

## YOU ARE FEEDING OUR COMMUNITY!

You know who you are and so do we! You are the supporters of Stanwood Camano Food Bank Services and you agree with us that no one in our beautiful community should go hungry now or ever. You are part of our family. We thank you and we salute you!

We have never been able to do this without you and that is true now more than ever. So here are some quick statistics so you can see clearly what our challenges are today and in the weeks and months to come.

	<b>April 2019</b> Before Covid 19	<b>April 2020</b> After Covid 19
<b>INCOME</b>		
Community Donations	\$50,000	\$249,000
Thrift Store Sales	\$24,000	\$0
<b>FOOD DISTRIBUTION NUMBERS</b>		
Backpack Program for children	1,200	4,800
Food Bank for individuals	2,300	4,550
Pounds of Food distributed	65,000	113,000
<b>COSTS DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY COVID 19</b>		
Backpack meals	\$5,000	\$25,000
Food purchase/Food boxes	\$4,700	\$8,500
Supplies	\$750	\$2,000
<b>TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES FOR STANWOOD CAMANO FOOD BANK SERVICES</b>	\$27,000	\$68,000

You can see that the need has increased. So has the cost of food.

Here's what this looks like in real life.

Under the old normal, we served about 1200 children per month with **the Meals for Kids Backpack Program**. Now we are serving about 4800 children per month. It used to cost about \$5,000 per month. Now the cost is \$25,000 per month.

Previously, the **Food Bank** distributed about 65,000 pounds of food each month. Today we are distributing about 113,000 pounds of food monthly. There has been a 50% increase in families of between 4 and 6 people each who need our assistance. At the same time, Food Drives and the events that run them have ceased so we are purchasing all the food we distribute. Once upon a time, food could be purchased for *3 cents a pound*. But no more.

To keep everyone safe at the Food Bank, the cost of supplies including gloves, wipes, sprays, sanitizer, and paper towels have increased from \$750 to \$2,000 per month.

So you see, your generosity and the generosity of all our donors, is crucial. We can keep doing this because you keep doing that! We have more new donors than at any other time in our history. Last month the local community donated over \$249,000 and this month we received a thrilling contribution of \$300,000 from the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians. We keep going. Please keep it going with us.

Donate today at [www.StanwoodCamanoFoodBank.org](http://www.StanwoodCamanoFoodBank.org) or call 360-629-2789