



**Report to Board of Directors  
January 8, 2020**

**2019 in Review**

**Overview:**

- **Households Served:** Needless to say, last year was a busy year. We experienced an 11% increase in household visits over the previous year: 5,646 compared to 5,094. We saw a substantial increase in TEFAP products as well as TMP. The CSFP program continued to provide its administrative challenges, but allowed us to distribute 45 boxes of food every month to qualified participants.
- **Special Holiday Distributions:** We were able to provide 263 Turkey Baskets in November and 228 Christmas Baskets in December.
- **Emergency Food:** During the year, we provided 570 households with bags of emergency food through the Anchor Avenue Thrift Store.
- **Literacy Program:** Due to the generosity of many people, we were able to hand out 3,095 books during the year.

**Operations:**

- **Inspections:** We were the subject of several inspections in 2019 and passed all with high marks. We are known as the “gold” standard in food banks our size.
- **Transportation Ministry:** We lost Galilean’s Transportation Ministry in November and have not been able to find another organization to take over this important service.
- **Refrigerator:** We received a brand new refrigerator through the TEFAP program.
- **New Responsibilities:** Brian Anderson was appointed Assistant Warehouse Manager and was invited to join OMG. Jerry Rugh was appointed Chair of OMG and to a position on the Board of Directors.
- **Volunteers:** We had many new talented and dedicated volunteers join our ranks during the year. We continue to look for ways to best use their talents and skills, not just for work crew or distribution.
- **Kids Summer Food Club:** We once again participated in the Kids Summer Food Club through Northwest Harvest and provided 226 bags of food to 386 children during the summer months.
- **Food:** The pounds of donated food from the hunger relief agencies declined, especially over the last half of the year. In addition the purchase options through Food LifeLine’s Order Up and Northwest Harvest’s Smart Buys Plus, were reduced. Along with the increase in guest usage, the result was an increase in our food purchasing costs of \$8,000 over last year, 54,000 compared to \$46,000.

**Community:** The Ocean Shores community continued to actively support the food bank. Donations and events from The Door Mouse, Ace Ladies Night, Ace Register “Round Up,” Arrow Lumber, NAPA Auto Parts, Woof-a-Thon, the North Beach Singers, the Knights of Columbus, Faith Community Church, St. Jerome Catholic Church, Operation Fairy Godmother, Atlas Fine Art, Bank of the Pacific, Timberland Bank, YardWorks, and Titus Will Enterprises all provided much needed food and funding, just to name a few.

**Other:** We were the fortunate beneficiary of 1000 pairs of socks from Bombas which we distributed to very grateful guests.

**Future:**

- **Guest Usage:** We don't know what the future holds, but with the high unemployment rate in Grays Harbor County and the potential reduction in SNAP Benefits, we could see a further increase in Guest visits in 2020.
- **Building:** Purchase of the lot and plans for a new building have been moving slowly. We hope to see some progress in 2020.

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