



# Thurston County Food Bank 2015 Report to the Community

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## Our Mission



To eliminate hunger within our community

## Our Philosophy



We believe that the hungry must be fed in an atmosphere of neighbor helping neighbor



### Dear Food Bank Friends,

On behalf of the clients, volunteers, staff and board of directors I want to thank you for your ongoing support of the Thurston County Food Bank.

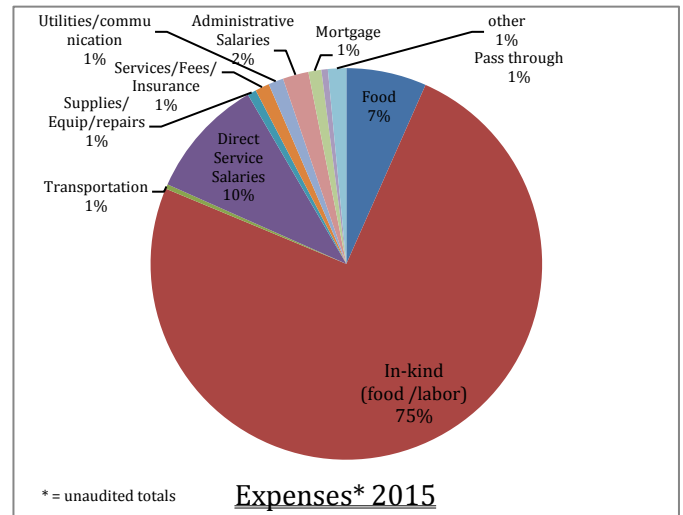
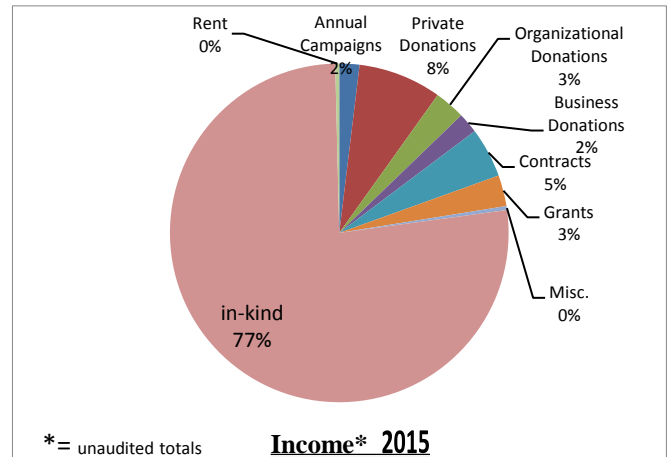
2015 was a year of change for Food Bank operations. These changes result in better services for clients, donors, volunteers, and the overall community. In 2015 we successfully moved most of our storage, freezer, and warehouse operations out of our long-time home in downtown Olympia. This creates more room for clients and make for a more efficient means to help families.

The new warehouse operations, located in the Mottman Industrial area in Tumwater, provides physical capacity to take advantage of bulk purchasing power. Bulk purchasing significantly stretches our important monetary donations. The warehouse also accommodates several popular programs and provides more space for dedicated volunteers and staff.

These changes create a solid foundation to better serve families in our community for years to come and enable us to continue to do so in the spirit of neighbor helping neighbor. With your support as inspiration, the Thurston County Food Bank will continue to grow, evolve, and improve how we serve our community and those in need.

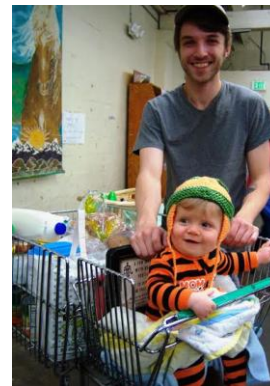
Again, thank you for your support of the Thurston County Food Bank and our mission to eliminate hunger within our community.

- Doug Mah, TCFB Board of Directors



## Summary 2015

I think of the past twelve months as the year of food recovery. Yes it is true we opened the warehouse, yes its true much has changed but the biggest long term shift is our food recovery work. Rescuing food that is good, wholesome and appropriate has been a component of our work for years but in 2015 we took everything we have done before and doubled it. It is hard to grasp just how much food is wasted each year. Food that could help us end hunger in our community.



## 2015 Benchmarks

### Client Distribution

The number of visits in 2015 increased by 6% VS 2014, and has doubled compare to 2010. The number of households using the Food Bank increased by +32%. A total of 2 090 children (+14% vs 2014) received food through the School Weekend Backpack program, providing 64 920 weekend meal bags (+34% vs 2014).

### Combined Fund Drive

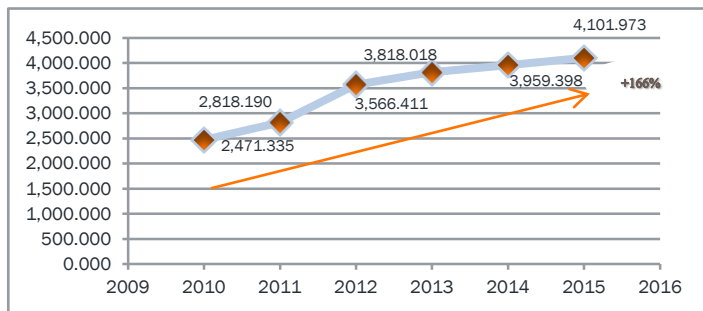
The state of Washington's workplace campaign is the single largest donor to the Food Bank. The pledges and one time gifts to the Food Bank decreased by 7% overall. Following most giving trends, support from workplace campaigns continues to decline.

	2014 CFD	2015 CFD
One Time Donations/Events	\$ 2,690.49	\$ 2,858.00
Recurring Payroll Deductions	\$140,870.26	\$125,373.24
<b>Total Pledges/Raised</b>	<b>\$143,560.75</b>	<b>\$128,231.24</b>

### In-Kind Donations

Donated food encompasses food drives conducted by individuals, public and private businesses, schools. Community collections come in on a regular basis from local churches and neighborhood associations. Additional food comes from grocery distribution centers, local stores, restaurants and school cafeterias.

#### Donated Food



### Rescued Food

Our goal is to enhance the countywide capacity of our food donation system to safely collect, process, store, and distribute surplus edible food so that less food is wasted, fewer people go hungry, and more people have access to healthy food and eat healthfully.

	2014(Lbs)	2015 (Lbs)	%
Distribution Center	152,988	268,322	+75%
Grocery Donations	183,743	185,046	+1%
Grocery Rescue	650,771	703,385	+8%
Restaurant Rescue	53,815	63,668	+18%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1 044.320</b>	<b>1 220.420</b>	<b>+17%</b>

### Federal Foods

In addition to the foods purchased and those donated locally, we distributed 351,268 pounds of Federal Commodities. The types of foods in this program have changed a lot over the years. In 2015 we saw whole grain pasta, raisins, canned salmon and stew, shelf-stable milk along with canned fruits/vegetables.

On average families received 27 pounds each month.

Year	Pounds Distributed	Households	Lbs per Home
2014	457,258	18,800	26 Lbs
2015	351,268	17,389	27Lbs

### Volunteers

Volunteers make it all possible, the numbers below represent an increase of 22% of the hours served compared to the year before. The value of this donated labor is \$602,930.00.

Year	Individuals	Hours Served
2014	7,795	49,466
2015	8,095	60,293
%	+ 4%	+ 22%