Ending hunger is possible thanks to your support

Volunteers

“I’ve learned so much from working with Food Lifeline about the face of hunger not always being what you assume it is. I want to do my part to help those who are struggling…to provide them with hope and sustenance.”

MARIE SHARPE
longtime Food Lifeline volunteer and supporter

Donors

“It’s community. And people are really hungry for that, too.”

FATHER JIM EICHHNER
whose Food Bank Farm for the Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross produced 100,000 pounds of fresh produce for Food Lifeline last year with 100% volunteer labor.

Clients

“Lifelong works with clients to address food insecurity in a nutritionally based manner. As a result of our partnership with Food Lifeline we are able to focus on the client side of care and less on food procurement. We are able to meet the needs of more people and also are able to prevent food waste from happening.”

CAILIA NICKERSON
Chicken Soup Brigade Senior Manager, Lifelong

Thank you to the 13,452 volunteers who helped us advocate, raise funds, and sort and repack food for people who are hungry.

Thank you to the 966 in-kind food donors and more than 13,300 individual, corporate, and foundation donors who contributed to help us end hunger.

Thank you to the 200 food banks and 101 meal programs that distributed the food that made a difference to hundreds of thousands of children, teens, adults, and seniors last year.
Everyone deserves nutritious food on their table
WHAT A DIFFERENCE SUPPORTERS LIKE YOU MADE LAST YEAR

Making nutritious food more accessible
Improving access to nutritious food is essential. Thanks to your help and the partnership of our agencies, we increased the amount of produce we distributed by 18 percent. And by bringing deliveries of nutritious food directly to senior housing facilities, an elementary school in a low-income neighborhood, and rural community centers, your investment in our mobile food programs is making access to healthy food possible in areas where it’s in limited supply.
- One-third of the food we provided last year was fruits and vegetables.
- We provide, on average, 40% of all the food that area partner food banks distribute to people in need.

Working with partners to improve health and household stability
Collaboration can produce better outcomes. With your support, we’re working together with partner organizations to solve hunger in new, innovative ways. One strategy is to bundle services with another provider in one location. For example, our partnership with Sea Mar Community Health Centers is improving health outcomes for low-income patients with Type 2 diabetes who receive fresh produce from Food Lifeline on-site at the neighborhood clinic where they receive their healthcare, likely also reducing their food insecurity.
- Our 300 partner organizations and programs work to address the symptoms of poverty on behalf of hundreds of thousands of vulnerable and low-income children, adults, and seniors.

Advocating and building the movement to end hunger together
Like us, you believe the future of solving hunger means working collectively as a community and upholding the belief that hunger doesn’t have to happen. Feeding hungry people today doesn’t alone solve hunger for tomorrow. Community safety net programs like SNAP and WIC are critical for people struggling to put food on the table. For every 1 meal we provide, SNAP provides 12. That’s critical for people struggling to put food on the table. Community safety net programs like SNAP and WIC are critical for people struggling to put food on the table. For every 1 meal we provide, SNAP provides 12. That’s critical for people struggling to put food on the table.

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Getting more food to people who are hungry
You helped us prevent hunger in the community last year by providing enough food and funds to create the equivalent of 196,000 meals every day. Last year we increased the amount of food we distributed by nearly 10 percent.
- You helped us provide the equivalent of 42 million meals to people who are food insecure in Western Washington.
- 1 in 3 people we fed last year was a child or teen.
- Seniors are the fastest-growing population of those we serve.
- Thanks to help from our food industry partners, we sourced and distributed 51 million pounds of food.

We launched Shop the Docks at the Hunger Solution Center to make a larger volume of highly perishable foods available for our agencies to pick up five days per week.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and its local Delta Upsilon Omega Chapter were honored as our Volunteers of the Year at October’s Dress Down Hunger event.

Congresswoman Suzann DelBene was among several national and local lawmakers who participated as hunger-fighting champions at our August Hacking Hunger Summit.

“Everyone deserves access to healthy food. Families shouldn’t have to make choices between feeding their family and paying for other life necessities. Food Lifeline helps fill that gap.”

LARA UNDERHILL
Food Lifeline board member

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“I’m on Social Security, and I get $915 per month. Forty percent of that goes to housing, then I have utilities, and I pay for my diabetes medicine. There’s not much left after that, so this is wonderful.”

“Putting healthy food on our table is the first step in addressing the root causes of hunger. It’s also the foundation for improved health outcomes and greater stability in our community.”

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Financial Summary
FISCAL YEAR 2018

96%
Thanks to the combined impact of donated food and funds, 96% of Food Lifeline’s expenses directly support programs that feed people.

REVENUES, EXPENSES, & FOOD

REVENUES
Individuals (includes events) $ 4,409,906
Corporations & foundations (includes United Way) $ 4,962,522
Contracts & reimbursements $ 2,100,259
Program revenues $ 1,685,397
Other revenues $ 844,460
In-kind donations (non-food) $ 32,994
Revenues before donated food $ 14,035,538

EXPENSES
Program services $ 10,186,910
Management & general $ 1,849,758
Fundraising $ 2,128,255
Expenses before food distribution $ 14,164,923

FOOD
Food donations (estimated value) $ 84,475,567
Food distributions (estimated value) $ 85,735,682

BALANCE SHEET
Total assets $ 46,644,527
Liabilities $ 23,057,907
Net assets:
  Unrestricted $ 23,336,671
  With restrictions $ 249,949
Total liabilities and net assets $ 46,644,527

Food Lifeline’s summarized financial information is for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018. For our most recent audited financial statement and IRS form, visit our website at foodlifeline.org/solving-hunger

Food Lifeline is a 501(c)3 charitable nonprofit organization registered with the Washington State Charities Program as required by law. Information may be obtained by calling 800-332-4483 or 360-725-0378.