



Fighting Hunger
and
Feeding Hope

Community Food Banks of South Dakota

2004 Year in Review

In 2004, the Boards of Directors of the Food Service Center, Inc. in Sioux Falls, SD and the Black Hills Regional Food Bank, Inc. in Rapid City, SD unanimously voted to merge the two largest charitable food distribution organizations in the state. A new name, the **Community Food Banks of South Dakota, Inc.**, was selected to reflect the statewide mission of meeting hunger needs. This merger brought together a combined 45 years of experience in providing hunger relief across South Dakota. Additionally, the talents and resources of these two organizations combined to expand the reach and depth of the fight against hunger in our state.

The decision to merge the

two organizations came as the result of a joint twelve month study into the feasibility of such an endeavor. The results of the merger analysis concluded that the two organizations could combine their common missions to more effectively address hunger issues all across South Dakota. Additionally, by collaborating on product solicitation and transportation partnerships greater quantities of food could be procured to meet the increasing demand for assistance.

Together both food banks distribute food and grocery products to over 500 non-profit charitable organizations in all 66 counties of South Dakota. In 2004, the food banks worked together to distribute nearly

11 million pounds of food in the fight against hunger. Through our national affiliation with America's Second Harvest, the Nations Food Bank Network we access to food and grocery donations provided by hundreds of corporate partners throughout the U.S. Additionally, food donations received through generous local wholesalers, retailers, food drives and by thousands of individual donors are a critical part in helping to meet the hunger needs.

1 in 7 people in South Dakota are at risk of not having sufficient resources to obtain enough food.

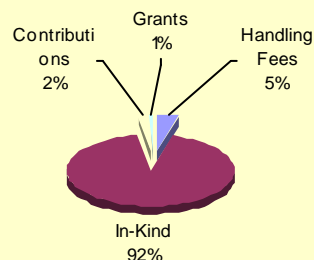
Working to Feed the Hungry of South Dakota

Each month thousands of individuals and families from all across this vast state receive food assistance either through our pantries or one of the over 500 organizations we provide food to. From our pantries in Sioux Falls and Rapid City we served over 8,000 clients by distribut-

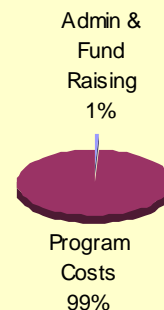
ing over 450,000 pounds of food and grocery products. This food then provided a 5 day food supply to over 20,000 individuals and family members. From our food bank operations we distributed an amazing total of 10,963,000 pounds of food and grocery products through a network of

500 hunger relief organizations in all 66 counties of South Dakota. Additionally, we distribute food and grocery products to a handful of neighboring organizations in Wyoming and Nebraska.

2004 Revenue



2004 Expenses



Community Food Banks of South Dakota Board of Directors

As a part of the merger process a new statewide Board of Directors was appointed to lead this dynamic venture. The new board is made up of members from the two prior organizations and is made up of six members each from Rapid City and Sioux Falls. Through their hard work and dedication this board has done a fantastic job in managing the challenges of creating a new organization. The members of the Board of Directors are:

Larry Riddle-Mt. Rushmore Gold
President
Jan 2008

Barb Whetham-LaFollette Jansa Brandt
Vice President
Jan 2008

Christine McKinney-Aventis
Secretary
Jan 2007

Greg Johnson-Nash Finch
Treasurer
Jan 2007

Tom Anderson-BH Federal Credit Union
Member
Jan 2006

Pat Ernst Hutchinson Technology
Member
Jan 2006

Bill Gainey-Retired Businessman
Member
Jan 2008

Shelley Koch-K&J Trucking
Member
Jan 2007

Mark Schmitt-John Morrell
Member
Jan 2006

Jim Shaw-Mayor of Rapid City
Member
Jan 2007

Jon Sogn-Lynn, Jackson, Schultz & Lebrun
Member
Jan 2008

Vince Braun-BH Workshop
Member
Jan 2006

Community Food Banks of South Dakota Staff

We are very proud of our dedicated staff who work tirelessly to combat hunger in South Dakota. Were it not for them we would not be able to realize our mission of “ Fighting Hunger and Feeding Hope”.

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce the staff of the Community Food Banks of South Dakota.

Matt Gassen, Executive Director

Sioux Falls Office:

Food Bank

Kay Torney, Network Services Manager

Ray Watkins, Jr., Warehouse Manager

Dave Otteman, financial Assistant

Stephanie Heiden, Administrative Assistant

Richard Torney, Inventory

Steve Rohwedder, Warehouse Assistant

Pat Huntimer, Warehouse Assistant

Dale Loveland, Route Driver

Pantry

Darrel Walters, Pantry Manager

Dick Baird, Route Driver

Roxy Berry, Administrative Assistant

Lisa Charles, Pantry Assistant

Kevin DeNui, Pantry Assistant

Rapid City Office:

Food Bank

Monica Leitheiser, Site Manger

Tony Walters, Warehouse Manager

Carrie Burritt, Inventory Controller

Brad Ham, Route Driver

Larry Welke, Warehouse Assistant

Ryan Graff, Warehouse Assistant

Pantry

Tim Lipp, Pantry Coordinator

Donations come to South Dakota from across the US

The Food Banks have grown from distributing less than a million pounds in 1991 to close to twelve million this year. Through our affiliation with America's Second Harvest and the over 200 food banks in it's network we have access to surplus product. This product comes by way of donations from many national donors and from other food banks who share their excess product with us.

National donors are companies such as Kellogg's, Kraft, and General Mills. America's Second Harvest offer us a donation from these companies and we coordinate with our trucking partners to arrange pick up. Additionally, other food

banks in the network periodically find themselves with product surpluses that they are willing to share with us. By staying in contact with these food banks we are able to secure much needed product that we would other wise not have access to.

We receive other donations locally from John Morrell, Orion, the HyVees, Heartland Paper, Variety Foods, Sunshine, Nash Finch, Metz, Safeway and Sam's Club to name but a few. Additionally, food drives that are held in Rapid City and Sioux Falls provide us with critical need items that are distributed through our pantry operations directly to individuals and families.

We rely on our partners, donors and organizations for their financial support that enables us pay for the procurement and transport of food products from all over the U.S.

Without the support of our many donors, in the form of both financial and in-kind services, we could not possibly continue to meet the hunger demands of our state.



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