



In our last newsletter, we told you about many of the changes that have been happening at the Food Bank. Now that The Market is open, customers have a comfortable lobby to greet them and almost twice as much shopping space to pick out their food. Our staff have offices again, and our volunteers have a break room and safe space in the warehouse to do their work.

We are all thrilled with our new expansion. Another thing that's changed is the number of new families showing up every week. So far this year we've added more than 150 new families to our service list- 150 families who found themselves needing help for the very first time. That's a staggering number.

These new customers (and all our previous ones) are excited to be able to shop, free of charge, in our beautiful Market. But we've noticed in the short time we've been open how much more food it takes to keep our shelves full. And of course, that means more money spent to purchase all that food. That's where you come in! It's time to GiveBIG for your hungry neighbors!

It's simple this year- just donate, either online or via check, anytime! GiveBIG is May 7-8, but your donation dollars will help feed these families whenever they arrive, so no need to wait! Thank you for always GivingBIG for the Food Bank, and for helping make sure no person goes hungry in our community!

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HELLO *Retirement*

The time has come, a time that we have been dreading... Kristi is retiring at the end of this month. She started with us in October of 2020 as a volunteer. She helped us navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic, making sure our community received food without interruption. Not long after, she became a vital staff member as our Warehouse Manager. She quickly rehauled our warehouse and implemented an inventory system. Volunteers love working with her in her music-filled environment. We love walking into the warehouse to find people laughing and singing while they do their work. She is going to be missed.

We know she has been looking forward to this day for awhile now. We are excited for her new journey, and wish her all the best. We see a lot of fun adventures for her high on the mountain tops, and skimming the water down below.

As a nod to her, staff and volunteers recently had an afternoon out and painted a new mural for our Market. Now Kristi will always be with us and as we look at this mural, we can envision what she may be doing.

Thank you, Kristi for your years of service.



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



**Drive one Saturday a month?
Help customers with their shopping?
Pack weekend bags for kids?
Re-package bulk food?**

**If interested, please email:
Jen@svfoodbank.org. Or call: 360-794-7959**



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

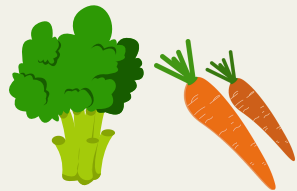
Bill and Linda have been married for 52 years and have lived in Gold Bar on the Skykomish River for 50 of those years. They decided to volunteer together after Bill retired from general contracting and Linda retired from working in the schools. They enjoy the outdoors, reading, and spending time with their kids and grandkids.



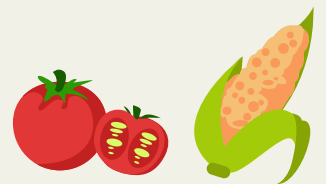
They have been volunteering with us for nearly eight years as our Home Delivery Team. In 2023 they delivered food to nearly 700 homebound seniors' doorsteps. They enjoy working with other volunteers and staff here at our food bank, meeting many diverse clients on their route, and hearing their stories. It brings them joy to be greeted by thankful faces, happy to be receiving their food box.

They continue to be committed to supporting those in the Sky Valley Communities. Thank you, Bill and Linda!

Linda & Bill



Garden Season



Fresh fruits and veggies are good for a healthy heart. We strive to have nutritious options for the families that walk through our doors. If you have extra produce from your home garden, please think of us!



Your donation could provide for:

- \$60 - Weekend food bags for children.
- \$120 - Milk & eggs for our homebound seniors.
- \$250 - Fresh produce for the Market.
- \$Other _____

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