

Best Practices

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Plus our Fresh Results winners ~
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Sharing Best Practices from across the State

- ▶ **Objective:**
- ▶ Learn about some of the great things food banks/pantries are doing around the state of Washington!



Milk Money – Bellingham Food Bank



The Bellingham Food Bank raises money to purchase milk

- ✓ identify sponsors
- ✓ assign to a specific week(s)
- ✓ match dollars to units
- ✓ standing orders with vendor



Ferndale Food Bank- Milk Drives



The Ferndale Food Bank works with the Dairy Council of WA to conduct **Milk Food Drives** at their local grocery stores.

The food bank works with the store manager to make arrangements. At the register when customers check out with their groceries they are asked if they want to donate a gallon of milk.

The store tallies the donations and the food bank picks up the gallons of milk the next day.

Loaner Canning Supplies – Kettle Falls & James S'Klallam Food Banks



- Kettle Falls and the James S'Klallam food banks have lending programs for canning equipment.
- Food Pantry participants can check out this equipment, bring it home and can any extra produce they received from the food bank.
- All equipment provided at no cost.

Receiving Rejected or Damaged Food Pallets – Jubilee Ministries of Prosser



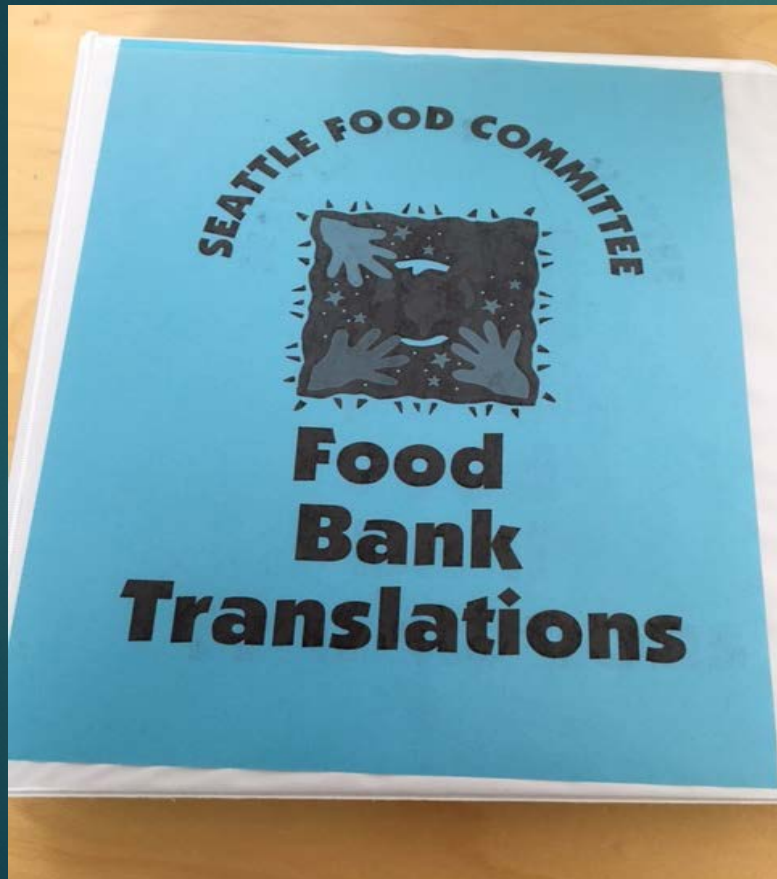
By reaching out to local truckers the Jubilee Ministries Food Bank receives damaged or rejected pallets of food from Walmart and other large grocers. Such as the cabbage in the picture on the left.

Chris Benson – Central Kitsap Food Bank

- ▶ Chris Benson, Executive Director of the Central Kitsap Food bank shares some of his best practices of his food bank...



Translation Notebook/CD – Seattle Food Committee



The coalition asked food banks to share their most common phrases so they could be translated into 14 languages.

The food banks can now make their own signs by cutting and pasting or from downloading phrases from a Word document so they can better communicate with their clients.

Food Bank Tour – Seattle Food Committee

The coalition plans an annual tour of food banks in and around the City of Seattle so staff, volunteers and board members can learn from other programs. Lunch is provided and attendees travel in a rented bus.



