Year in Review

Due to the community's ongoing support, the Thurston County Food Bank continues to grow and further its mission. It is truly amazing what the Food Bank has been able to accomplish with the help of committed volunteers, a dedicated staff, and many individual donations. Our core support is from each of you – from those that place food by the mailbox the first Saturday in May, to the many volunteers that help distribute Thanksgiving Meal Boxes each November. We are a community resource made up of neighbors helping neighbors. Thanks for being part of our success.

Highlights in 2007 include the addition of the Commodity Supplemental Food Program. This Federal Program targets seniors and brings cheese back into the emergency food system. What it has really done is increase the number of seniors we serve and created the mobile food bank concept. These enhancements to our programming increases not only the amount of food we provide to needy seniors but furthers our mission of reaching every hungry member of our community.

The Food Bank also started a small pilot project in response to an article in The Olympian. The story talked about the surprisingly large number of homeless children in our community, enough to fill 26 classrooms. This population has always been difficult to serve because of transportation problems and other access barriers. After a short review of best practices, the staff chose to begin a Backpack Program which provides kid friendly food to homeless (and hungry) children for the weekend. The food is available at their school on Friday of each week. The initial success of the program is largely due to the commitment of the North Thurston School District to providing supportive services to its students, and has far outgrown a pilot project.

The Food Bank has a new look and efforts are underway to continue the work and improve our curb appeal. Sidewalks are integral to the next step in developing a safer food bank and one less likely to fall victim to repeat arson.

Internal operations continue to focus on improvements for clients. The client choice model drives many decisions including changes to bag contents, new equipment, even the location of the bread station. The recent client satisfaction survey is a testament to the quality of the staff and volunteers and the commitment of the organization to its stakeholders, although it does bring up new challenges.

Our gratitude to all those who join us in our efforts to feed the hungry.

Robert Coit, TCFB Executive Director
2007 Benchmarks

Client Distribution
The number of families served in 2007 increased by 10% over 2006. The number of visits by individuals to the Food Bank increased by 15% in 2007. A total of 269 children received food through the School Weekend Backpack Program. Of these 210 accessed our services for the first time.

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<td>Jan-Dec</td>
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<td>Jan-Dec</td>
<td>9,409</td>
<td>9,828</td>
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* ="Duplicated" means counted every time they use the TCFB. "Unduplicated" represents unique individuals/families.

Thanksgiving Basket Distribution
The number of Thanksgiving Meal baskets distributed by the Thurston County Food Bank increased by 15% over 2006. Over seven thousand individuals were served in 2007, an increase of 19% over 2006.

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<td>Clients</td>
<td>5,990</td>
<td>7,143</td>
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<td>Families</td>
<td>1,498</td>
<td>1,729</td>
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High School Food Drive
The largest single food drive of the year was severely impacted by shifts in local giving to support flood relief efforts. Both monetary donations and in-kind gifts of food saw sharp declines.

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<td>Total Food Value</td>
<td>$137,034</td>
<td>$118,549</td>
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<td>Monetary Donations</td>
<td>$35,000</td>
<td>$26,549</td>
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Combined Fund Drive
The State of Washington's workplace campaign is the single largest donor to the Food Bank. Total Combined Fund Drive support to the Food Bank declined by 8%. Returning donors through payroll deduction remained steady when compared to 2006. A three year trend reflects a decline of 9%.

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<td>One Time Donations/Events</td>
<td>$12,730</td>
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<td>Recurring Payroll Deduction</td>
<td>$92,623</td>
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<td>Total Pledges/Raised</td>
<td>$105,353</td>
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Summary
The number of families accessing Food Bank services continues to increase. The largest service enhancement this past year is the addition of the Commodity Supplemental Food Program which dramatically increased the amount of food we are able to provide seniors and young children. This program is also responsible for the development of our mobile food bank, which brings our services to senior apartment complexes at six locations.

The number of families that use our services on a regular basis continues to increase. This is reflected in the increasing number of visits. Recent survey results suggest that 20% of clients visit the Food Bank as part of their regular food shopping.

Although the number of hungry households in our community has not increased dramatically, it is clear that more hungry people are using the food bank. This is in part due to our continued outreach to needy families. The success of the satellite and now mobile food bank system has greatly improved the access to food for low income families living in our community.

2007 In-Kind Donations $1,924,300
22% Increase over 2006

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Thurston County Food Bank Core Values

Philosophy: "We believe that the hungry must be fed in an atmosphere of neighbor helping neighbor."

Mission: "It is the mission of the Thurston County Food Bank to eliminate hunger within our community."