



# Thurston County Food Bank

Report to the Community

**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**

## Letter from the President Thank you

Thank you for taking time to review our 2017 Report to the Community. Our mission is to eliminate hunger in our community in the spirit of neighbor helping neighbor. We do this through our Client Services Center, a variety of programs and many satellite locations. The Food Bank relies on community support. In-kind donations of food and volunteer participation are the backbone of our annual budget. Community food drives keep the shelves stocked and volunteers keep the doors open.

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## 2017 Benchmarks 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 3% overall, after a 7% decrease between 2015 and 2016. Following most giving trends, support from workplace campaigns continues to decline.

### Donations through the CFD

| 2016      | 2017      |
|-----------|-----------|
| \$123,997 | \$120,430 |

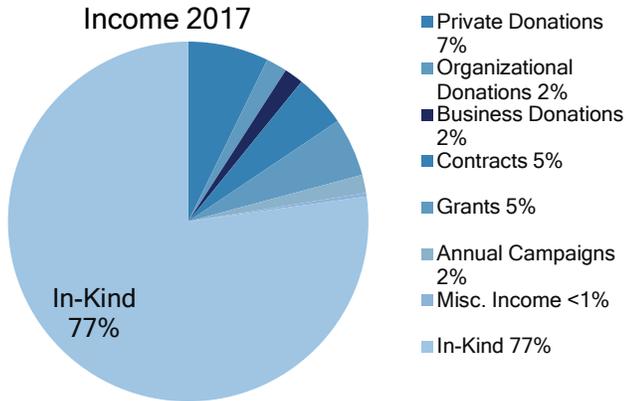
## 2017 Benchmarks Client Distribution

The Food Bank served 15,851 households and 55,626 individuals in 2017, an increase of 2% over 2016. A total of 73,438 food bags were distributed through the ForKids Backpack program. We reached 2,954 more children than over the previous year. ForKids provides food across 6 school districts, 4 Head Start classes and 1 weekend summer program.

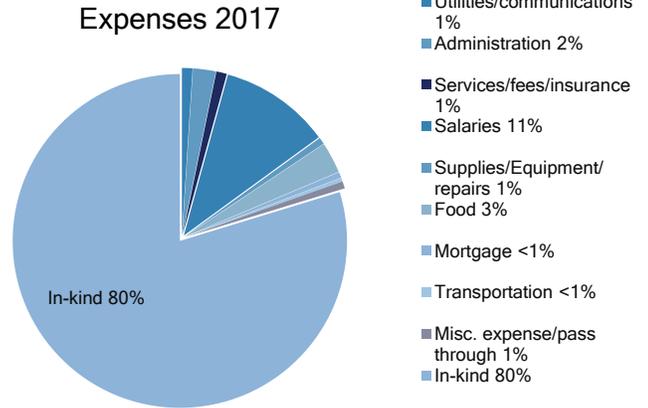


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## Income & Expenses



Unaudited totals



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## Volunteers

Make it all possible. The programs we host, meals we provide, bags we prepare could not happen without the efforts made across this community. We Thank You for your continual support. You are an invaluable asset in fulfilling our mission to feed our neighbors.

| Year | Volunteer Hours Served |
|------|------------------------|
| 2017 | 69,114                 |
| 2016 | 60,293                 |

Where do our volunteers come from across the community?  
EVERYWHERE!

| Type of Volunteers   | Number of Volunteers per Month | Number of Service Hours Annually |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Community Volunteers | 404                            | 53,957                           |
| Board Members        | 14                             | 356                              |
| Community Service    | 7                              | 1,117                            |
| RSVP                 | 34                             | 5,210                            |
| Church Groups        | 60                             | 1,390                            |
| Youth Groups         | 227                            | 7,016                            |

## 2017 Benchmarks continued

### FEDERAL FOODS

|      | Pounds distributed | Households | Lbs per home |
|------|--------------------|------------|--------------|
| 2017 | 470,494            | 15,581     | 29.68        |

In addition to the foods purchased and those donated locally, we distributed 470,494 pounds of Federal Commodities. The types of foods in this program have changed a lot over the years. In 2017 we saw whole grain pasta, raisins, canned salmon and stew, shelf-stable milk along with canned fruits/vegetables. On average families received almost 30 pounds each month in 2017.

## 2017 Benchmarks continued

### FORKIDS BACKPACK PROGRAM

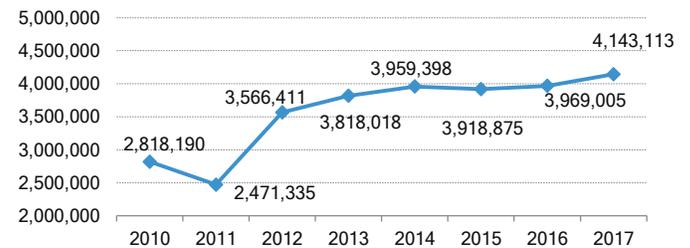
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| Number of children served              | 2,770            |
| Number of volunteers                   | 2,913            |
| Number of Winter Break Bags            | 1,245            |
| Number of Winter Produce bags          | 1,335            |
| <b>Total costs to provide all bags</b> | <b>\$419,319</b> |

### IN-KIND DONATIONS

Donated food encompasses food drives conducted by individuals, public and private businesses, and 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. The variety of sources for our food supports the many food programs employed across the community.

