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**Board Update:**  
**Farewell & Welcome**  
 With great appreciation for her 8 years of service, we wish a fond farewell to long-time Board Director Tammy Plubell. Outside of her service with Helena Food Share, Tammy is currently a Bureau Chief for Montana's Department of Justice. Thank you, Tammy; we will miss you!

We welcome incoming Board Director David Lechner, M.D. who is the Chief Medical Officer for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana. David begins his term as Director for Helena Food Share this month.

## Our Mission

Serving our neighbors in need by providing food in a respectful and dignified way and by working with others to eliminate hunger in the greater Helena area.

# 2021 Report to Our Community

## Dear Friends,

The year 2020 will be one we remember for the rest of our lives. As we readily share stories of our stay-at-home times, shortages of critical food and supplies, and how our work and classrooms changed, we will pause to remember those most affected by the pandemic.



At Helena Food Share, we implemented grab and go grocery carts at our pantries' front doors and modified schedules. Our focus continues to be on ensuring access to healthful, nutritious food for all who need it while providing a safe environment for our customers, staff and volunteers. With everyone's can-do spirit, we continue serving all those in need of food. Feedback from our customers has helped us navigate these uncharted waters.

The pandemic has also called attention to increased food insecurity nationwide, which will likely continue for some time after a new normal begins to take shape. Our work in the months and years ahead is to address this challenge, and we know we can do it with your ongoing support. Your generosity continues to inspire us. Your gifts to Helena Food Share are helping feed people who are hungry now and are an investment in creating a hunger-free community in an uncertain future. Thank you!

Wishing you good health in the year ahead,

**Bruce Day**  
Executive Director



“Great organization that is keeping our community fed!! The volunteers are amazing and greatly appreciated!”  
—Samantha

“U don't go hungry in Helena”  
—Deanna

## 2020 By the Numbers

To address important Covid-19 social distancing measures, we adjusted how we distributed food. We limited the numbers of volunteers and their hours, and new food sources like Farmers to Families boxes arrived as part of the CARES Act.

Here are highlights made possible in 2020 because people like you, throughout our community, made adjustments and renewed commitments to helping erase hunger in Helena.

### Food Assistance (number of services provided)

Grocery Share Services – <b>22,459</b>
Farmers to Families Food Boxes – <b>22,195</b>
Kid Packs – <b>39,130</b>
Emergency Snack Packs – <b>1,360</b>
Senior Commodity Boxes – <b>1,755</b>
Holiday Meal Share – <b>2,246</b>
<b>Total Assistance (all food programs) – 89,425</b>

### People Served

Unique Individuals – <b>7,357*</b>
Unique Households – <b>3,860*</b>
Holiday Meals – <b>7,928</b>
Seniors served by Farmers Market Program – <b>280</b>

\*Does not include holiday meals or Farmers to Families.

### Amount of Food (in lbs.)

Food rescued/donated by grocery stores – <b>951,048</b>
Fresh produce donated by local gardeners – <b>27,532</b>
Food shared through Farmers to Families – <b>554,875</b>
<b>Total food shared (all services) – 2,680,043</b>

### Volunteer Support

Volunteer shifts – <b>3,955</b>
Volunteer hours – <b>14,809</b>



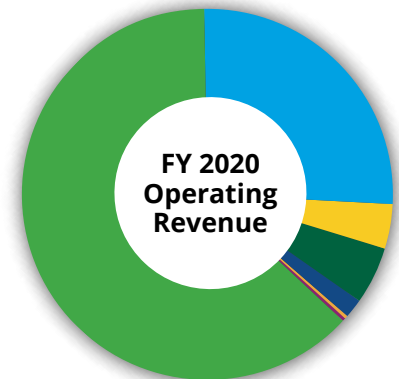
Curbside pick-up was incorporated for holiday meal distribution.

## 2020 Financials

### Operating Revenue

- **\$3,349,284**  
Food Donations | 63%
- **\$1,409,450**  
Individuals | 26%
- **\$215,084**  
Businesses | 4%
- **\$274,890**  
Foundations & Grants | 5%
- **\$86,770**  
Community & Church | 1.5%
- **\$13,500**  
Federal & State Grants | 0.3%
- **10,422**  
Other Income | 0.2%

**\$5,359,400 Total Revenue**



“Great people doing great things for the community”  
—Brandon

### Operating Expenses

- **\$4,168,449**  
Food Assistance Programs & Services | 90%
- **\$273,999**  
Communications & Fundraising | 6%
- **\$209,376**  
Administration | 4%

**\$4,651,824 Total Expenses**

