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# Mobile Pantry

A PROGRAM OF THE IDAHO FOODBANK

IMPACT REPORT

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Together, we  
can solve hunger.

Mobile Pantry is an effective way for The Idaho Foodbank to get food directly to people in need. Refrigerated trucks transport the food to a predetermined location and it is distributed by local volunteers.

## Mobiles Meet the Need

Mobile Pantries address a wide variety of hunger-relief challenges.

Many rural communities in Idaho lack a brick-and-mortar food pantry despite having a large number of food insecure families, children and seniors. With the help of local volunteers, the Mobile Pantry provides regular food support on a monthly or quarterly basis.

Mobile Pantries also deliver food to areas of need in urban centers, such as low-income apartment complexes for seniors or neighborhoods where a high percentage of students qualify for free or reduced lunches.

Mobile Pantries are an integral part of The Idaho Foodbank's Hunger to Health Strategy. Through partnerships with healthcare providers, many food distributions include free health screenings.

Mobile Pantry is delivering results for Idahoans in need.

## Solving Hunger

2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

556	mobile distributions
25,498	people served (monthly average)
49	communities served
6,514,274	meals distributed statewide
14,728	volunteer hours

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## Mobile Spotlight

Adams County has a Mobile Pantry site that has hosted neighbors in need, every quarter, for nearly five years. The Mobile Pantry is located at the Church of the Nazarene, a partner with The Foodbank since 2008. The Mobile Pantry serves approximately 100 families at each distribution. This distribution was established when the Church of the Nazarene pantry and The Foodbank recognized a need in the area. Audette, the Mobile Coordinator, remarks how her favorite part of running the Mobile Pantry is working with her volunteers and being able to see all the wonderful food come in. Seeing smiles on people's faces—both volunteer and recipient alike—is worth all the extra hours of service.



We are grateful for the hard work and dedication of the volunteers who run Mobile Pantries across the state, alleviating hunger one community at a time.

### Farmers to Families Community Distribution Program:

- 9,712,983 pounds of food distributed statewide
- At the height of the program, 1.2M pounds were distributed each month by way of
- 35lb boxes given to households in need

In addition to adding 59 mobile distributions in the past year, The Foodbank also hosted nearly 100 community food distributions to maximize access to food across the state. These large scale distributions served as a drive-thru model, providing families with produce, dairy and protein. The majority of this food was part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farmers to Families program, which was created as part of the federal response to the pandemic. The average distribution served 200 families, but some reached as many as 2,000 families each month. As neighbors have started to recover from the pandemic, we have closed some of these large scale distributions while others will remain in place utilizing purchased and donated food.

## Delivering Hope

### NORTH CENTRAL:

Bovill	Lapwai	Riggins
Craigmont	Lenore	Stites
Elk City	Lewiston	Weippe
Genesee	Moscow	White Bird
Juliaetta	Potlatch	

### EASTERN:

Arco	Leadore	Roberts
Challis	Malad	Soda Springs
Driggs	McCammon	St. Anthony
Dubois	Montpelier	Victor
Elk Bend	North Fork	
Idaho Falls	Rexburg	

### SOUTHWEST:

Boise	Glenns Ferry	Meridian
Burley	Gooding	Nampa
Caldwell	Hagerman	Rupert
Carey	Homedale	Shoshone
Council	Jerome	Weiser
Fairfield	Kimberly	Wilder
Filer	Marsing	
Garden City	Melba	

### HEALTHCARE PARTNERS MOBILES:

Veterans Affairs Homeless Stand Down  
Share the Day at First Christian Church in Nampa  
Flu Shot Clinic hosted by St. Al's at Farmway Village

### SPECIAL DISTRIBUTIONS:

Boise Bicycle Project  
Boise State University  
College of Idaho  
Garden City Boys & Girls Club,  
Share the Day Event

### SPECIAL DISTRIBUTIONS:

Whittier Elementary School

### About The Idaho Foodbank

The Idaho Foodbank is an independent, donor-supported, nonprofit organization and is the largest statewide distributor of free food assistance in Idaho. The Idaho Foodbank was established in 1984 and since that time has distributed millions of pounds of food through its facilities in Lewiston, Meridian and Pocatello. In the last fiscal year, The Foodbank provided food for more than 26 million meals to Idahoans living with food insecurity. The Foodbank distributes food through a network of more than 465 partners including schools, food pantries, senior centers, feeding sites, shelters, mobile pantries and churches. Recognizing the crucial connection between hunger and health, The Idaho Foodbank focuses on providing nutritious food and collaborates with community organizations to promote nutrition education, wellness tools and healthy living. Visit [idahofoodbank.org](http://idahofoodbank.org) for more information. Find us on your favorite social media platform.



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