### DONATED FOOD

#### Progression of In-Kind Food



## OUR CLIENTS

Our clients represent many ethnicities, genders, and ages. They are unemployed, full-time, and part-time employed. Many are retired or are students.

# Lacey's Food Bank

## A COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY PROJECT

The Lacey Food Bank has been designated by the Lacey City Council, the North Thurston School District Board and the Lacey Chamber of Commerce as the first "Compassionate Community Project". Our hope is that each of us can find a way to participate in making Lacey a "Compassionate Community". Students, teachers, community members, businesses and other stakeholders can all help to make change happen. We hope this helps to support and foster ideas that will engage students in community service in a way that promotes education and community connections.

The Lacey Food Bank is a strategic objective of the Thurston County Food Bank and is reactive to an 11% increase in usage at the Food Bank's Client Services Center located in downtown Olympia. Of those using our services 22% identify as living in Lacey. Five North Thurston Schools have reported free/reduced participation rates in excess of the 50% benchmark. Lydia Hawk has a 69% participation rate followed by Pleasant Glade at 63% and Lacey Elementary at 61%. Currently the TCFB serves 2000 military families and their dependents. By establishing a Food Bank in Lacey, the TCFB will help to address the needs of households that continue to struggle to meet their basic needs for food.

## LACEY FOOD BANK SNAPSHOT

### Location

7027 Martin Way East, a site that is accessible to public transportation and will be barrier free.

### Days of operation

Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday to complement the Olympia location

### Current phase

Site Development

### Future phases

- Garden and farm stand
- Food Bank operations

### Lacey Food Bank Stats

-In 2017, TCFB served 15,851 families (55,626 individuals).

-22% of those using the downtown Olympia center identify as living in Lacey

-5 North Thurston schools have reported free/reduced participation rates in excess of the 50% benchmark.

## STARBUCKS PARTNERSHIP

Starbucks and Feeding America are changing the world, one day, one community and one prepared meal at a time. They are doing it through Starbucks FoodShare, a new, innovative program that enables Feeding America through its regional affiliate Food Lifeline and a local partner the Thurston County Food Bank to rescue unsold food from Starbucks locations each night to stock the shelves of food pantries and help people facing hunger.

Since October of 2017 we have been picking up donations at night, seven days a week at 30 stores throughout Thurston and Pierce Counties. This has provided the Thurston County Food Bank access to fresh, unsold packaged food totaling in excess of 6,000 pounds a week of nutritionally dense, healthy food. Adapting our food rescue program to meet the needs of our new partner Starbucks affords us the opportunity to rescue more food from waste and feed more people. In working with Starbucks, we adapted our approach, recognizing that this was a special opportunity to dramatically increase our food donations.

The Starbucks FoodShare program has proven to be an overwhelming success for the Food Bank as we continue to commit to increasing the quality and quantities of food offered to those who are food insecure. We applaud the innovative program and value the partnerships.

**Neighbors  
helping  
neighbors**



# Lacey's Food Bank: Phase 1

## Property Acquisition Feasibility Study • Arranging Financing Securing the Property • Cleaning it up



Future General Store



1027 Martin Way, previously Colonial Meats



The Victory Garden Spot



Future Farm Stand

### Why It's Needed

One of the realities we face as a Food Bank is increasing need based primarily on population growth.

The County's population is expected to grow by 100,000 new residents over the next decade. Municipalities and local governments are all focused on planning services to meet the needs of a growing population.

Many of our clients live in the greater Lacey area and find it increasingly challenging to use our downtown client services center, parking being one.

The Food Bank's strategic objective is to offer services Monday through Saturday of each week, in locations close to mass transit and closer to those we serve.



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT, JIM HINDMAN, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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THANK YOU

It is because of this strong community involvement that our administrative costs account for less than two percent of our budget.

While fighting to eliminate hunger and food insecurity in our region is our basic mission, the Thurston County Food Bank has taken on other projects to enhance our community. Visitors to our Client Services Center receive information on resources such as medical insurance, energy assistance and housing. Our food rescue program works to divert food from our community landfills.

Local population growth and demographic changes in our community have lead to an increased need for our services. To tackle this, we will continue to reach out to local regional and national organizations to assist us in this endeavor.

We are now working to locate another Client Service Center in the Lacey community. Lacey's Food Bank will allow us to better serve Thurston County and to remove some of the transportation hurdles our current clients endure.

Respectfully,  
Jim Hindman  
President, Board of Directors  
Thurston County Food Bank

*"The mission of the Food Bank is to end hunger in our community, and to some extent we are able to meet this goal each and every day."*