

The Market Newsletter

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Weekend Snack Pack Program

For 14 remarkable years, your unwavering support has fueled the success of our Weekend Snack Pack Program, empowering us to address the growing need for nourishment among our students. Last school year alone, we delivered nearly 10,000 bags to five local schools, providing a vital lifeline for those children in need.

Our program relies on the kindness and professionalism of school counselors and staff who identify the children in need, and distribute these bags, ensuring that every child receives the support they deserve.

Each bag is carefully curated with foods that kids enjoy and are easy to prepare, including breakfast items, lunch options, and snacks including fruit cups and milk.

As we look to the future, we invite you to join us in making a meaningful difference by donating today. Details on how to contribute can be found on the back page of this newsletter.



50th Anniversary Celebration



2026 marks our 50th anniversary of serving our community. We are currently in the planning stages of a fun and fabulous celebration. Further details will be shared in the coming months. We are looking forward to a groovy event!



A message from Matthew

One of the many things I love about working at the SVFB is the staff I get to work with every day. We're a small, but mighty team!

Jen was already here when I began and if you've met Jen, you can't forget her. She spearheads the Weekend Snack Pack Program and our Index Mobile, does the newsletter layout, schedules appointments, recruits volunteers, manages the driver schedule and so much more. Jen has been here for 10 years and I can't imagine a day without her.

Owen is our Warehouse Assistant and with his youth comes energy, enthusiasm and a great attitude. And while he is off to new adventures soon, we will always be thankful for his time here.

Lisa helps us out every Monday morning doing data entry. It's not a glamorous task but vital! She also volunteers during distribution during the week and she's a good influence on all of us.

Angie is our Warehouse Lead and in her year and a half here, she has made a lasting impact. She's always smiling, laughing with our volunteers and ensuring our customers have access to the food they need. A warehouse/food bank isn't an easy place to work, but Angie runs it like a Rock Star-and we're incredibly thankful to have her as a part of the team.

And then there's Carla! Carla has been here for 20 years-first as a volunteer and the past 18 as our Administrative Director. Carla handles all our financials and reporting. Not one day have I had to worry about if reports/financials are going to be done well and on time. She also handles our donor relations and creates time to connect with every donor and make them all feel like a part of our family. Carla does incredible work and is the most stable force at the food bank.

Which leads me to this. After 20 years, Carla is retiring! While we will miss her tremendously, she has more than earned this and her reward is spending even more time with her grandkids. Who could blame her for that! Carla will be with us for the next several months as we make the transition to life without her.

Carla, thank you for your steadfast and heartfelt leadership. We will miss you and we are so incredibly thankful for you.



Volunteer Spotlight: Debbi & Jim

Debbi and Jim have been shining stars in our volunteer family for a year now. Early on, they lent their helping hands by driving one day a week, supporting our grocery rescue route - a testament to their dedication and strength. This vital task requires stamina, determination, and a willingness to go the extra mile. What started as a once a week commitment blossomed into three, as they selflessly give their time and energy to our community. You can find them seamlessly integrating into every task, with positivity and kindness. From distribution to shelving, packaging bulk items to meticulously cleaning our walk-in cooler, they embody the true spirit of service. We feel profoundly grateful to have Debbi and Jim on our team. May their inspiring example ignite a spark in others, and may their rockstar dedication continue to uplift us all for years to come. They are indeed a precious asset to our community and our Market!



See Ya Later Boys

We're not exactly thrilled about this time of year when our summer interns head back to college, mainly because they're the ones who do all the heavy lifting around here, literally. Daily errands, covering volunteer shifts while our volunteers are off soaking up the sun, and making us laugh so hard our sides ache. This place gets a little duller without them.

Connor, our Biology and Chemistry whiz, is off to his junior year at the University of Jamestown in North Dakota, where he'll continue to knock it out of the park for the Jamestown Jimmy's baseball team on scholarship. We're rooting for him to have a successful year.

Meanwhile, Caden, our sports superstar, is gearing up for his senior year at Boise State University, where he'll collect his Bachelor's Degree of Science in Kinesiology and Physical Education. With his impressive soccer and indoor soccer skills, and newfound love for golf, we're confident he'll tee off as a PE teacher, coach, or athletic director. Here's to wishing him a senior year that's par-fect.

Diaper Drive Round Up

Thanks to your generosity, we're making a difference in the lives of local families. As we continue to support them with food assistance, your contributions to our diaper drive are helping alleviate another critical burden. By providing diapers, we're empowering these families to focus on building a brighter future, free from the stress of basic needs going unmet. Your support is putting smiles on the faces of babies in our community, and we're honored to have you as part of our mission.



National Night Out

National Night Out is an annual community-building initiative that takes place on the first Tuesday in August, engaging communities across the United States and Canada. The event seeks to fortify relationships between neighbors and law enforcement, improve community safety, and promote a sense of community. Board members Mark and Micky, volunteer Melissa, and staff Angie and Jen engaged with children by playing Plinko and distributing candy. Appreciation is extended to all who visited our booth.



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Your donation can provide easy-to-prepare foods for:

- \$32 - one child for a month.
- \$160 - 20 children for a week.
- \$320 - one child for the school year.
- \$1600 - 200 children for a week.
- Other _____

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