

2013-2014 FY ANNUAL REPORT



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PROGRAM OF  HRDC



Our Mission is to improve food security throughout Southwest Montana.

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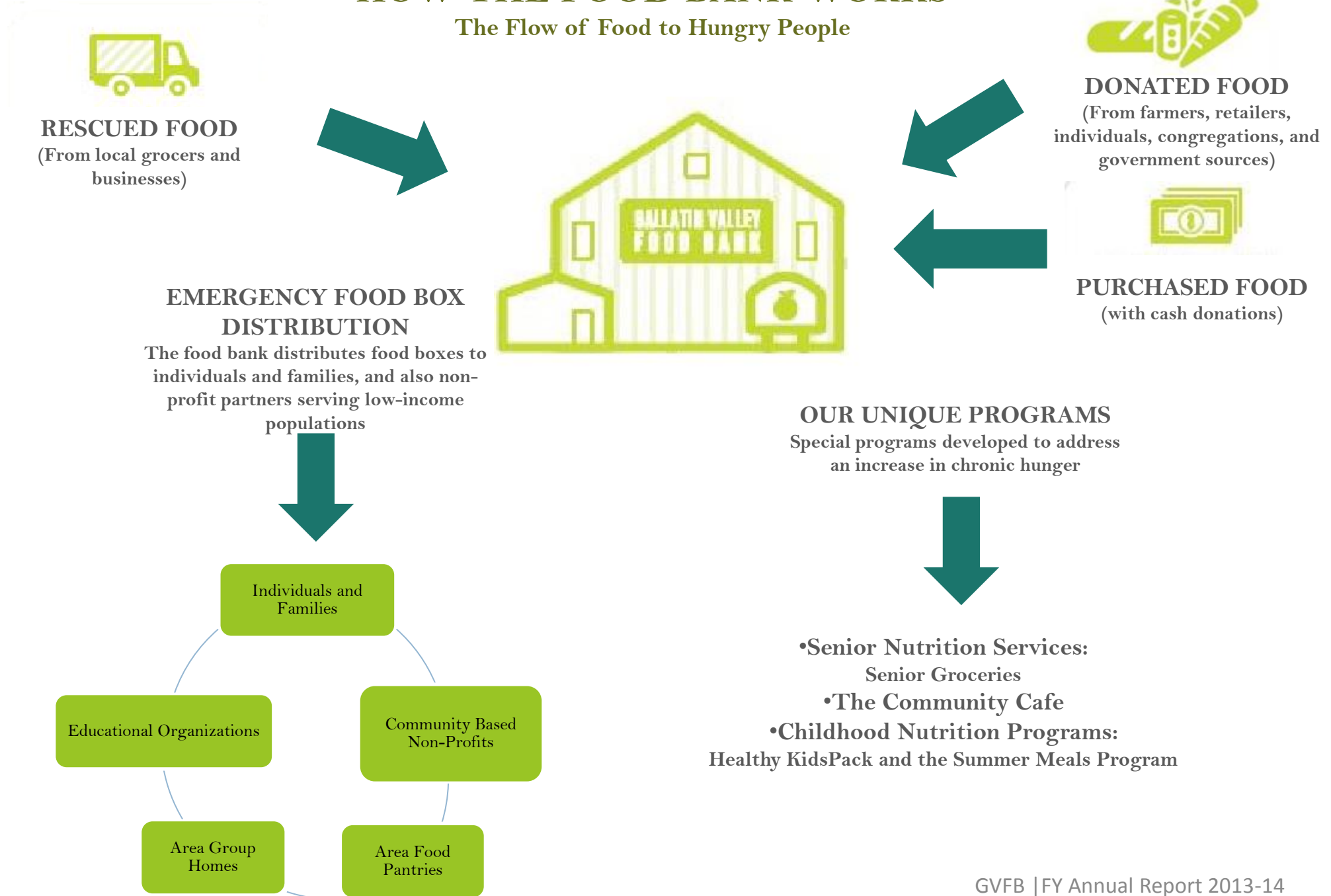
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Volunteer's are vital to our daily operation, during this last fiscal year 2013-2014, we had the help of 448 regular volunteers and 1,250 special project volunteers. Together we are working toward a food secure community! Thank you!

HOW THE FOOD BANK WORKS

The Flow of Food to Hungry People



HOW WE MEET THE NEED

The Gallatin Valley Food Bank is a food resource center for **Southwest Montana**. The Gallatin Valley Food Bank serves an average **1,205 households (roughly 2,745 individuals)** a **month** through the Emergency Food Box Program alone at our **Bozeman** location and our **satellite service** in **Belgrade**. An average of **5,402 pounds (2.7 tons)** of food are distributed to families **every day**. During the 2013-14 fiscal year the Gallatin Valley Food Bank distributed **1,984,521.9 pounds** of food. Out of the total, **455,668 pounds** of food went to other area programs, the Community Café, CSFP and KidsPack. All this took an **extraordinary** effort by **hundreds** of **volunteers** and **dedicated staff**.



