



*Community in Action*

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Dear Generous Community Members,

As the Interim Executive Director for the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank (SVFB), I am in awe of the supportive community generously donating to meet the food needs for our neighbors experiencing food insecurity. Thank you for your generosity and assistance as the SVFB focuses on its vision— Leading the effort to feed, educate and advocate ending hunger in the Snoqualmie Valley and beyond. Without each of you, our mission to provide food and key resources to help our neighbors and our community thrive would not be possible.

A small and mighty core staff works diligently—An Wynants (Operations Manager), Dylan Johnson (Operations Assistant) and Shirley Heath (Guest Services). And, a large cadre of dedicated volunteers assist the staff to transport food donations, stock the grocery store model and assist our guests as they shop. All these efforts help the food bank achieve success.

Grants and donations are critical to the food bank operation and success. Examples from 2021 include:

- A Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) grant purchased a 20' truck to transport large food shipments from major non-government organizations
- A grant provided funds for a much needed deli cooler in the grocery store model food bank
- Rainier Asphalt and Concrete donated material and labor to pave the driveway
- Cash donations from community members provided funds for additional purchases to supplement protein, dairy, produce, and eggs
- Community members regularly donated food items

In 2021 the SVFB continued to experience change as a result of the pandemic. The majority of our community was served via curbside delivery with our facility being used for staging and packing. Staff and volunteers made weekly deliveries to those who could not leave their homes. In July the operation returned to the grocery store model. Our guests were welcomed back inside to shop and choose their groceries. Our guests now also have a partner organization, the Supportive Community for All, working with the SVFB to assist those who are in need of additional services and resources to thrive. Food and key resources are being provided through our collective efforts.

The Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank is extremely thankful for contributions of time, energy, and funds. On behalf of the board of directors, staff and those we serve, I send deep gratitude for your contribution. Thank you!

*Kenneth R. Heikkila, Ed.D.*

Interim Executive Director

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