Working together in 2012 to eliminate **hunger** in South Dakota

- **10.4 million** meals were distributed through our hunger relief programs
- **22,500** meals were provided through our Food Pantries each week
- **5,170** food packages were distributed to hungry children each week
- **2,700** food boxes were supplied to hungry seniors each month
- **100,000** individuals were provided temporary hunger assistance through our programs during the year
- **350** nonprofit agencies relied on us to supplement their meal and food programs
- **3,600** volunteers gave 26,930 hours of their time to sort and pack food for those in need
Dear Friend,

This year Feeding South Dakota experienced a significant amount of growth in all areas of our organization. From the purchase of a new facility in Rapid City to the addition of a truck for our Mobile Food Pantry Program, growth has been a constant.

Unfortunately in our business, growth is not necessarily a good thing. In 2012, our state saw an increase in the number of people who are food insecure. In South Dakota, 1 in every 8 individuals continued to lack regular access to food and more than 42 percent of children in school qualified for free or reduced meals.

To meet these increasing needs across our communities, our hunger relief programs and food distribution also grew. In 2012, our BackPack Program grew by more than 5 percent providing an additional 270 children with a bag of food each weekend. Furthermore, we served an additional 7,600 individuals through our food pantries. Nearly 50 percent of those served were children. Finally, our food banks increased the number of meals provided by more than 400,000 meals. None of this growth would have been possible without your generous support.

As we continue to build capacity within our programs, many changes are happening in 2013. The move to a new facility in Rapid City has more than doubled our organization’s space and will increase our food distribution across western South Dakota. Our new Mobile Food Pantry Program will provide an estimated 550,000 additional meals to families in need living in the most rural, high need areas of our state. While, we know that this growth will allow us to meet additional needs across the state, we know it is not enough...

There are still thousands of people who are going to bed hungry every single night, including children, families, and seniors across the state of South Dakota. Even though we have increased our meals provided by more than 2.2 million meals in the past three years, the state still has a hunger gap of 15 million meals.

In an effort to meet the growing needs of our state now and into the future, our organization will launch a statewide capital campaign to renovate and in some cases replace our facilities. Through our capital campaign we will be able to reach our organizational goal of reducing that hunger gap by 50 percent by 2020.

With the increase in space and expansion to services, we will be able to lift our communities up, with dignity, respect, and nourishment. But none of this is possible without your help. Your generosity and ongoing support ensures that we can continue to work tirelessly to eliminate hunger in our state.

Thank you for being a part of this important work,

Matt Gassen
Executive Director

Jay Shultz
2012 Chairperson,
Board of Directors
The **BackPack Program** provided more than 5,100 food packages to children each weekend during 2012. This program was designed to fill the hunger gap that exists from Friday to Monday when school is not in session. This ensures that children are able to concentrate on learning and not on their hungry tummies.

The **Commodity Supplemental Food Program**, also known as the Senior Box Program, provided 2,700 food boxes to low-income senior citizens each month. A fixed income, combined with increasing living and medical costs, can cause a financial burden for some seniors, making them choose between these necessities and food.

The **Food Banks**, located in Sioux Falls, Rapid City, and Pierre, distributed nearly 10.4 million meals to more than 350 nonprofit member agencies in 2012. Our Food Banks rely on donated product to distribute to our partner agencies throughout the 66 South Dakota counties we serve.
2012 Financials

2012 Audited Statement of Activities

Support & Revenue

Support:
- Donated Inventory & In-kind Donations: $17,736,445
- Commodities Program: 2,304,127
- Cash Contributions: 1,998,467
- United Way: 339,394
- Governmental Fees & Grants: 430,846

Revenue:
- Shared Maintenance Revenue: 1,208,152
- Miscellaneous Income: 52,762

Total Support & Revenue: $24,070,193

Expenses

Program Services:
- Food Distribution: $22,539,581

Supporting Services:
- Management & General: 292,412
- Fundraising: 375,139

Total Expenses: $23,207,132

Feeding South Dakota continues to be a four-star rated charity on Charity Navigator (charitynavigator.com), which tracks thousands of non-profit, charitable organizations. Feeding South Dakota’s exceptional rating was based upon the following criteria:

Organizational Capacity
- Primary Revenue Growth – 12.9 percent
- Program Expense Growth – 13.9 percent
- Working Capital Ratio – 0.25 years
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