Referrals for Veterans - Our Place Food Bank



Our Place Food Bank provides referral services to veterans in their communities....

--research what other organizations offer, be a referral

--establish events, offer special items

--consider special hours

Crockpot cooking ~ Back Pack for Kids Program – Emergency Food Network



The EFN collects and distributes Crock pots to families through their Back Packs for Kids program. Empowers kids to cook, gives them self-sufficiency skills and independence.



Royal City Food Bank, Life Skills for High School Volunteers

Life Skills such as planning, scheduling, organizing, and working with diverse populations.



Kids and Birthday BAGS celebrations- Maltby Food Bank and Jubilee Ministries in Prosser



- "Birthday Bag" for children ages 1 - 12
- A "kit" consists of everything needed to hold a birthday party – decorative plates, napkins, balloons, cake mix and frosting, candles, etc. all put together in a birthday-themed gift bag.



Story books and coloring books for kids visiting the food Bank

On the Grow Learning Garden – Des Moines Area Food Bank



Using a old pick-up truck, have created a mobile education garden take to schools and summer meal sites.



Back Pack programs & Summer Meals

Food Pantries work with a local schools to create bags or Back Packs of food for school aged kids to take home over the weekend or over school breaks. Many food pantries sponsor unique summer meal sites in our communities but more are always needed.



Chili Packets - Do you remember what program this was?



Bean Soup Packets

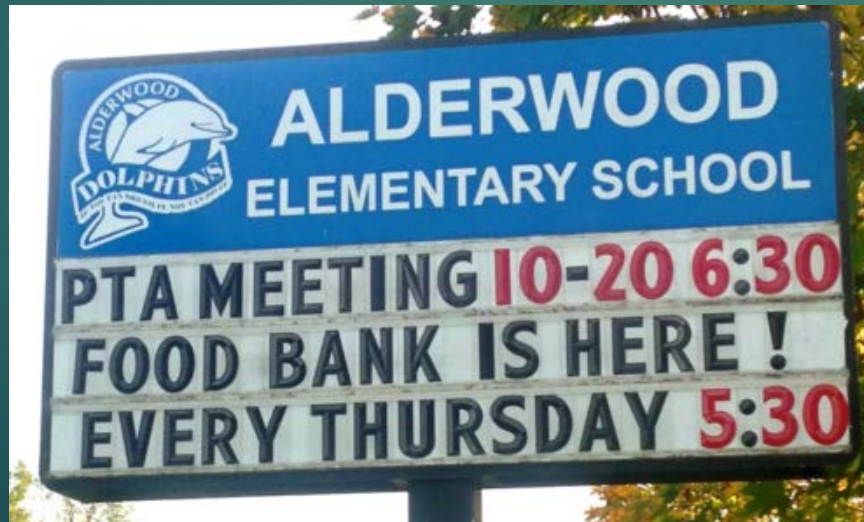
Using products in the food pantry such as a mixture of dry beans the program puts together ingredients to make Chili Packets. Tomato products and onions can be given with it to create a yummy soup!

Directions are provided.



Satellite Food Banks at local schools

Each week the Bellingham Food Bank loads up their trucks and brings food to the gymnasiums at their partner schools. Anyone living in Bellingham can visit these satellite food banks and get the same food others access at their downtown location. Their goal is to make sure families in all parts of the community have access to the food they need.



Mobile Farm Stands – Clark County Food Bank



Takes extra produce at the end of the day or week to areas of the county that are food deserts.



Gives away produce to seniors, summer programs, etc.



What are you doing with your extra produce?

Hear from our Fresh Results Award winners -

- ▶ Nils Johnson, Ag and Food Systems Program Coordinator,
- ▶ WSU Extension Stevens County
- ▶ Farm to Food Pantry Program – Purchase fresh produce from local growers and distribute that produce to food pantries in Ferry, Stevens and Pend Orielle counties, in northeast Washington
- ▶ Sarah Kane, Nutrition Manager
- ▶ Council on Aging, Colfax, WA
- ▶ Farmer Award- Runner Bean Ranch
- ▶ An organic farm located near Palouse, WA which provides fresh produce to 11 food pantries that are part of the Whitman County Farm to Pantry Program.

Questions or Comments?

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