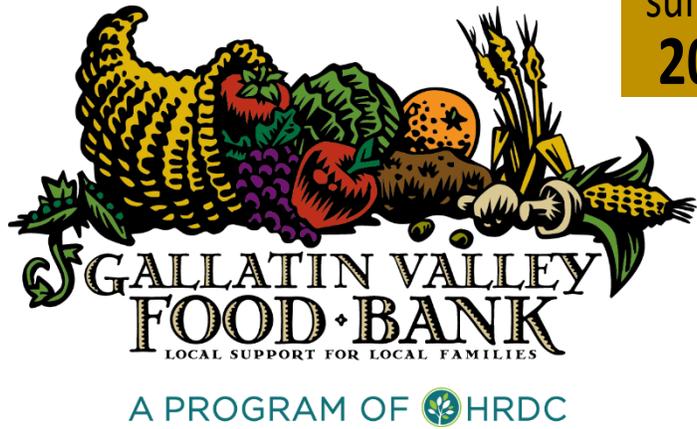


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GVFB Wish List

High-Priority

- Rice
- Dried Beans
- Cereal
- Pantry Staples (Flour, Sugar, Cooking Oil)

Other

- Diapers Size 4, 5, and 6
- Baby Wipes

Food Assistance Hours:

Monday-Friday, 1:00-4:00

Office Hours & Donations:

Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-5:00 pm

What's New and Exciting?

How GVFB pivoted our service delivery to meet people where they are—if there is one thing we learned throughout the pandemic, it's that not all challenges are created equal.

Since last year, our home delivery program has seen a steady uptick in service requests. In the beginning, many of these requests came from our Health Department to provide groceries to families and individuals in quarantine. Overtime we started to see more requests from our homebound customers and folks with transportation barriers. Take for example, one of our customers Josh*, Josh is in a wheelchair and faced many challenges before the pandemic but was able to meet his food needs by wheeling up 7th to Fork & Spoon a few nights a week and an in-home aid helped him round out the week by preparing meals he could reheat later. When the pandemic hit, Josh hunkered down and was no longer comfortable making trips to Fork & Spoon. He also struggled to get someone to help him prepare meals.

A relative reached out and asked if we could bring him meals more frequently to make up for this loss of resources. Josh now gets meals delivered weekly from Fork & Spoon by a GVFB staff and in his monthly food box, we increased his prepared meals to bridge the gap. Transportation barriers have been another reason our deliveries have been on the rise, some of our families only have one vehicle and often it is in use by the person in the workforce, leaving families isolated for long hours, especially if they live outside of public transit zones. Overall, deliveries have increased by 30%, while we have limited resources, we are doing our best to increase access to our programs. Stay tuned for the reopening of our store and our Belgrade service.

*customer name has been changed

Volunteer Spotlight >>>

"Tolerance and compassion are qualities of fearless people." — Paulo Coelho

One of the most rewarding and challenging volunteer jobs at GVFB is sitting at the intake desk. It is a job that requires empathy, a deep knowledge of community resources, and the ability to meet people where they are. Our intake volunteers do all that and more. While each have their own style, all are compassionate and go the extra mile for our families. When the pandemic hit, we shifted to the drive-thru and our service navigation took a back seat.

Intake Volunteers

As we get ready to open our store, we are excited to not only welcome back our intake volunteers but also provide our customers with more wrap around services. The intake position is an integral part of our customer service. It allows us to build relationships with our customers and can make referrals to other HRDC programs such as LIEAP or Senior Services. This is something we have missed with the drive thru. We can't wait to see our customers sitting at the intake desk!



Peter Schmidt with GVFB staff during a check presentation

Donor Spotlight:

First Security Bank

has been investing in our community for decades. Their employees are involved as leaders and volunteers in local organizations throughout the area and have given over \$100,000 in gifts and sponsorships to our HRDC programs. Justin Varley serves as the GVFB Advisory Council Chair and heads up the Spring for Food Drive with Myles Pearson and Tyler Wheeler. We are incredibly grateful for all their involvement and financial support that ensures **no one goes to bed hungry!**

Staff Profile >>>

Change is in the air

Summer has arrived and so have some staff changes at GVFB. Join us in welcoming Kate Emmerich and Chloe Loeffelholz to the team! Kate Emmerich is grateful for the opportunity to connect with customers, volunteers, and fellow GVFB staff as the new Volunteer Coordinator. Kate graduated with her master's degree in English and Teaching from the University of Montana and earned a graduate certificate in Native American Studies from Montana State. She is passionate about social justice and nonprofit work. Kate is excited to celebrate her 6th summer in Bozeman with husband Kevin and their three children: Annie (14), Xavier (8), and James (5).

Chloe became our new Outreach Coordinator in May. Her primary responsibilities include overseeing the food bank's outreach and will be serving as the Huffing For Stuffing co-chair when Monica leaves. You can find her assisting with daily warehouse tasks, asking to take pictures of GVFB in action, and assisting our volunteers. She enjoys skiing, hiking, and camping and will take any book recommendations you have for her. Chloe holds a BA in Communication Studies from the University of Montana.



