday meals were distributed for Thanksgiving & Christmas

950,841

pounds of food rescued from, and donated by, local grocery stores

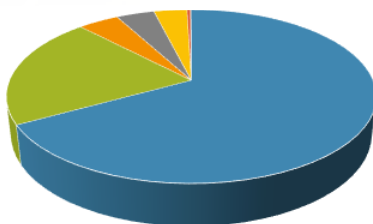
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Emergency Snack Packs were given to individuals with immediate food needs

CREATING A HUNGER-FREE COMMUNITY

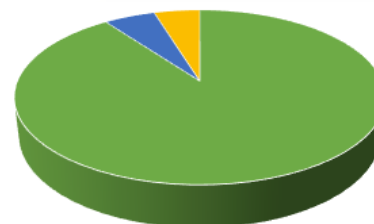
2018 Revenue & Expenses

2018 Revenue



Food Donations \$2,358,524	Individual Donations \$736,599
Businesses \$149,804	Community & Church Groups \$140,052
Foundations \$121,949	Federal & State Grants \$12,533
Investment/Other \$3,467	
Total Revenue: \$3,522,928	

2018 Expenses



Food Assistance \$3,076,928
Communications & Fundraising \$182,879
Administrative \$163,075
Total Expenses: \$3,422,882