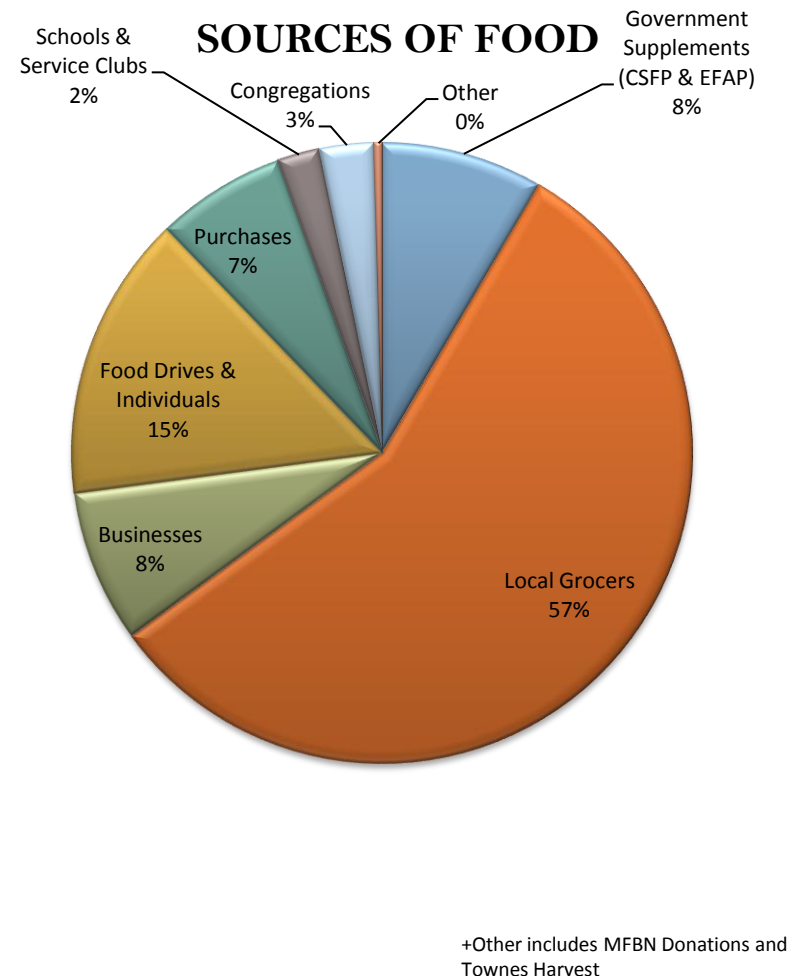
The Food Bank's warehouse acts as the distribution site for area non-profits ordering foods from the USDA or Montana Food Bank Network. Large quantity food donations received are shared with area non-profits and low-income housing sites throughout the Gallatin Valley.

FOOD RESCUE

Every day Gallatin Valley Food Bank “rescues” soon-to-be expired foods from a wide range of area food retailers. Food is then redistributed to people in need. In 2013-2014, this program rescued **1,036,017** pounds of food from area grocery stores alone. Food rescue accounts for over half of the food bank’s incoming food.



WHERE DOES THE FOOD COME FROM?



INTAKE AND OUTREACH



When people come to the food bank we often find that they need more than just food. Through **the intake process**, we provide information regarding services that are commonly needed: **emergency shelter (the Warming Center); emergency food and other nutritional programs (the Community Café); housing, affordable housing, homeownership education**, down payment assistance, foreclosure prevention counseling; home **heating emergencies** and **heat bill assistance (LIEAP)**; early childhood care and education (including **Head Start**); **services for seniors** (transportation, food, and home care); and youth centered services (education and employment assistance). Many of these programs are through **HRDC**, but we also refer many customers to community resources outside of HRDC's umbrella, such as:



- Community Health Partners (CHP)
- Salvation Army
- Gallatin Mental Health Center
- Office of Public Assistance
- Gallatin County Health Department
- Bozeman Job Service
- Love Inc

OUR PROGRAMS

We address issues of hunger and food insecurity through our unique programs and we strive to increase knowledge and awareness about hunger and food insecurity in our community.



Emergency Food Box Program
Senior Nutrition Services
The Community Café
Childhood Nutrition Programs

Food insecurity impacts people from **all walks of life**. We reach them all—from working families to senior citizens.

