Food Lifeline’s Theory of Change for Ending Hunger

STRIVING TO BE A STRONG ANTI-RACIST ORGANIZATION COMMITTED TO ADVANCING RACIAL EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Providing food to people facing hunger today, while working to end hunger for tomorrow.

- **REDUCE BARRIERS, INCREASE ACCESS TO NUTRITIOUS FOOD**
  - Expand sourcing of nutritious, culturally appropriate foods.
  - Increase funding/reduce barriers to food assistance programs.
  - Advance practices rooted in client dignity and engagement.

- **EXPAND CAPACITY OF THE HUNGER RELIEF SYSTEM**
  - Thoughtfully expand our partner agency network.
  - Identify sustainable funding for programs and partners.
  - Align with those who share our social justice values.

- **ELEVATE VOICES OF PEOPLE FACING HUNGER**
  - Engage clients as experts and leaders in our work.
  - Shift power to communities and people facing hunger.
  - Advance hunger as a top community issue requiring action.

- **TARGET THE ROOT CAUSES OF FOOD INSECURITY**
  - Bundle food provision with essential services.
  - Successfully advocate for anti-poverty policies and programs.
  - Change and reform the systems that cause and perpetuate hunger.

- **ADVANCE A BROAD SOCIAL MOVEMENT TO END HUNGER**
  - Inspire action on belief that access to food is a HUMAN RIGHT.
  - Actively partner to create dynamic and effective coalitions.
  - Build effective community engagement & mobilization strategies.
THEORY OF CHANGE

OUTCOMES

Ensure people experiencing hunger and food insecurity have adequate access to high quality, nutritious, culturally appropriate food they need to thrive for today.

Enable measurable reductions in levels of hunger and food insecurity through effective, community-led, anti-poverty/anti-hunger advocacy and collaboration.

Change and reform the systems that enable and perpetuate hunger and food insecurity in western Washington by advancing a movement to end hunger.

SHORT TERM

Provide food to people facing hunger today,

- Reduce barriers, increase access to safe, nutritious, desired food

Mid Term

- Expand capacity of a hunger relief system with aligned values
- Engage, empower and amplify the voices of people facing hunger

LONG TERM

while working to end hunger for tomorrow

- Target the root causes of food insecurity
- Advance a broad social movement to end hunger

ACTIVITIES

INPUTS

People and Partners

Food Resources

Financial Investments

Data and Research