Please introduce yourself and say hello!

Quarterly Calendar of Events for GVFB

This Summer, we have a lot of exciting events! If you want any further information on a specific event or program, feel free to email or call the food bank during operational hours.

	Date	Event	What is it?
July	Monday, July 5 th	Independence Day Closure	GVFB and Summer Lunch sites will be closed today.
	Tuesday, July 6 th 	Garden Workshop: How to Grow a Food Forest	Learn the basics of permaculture and how to successfully grow a food forest with local business owner, Kareen Erbe, of Broken Ground. 5:30 – 7 pm, Story Mill Learning Garden, 600 Bridger Ave
	Friday, July 16 th - Saturday, July 17 th	Three Forks Rodeo Dayz	Check out the Headwaters Area Food Bank Facebook Page (@HeadwatersAreaFoodBank) for up-to-date information.
	Tuesday, July 20 th 	Garden Workshop: Garden for Birds	Come and learn how to build a bird friendly garden and yard with local bird enthusiast and member of the Sacajawea Audubon Society's, Paulette Epple! 5:30 – 7 pm, Story Mill Learning Garden, 600 Bridger Ave
	Monday-Friday all Summer long!	Summer Lunch	HRDC's Summer Meals Program is available all summer long, Monday-Friday at various times around the lunch hour!
August	All Summer long!	Garden Work Parties	Join us in the GVFB Garden or at the Story Mill Learning Garden all-summer long. We will be working on various projects such as weeding, composting, transplanting, and general site maintenance.
	Saturday, August 21 st	The BOAR	The BOAR (Blueprint Obstacle Adventure Race). An inaugural 5K & 1K race to support and spread awareness of youth experiencing homelessness in our community. It is a family-friendly team-oriented event. It will be open to all ability levels, challenge team members to problem-solve and overcome obstacles together.
	Friday, August 27 th	Last Day of Summer Lunch	Stay tuned for a special celebration meal! As summer winds down, our Child Nutrition Programming will transition back into our Healthy KidsPack program for the school year.
September	Monday, September 6 th	Labor Day Closure	GVFB will be closed in observance of Labor Day.
	TBD 	GVFB Volunteer Recognition Party!	Our annual volunteer party is back! We really missed gathering for a celebration last year! Stay tuned for more details.
	The Countdown Begins!	Can the Griz & Huffing For Stuffing	Just two more months until GVFB's favorite time of year. November is a month where our community impact is readily visible. We hope you will get involved in Can the Griz and put on your running or walking shoes for Huffing For Stuffing on Thanksgiving morning!

Food & Nutrition 101

Formerly GVFB 101, we are expanding this section to encompass the broad role HRDC's Food & Nutrition programs have in our community.

Big Sky Community Food Bank	BSCFB is adding 750 sq. ft of space for additional wrap around services such as a computer lab, meeting rooms, and a washer and dryer. Big Sky Community Food Bank is also excited to be providing Summer Lunches for the first time this year. Head up to the Big Sky Farmer's Market to visit the Mighty Spork.
Headwaters Area Food Bank	On April 25, Headwaters Area Food Bank celebrated the first anniversary of their new building. HAFB is doing important work to expand HRDC's Food and Nutrition Services across Southwestern Montana! One example is a mobile delivery service to Clarkson.
Did you we offer our information in multiple languages?	We have a translation service on most of HRDC's websites and most of our common forms are available in Spanish!

Program Highlight >>> Summer Lunch & The Mighty Spork

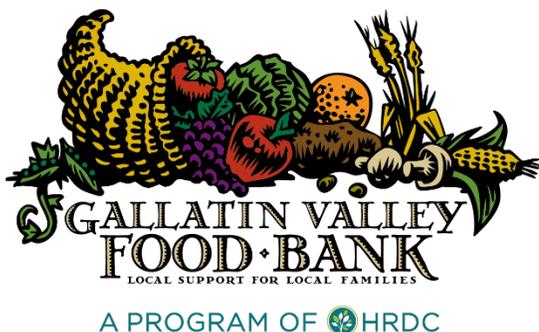
Summer is finally here, and so is HRDC's Summer Lunch! The program serves free breakfast and lunch meals to kids and teens all around Bozeman. We have recently made important improvements to Summer Lunch to increase program equity and reach. Did you know that southwest Montana is home to a small but growing Latino population? This year Summer Lunch began making an explicit effort to serve Latino families in our community. In partnership with trusted community leaders, we developed our newest meal site, Cowdrey Corner,

which brings meals to a location that is accessible to Latino families for the first time. There is still plenty of work we need to do, but we are committed to ensuring that all children in our community, no matter their race or ethnicity, can access the Summer Lunch program. Here is another gap that we are filling: supper! In collaboration with the Fork & Spoon's new food truck—the aptly named Mighty Spork—free suppers are now available to kids and teens in Belgrade. This means that now, in both Bozeman and Belgrade, kids can eat breakfast,



The Mighty Spork in action

lunch, and supper for free all summer long! Learn more about our programs by visiting HRDC's website: thehrdc.org



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