EMERGENCY FOOD BOX PROGRAM



The Gallatin Valley Food Bank Shelves

The Emergency Food Box Program may be accessed **once every 30 days** and is meant to be approximately a 5 day supply of food. The Gallatin Valley Food Bank uses a **Customer Choice Model** for the food box program. Households are given a shopping list based on the size of their household and a nutritionally balanced diet. Customers move through the store choosing the items they will use within the shopping list limits. In the 2013-2014 fiscal year the **Gallatin Valley Food Bank** and our satellite site in **Belgrade** distributed **14,460** food boxes. During this same period, the **Headwaters Area Food Bank** and the **Big Sky Community Food Bank** provided **1,418** food boxes to families in need.

SENIOR NUTRITION SERVICES

We provide supplemental **nutritional services** for **adults 60 and greater**. Every month, **volunteers** pack and deliver **groceries** to **area seniors** with the intention of **supplementing** the household's grocery budget. We are currently providing extra food for **355 seniors per month** in Gallatin, Park, and Madison Counties. Items included are **non-perishable staples** such as: canned proteins, cheese, fruits and vegetables, juice, grains, and cereals. Age and income guidelines do apply.



A volunteer group packs Senior Groceries. Volunteers are essential to our operation!



The Gallatin Valley Food Bank also helps operate the **Community Café**, which offers **free, nutritious** meals **7 days a week**. During the fiscal year 2013-14, the Community Café provided **42,157 meals** to **27,092** customers, out of this total, **4,052** were **children** and **3,731** were **seniors**. In addition to the evening meals, the Café also prepares lunch for LaMotte School and also serves as a hub for our **Childhood Nutrition Programs**.

THE COMMUNITY CAFÉ



Located at 302 North 7th Avenue!
www.cafebozeman.org

CHILDHOOD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Our **Childhood Nutrition Programs** aim to end **childhood hunger** by providing nutritious foods to children when they need it most. The **Healthy KidsPack Program** strives to **increase food security** for area children by providing **nutritionally balanced**, kid-friendly foods over the **weekends** during the school year when access to food may be challenging for them and their families. During the **2013-14** school year the KidsPack program **reached an average of 750 kids every Friday** serving areas as far as Boulder, Twin Bridges, and Ennis, Montana. **25,809** total KidsPacks were distributed during the **2013-14** school year! Weekends are not the only difficult time for families, during the **summer**, meeting the **nutritional needs** of children can be hard for families who count on meals provided during the school year. Our **Summer Meals Program** helps fill this gap for families by providing **free meals and activities** at local parks. The **Summer Meals Program** provided breakfast at 3 sites, lunch at 6 sites, and supper at 1 site, serving a total of **10,898** meals to children.

One Million Ways youth group packs KidsPack for area children.



Summer Lunch being served to children at local parks.



⁺ Summer Lunch numbers are from June-August 2013

SATELLITE SITES

The Gallatin Valley Food Bank has three satellite sites to help **address issues of hunger and food insecurity**. The **Headwaters Area Food Bank** in Three Forks. The **Big Sky Community Food Bank** in Big Sky, and on **Saturdays**, emergency food assistance is offered in **Belgrade** at **Living Waters Methodist Church**. These sites are designed to more efficiently and effectively meet the emergency food needs of residents residing in rural areas.



**Sarah Gaither, Big Sky Food Bank
Coordinator**
47995 Gallatin Road
Big Sky, MT 59716
(406) 995-3088
**Food Distribution Hours: Tuesday 3pm-
7pm & Friday 11am- 3pm**



**Tracy Zindler, Headwaters Area Food
Bank Coordinator**
12 East Cedar Street
Three Forks, MT 59752
(406) 285-3559
**Food Distribution Hours: Monday 1pm-
4pm & Thursday 3pm-7pm**

HOW CAN I HELP THE FOOD BANK?

You can help by donating food, time or money.

The Gallatin Valley Food Bank relies on the local community to help achieve our mission. Visit our websites www.gallatinvalleyfoodbank.org or www.cafebozeman.org for more ways to donate.



DONATE FOOD

We rely on your donations to help families and individuals. Host a food drive, or grow some produce for us. We happily accept the donation of fruits, vegetables, fresh herbs or any other foods.



DONATE TIME

Volunteers are vital to fighting hunger. Our volunteers are the backbone of our efforts, during the last fiscal year our volunteers contributed **16,035 hours**. This saved the Food Bank **\$125,871.77!**



DONATE MONEY

We use monetary donations to supplement food drive donations. You can donate money or purchase meals. Donating online is easy! Visit our websites (listed above) for more details.