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OUR MISSION

Teton Valley Food Pantry provides emergency food assistance to residents of **Teton Valley (including** Teton County, Idaho and Alta, Wyoming). Our goal is to end hunger in our valley. We want every person who lives with food insecurity to have healthy food available. We partner with organizations, churches, businesses and individuals to collect and distribute food to those in need.

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SUCCESSES

- Sue Heffron joined TVFP as Pantry Administrator in March 2020.
- Promptly moved food collection system from one dependent on food drives to ordering all food directly through the Idaho Food Bank, Broulims, Family Dollar and US Foods, in order to comply with COVID-19 guidance.
- Teton Valley Food Pantry was there when participation in our food distributions increased 300% in 2020!

333

New Households First Time Clients in 2020

WHO WE SERVED







Children 0-18 yrs. 3,151

Adults 19-59 yrs. 3346

Seniors 60+yrs. 598

INCREDIBLE VOLUNTEERS

As a volunteer-based organization, the Teton Valley Food Pantry (TVFP), is reliant on the donation of time, funding and resources.

In 2020, TVFP Volunteers (which include working board members) donated an average of 200 hours monthly to help feed neighbors who needed us!

LOCALLY **DONATED FOOD**



29,372 lbs

THANKS TO YOU The Hungry Were Fed in Teton Valley in 2020

In Kind Donations were AMAZING!

460 Bread **Bustle Creek Giving Farm Knotty Pine Supper Club Butter Cafe Kate's Real Food Dennie Arnold Farms of Felt Clawson's Greens Full Circle Cosmic Apple Gardens Snowdrift Farm** Crowfoot I Ranch & Meats Warbirds **Knights of Columbus Dusty Hounds Farm Heather Lodeiro David Lowry Royal Wolf Barrels and Bins Purely By Chance Lucey Electric** Forage **Standard Plumbing/True Value Grow-A-Row** Idaho Diaper Bank **Victor Valley Market** West Side Yard **Fall River Electric Cooperative Teton Valley Boost Don Betts** Yostmark **Broulims Family Dollar Teton Valley GS Troop #71 Teton Valley Scout Troop #185 Community Resource Center of Teton Valley Chobani Yogurt of Twin Falls** Joy Sawyer-Mulligan **Kathleen Plourde US Bank Kotler Ice Arena Big Hole Bagel & Bistro Alpine Air Coffee Roasting** Yeti's Post **Mountain Acedemy of Teton Science Schools**

Friends of Teton Valley Food Pantry,

We live in a unique community where we are surrounded by world renown mountains, wildlife and natural phenomena; yet we have a population with a significant disparity in financial assets – aka the "ALICE" syndrome (Asset Limited - Income Constrained – Employed). A significant percentage of residents live marginally above the poverty line – they do not qualify for any form of assistance yet the cost of housing, health care, food and other basic needs leave them barely surviving with no financial reserve. An illness, unexpected auto repair, high utilities and any emergency results in financial distress.

When the COVID-19 pandemic began to impact our community, many households were left with no income, no resources, closed schools and life as we knew it changed dramatically.We are still recovering from the pandemic...while we have hope, the future still has many uncertainties.

The response from our community to assist those in need was unprecedented; we received so many donations we finally determined there was no way to acknowledge everyone in our "simple" annual report. Wow - what a problem! The donations of food, time and funding kept us going – physically, emotionally and most importantly, by allowing us to obtain enough food to feed community members in need of assistance weekly. Everyone received quality food in sufficient quantities to help provide food security based on their choices and needs.

We thank everyone for your gifts of time, of food, supplies and for the monetary donations that helped us bridge the financial gap for families who had to choose between food and other basic needs. We were able to provide nutritious food choices to everyone who sought assistance; we continue to help those in recovery and those who still live on the edge of poverty – both now and in the future.

Thank you for your continued support.

Elaine Moehring TVFP Board Chair

Thank you to the countless community members who donate anonymously.

