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Greetings!

Two stories this week:

Last Saturday's annual Letter Carrier Food Drive benefiting Missoula Food Bank was a big success. Check out how much food was collected and who all made this important event happen.

We know we have great volunteers at Missoula Food Bank, but our two recent Lyle R. Heath Community Service award winners prove this in quite a prestigious, publicly recognized way! Let us proudly introduce our gems to you.

Questions? Suggestions? Comments?
Email Nick Roberts, Missoula Food Bank's Development Director, at
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Missoula Food Bank Wish List

Any and all nonperishable goods are gratefully accepted, but these are the items that would be most helpful to us:

- * **Pasta**
- * **Dry Beans**
- * **Brown Rice**
- * Canned Meat or Fish
- * Peanut Butter
- * Nutrition drinks like Ensure, Boost or Glucerna.

Missoula Food Bank Receives Almost 20,000 lbs. of Donated Food from USPS Letter Carrier Food Drive!



Success! With amazing coordination among the U.S. Postal Service, Missoula Food Bank, community volunteers, and masses of generous Missoulians, the 2008 USPS Letter Carrier Food Drive leveraged **19,063 lbs.** of donated food for Missoula Food Bank!

This unique annual event happened on Saturday, May 10th. Truly a citywide effort, Missoulians collected non-perishable food items from their homes and placed them next to their mailboxes to be collected by U.S. Letter Carriers. Letter Carriers went out of their way to bring truckloads of donated food to Missoula Food Bank where a team of over 40 volunteers gave their Saturday to unload, sort, and stock food.

We also need a good used vacuum cleaner, preferably a commercial one that does not weigh very much.

Donations can be dropped off at Missoula Food Bank, 219 South 3rd St. W.

We are here to receive donations between 8 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Friday.

Thanks!!



Missoula Food Bank would like to thank all of the wonderful volunteers for their time and energy on Saturday, with a very special thank you going out to Willie Worthy and the 16 volunteers from Montana Back Roads 4x4 Club who participated in our event.

As a national event, the Letter Carrier Food Drive comes at a critical time for food banks across the country as holiday season donations are often depleted by the spring and summer months. Thank you for helping us restock our shelves!

As always, feel free to give me a call at:
(406) 549-0543 x.105

-Nick Roberts

-Development Director
Missoula Food Bank

-***Please e-mail us your future Hunger Pulse story ideas to: nick@missoulafoodbank.org***

Missoula Food Bank Volunteers, **Irene Hornstein** and **Sara Anderson**, Win Prestigious Lyle R. Heath Community Service Award!



Irene Hornstein, one of two Missoula Food Bank volunteer recipients of the Lyle R. Heath award, holding her award plaque and proclamation.

Missoula Food Bank's staff cannot say often enough how reliant we are on volunteers to carry out our mission and execute our ambitious programs. We give volunteers utmost respect as their roles enable us to serve Missoulians in need in ways that staff alone cannot. The prestigious Lyle R. Heath Community Service Award was recently given to two of Missoula Food Bank's very own volunteers, **Irene Hornstein** and **Sara Anderson**. Here are some comments taken from nomination letters written by Missoula Food Bank Volunteer Coordinator, Dorey Rowland, on behalf of these two amazing women. Congratulations, ladies!

(Comments below by Dorey Rowland)

Irene Hornstein:

Although Irene helps the food bank in a variety of capacities, she is most noted for her excellent

interviewing skills. Every Friday for years, Irene has served a three to four hour shift at Missoula Food Bank as a client interviewer. It is her job to sit down with each of our clients for the purpose of welcoming them, explaining our guidelines, and offering any additional resources that might be available. As an interviewer, Irene has some of the most direct contact with our clients. It is essential that she possess excellent communication skills, as well as a sincere attitude of service and compassion. I regularly hear clients commenting on Irene, and how much they appreciate her service. They especially appreciate her comforting hugs, and the reassurance she provides. Irene has a very special gift for making someone feel okay about things, even when things seem difficult.

Sara Anderson:

Sara is a junior at Sentinel High School. Every Tuesday after school, Sara volunteers at Missoula Food Bank. She has been doing so almost every week for the past 3 years. In that time, I have been thoroughly impressed by this humble, unassuming young woman. Through her quiet and gentle nature, Sara has had a significant impact on the work we do.

Sara has been involved in community service since elementary school, cultivating an attitude of service to her community. She participates in a variety of volunteer activities, including but not limited to UM Earth Day Eco-Pentathlon, Homeless Services Day, and Sea Scouts. She was a participant in Montana Youth Conservation Corps, as well as a member of the Thailand Tsunami Relief Patrol. In light of the fact that Sara is only 17, I am especially impressed with all of the special gifts she has to offer. Sara already exemplifies the true meaning of volunteerism.

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Missoula Food Bank, located at 219 S. 3rd Street W., distributes an emergency three-day supply of food to those in need from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

In 2007, Missoula Food Bank provided food assistance to 46,874 people. 40% of Missoula Food Bank clients are children aged 17 or younger.

Missoula Food Bank can be reached by phone at (406) 549-0543, or visit our website:
www.missoulafoodbank.org.

Making a donation to Missoula Food Bank is easy! Just visit the "[Donate Now](#)" page on our website!

Sincerely,
The Staff of Missoula Food Bank

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