

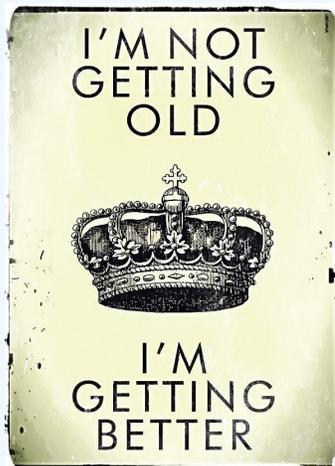


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Happy June Birthdays!



June 4th: Keith Rongstad--Monday Dairy Stocker
June 4th: Brittany Jones--Tuesday Rover
June 6th: Keith Ingraham--Tuesday Boxer
June 9th: Apollos Richardson--Sub
June 11th: Tanya Gentile--Special Events
June 14th: Laura Fregmen--Seasonal Sub
June 15th: Jim Sluder--Monday Kids Table Driver
June 17th: Joey Szekely--Tuesday Boxer
June 20th: Paige Judnich--Sub; Board Member
June 21st: Tomas Scariano--Thursday Boxer
June 22nd: Wendy Flansburg--Monday Bakery Stocker

June 23rd: Joan Dodge--Friday Interviewer

June 23rd: Bill Lowney--ROOTS Delivery Driver

June 27th: Dave Westfall--Thursday Interviewer

June 29th: Regina Thomas--Monday Kids Table snack prep and Produce Sorter

I'm sorry if I missed your birthday. It was not intentional and not because we don't care. Let Caitlyn know when your birthday is and you won't be missed again.

Volunteers Needed: ReStyle Sale

Monday, June 26th. We NEED VOLUNTEERS!



This event is a donation sale to benefit the Missoula Food Bank, specifically the Empower Pack Program for Children. And we need tons of volunteer help!

Here is a list of shifts:

- * 3:00-4:00 Load UHaul @ storage unit on Strand St. (strong volunteers needed)
- * 4:00-5:30 set up @ Missoula Indoor Sports Arena (20 volunteers!)
- * 6-8 collecting sale money @ Sports Arena (volunteers with money-handling experience)
- * 8-8:30 clean up, helping break down tables and bag up leftovers @ Sports Arena

Contact Caitlyn to get signed up!

Empty Bowls: It Takes a Village

Wednesday, June 28th | 5:30-8:00

Empty Bowls is Missoula Food Bank's annual advocacy dinner when we come together to learn about and discuss the causal issues of hunger in our community. Each guest selects a hand crafted bowl, created by a local artist, to signify the empty bowls across our community and our commitment to ending hunger in our neighborhoods.

We are honored to welcome First Lady Lisa Bullock as our keynote speaker.

Seating is limited. We hope you join us to learn more about childhood hunger and Missoula's growing response to this important community issue.

Remarks | Meal | Silent Auction

If you'd like to join this event, please visit our facebook page to find tickets.

Empty Bowls



If you'd like to VOLUNTEER, please contact Caitlyn.

Here's a list of shifts available:

Monday, June 26th

Wash and Pack Bowls: 5-7pm [AT MFB]

Wednesday, June 28th

Event Prep (Wrap Flatware in Napkins & Sterilize Serving Dishes): 11am – 1pm [AT MFB]

Setup Volunteers: 3:00-5:00pm [AT TEN SPOON WINERY]

Will be setting up tables, chairs, tents. Placing table linens, place settings, water

carafes, centerpieces, etc. Arrange guest bowls, silent auction, minis table. Setup food service tables and staging area.

Event Volunteers: 5:00-8:00pm [AT TEN SPOON WINERY]

Will be welcoming guests, serving food, helping guests to their seats with food. Busing bowls (keeping track of bowl owners), washing and returning bowls. Refilling water carafes, other food service help. Staffing the silent auction and minis tables.

Teardown Volunteers: 8:00-9:00pm [AT TEN SPOON WINERY]

Will breakdown tables, chairs, tents – load back into trucks. Repack dishes, linens, other place settings and supplies. Ensure all MFB items return to MFB, and Ten Spoon furniture is put back the way it was when we arrived.

Volunteering + Baseball

Would you like to enjoy a Missoula Osprey game while volunteering for a good cause? Well now's your chance!

On 4 different evenings during July and August, the Missoula Food Bank will be tabling at Osprey baseball games to provide info about the Missoula Food Bank and our programs, while also collecting food donations that event-goers have brought in. This is a laid back volunteer shift that also gets you a ticket into the game. We only need one person during each shift, as we will also have one board member there during this time.

The days and times are as listed:

*** Sunday July 2, 3:30-5:30**

*** Monday July 24, 5:30-7:30**

*** Monday August 14, 5:30-7:30**

*** Monday August 28, 5:30-7:30**

Please contact Caitlyn to get signed up! I will accept volunteers on a first come, first serve basis.



Volunteer Update Training Coming Soon!

Wednesday, July 12th | 3:00pm-4:30pm | Missoula Food Bank

Our next Volunteer Update Training has been scheduled! Since we're all still learning to grow into our positions in our new home, we thought it would be a great idea to do an update training that will re-train everyone about what their positions look like in a new space. We will go through breakout sessions so that we cover each volunteer position in detail. Having everyone on the same page will make our transition period go much more smoothly, so please join us if you can! Every single volunteer can benefit from this training, and we require that volunteers attend 2 out of 4 offered each year.

To RSVP, please contact Caitlyn.

Volunteer Orientation Dates

We've hired a lot of new volunteers in the past month! Many of the new, and maybe some not-so-new volunteers, have not yet received our basic Volunteer Orientation that we require all volunteers to get. This orientation covers all of our programs in detail, volunteer responsibilities, food safety basics, and more. We skipped June

orientation due to the craziness of the move, so here are the dates for July. Please call or email to RSVP to one of these dates if you have not yet received orientation:

- **Tuesday,**
July
11th:
5-
6pm
- **Wednesday,**
July
12th:
12-
1pm
- **Thursday,**
July
13th:
10-
11am

EmPower Place Volunteers



Missoula Food Bank's newest program is the EmPower Place: a safe, age appropriate place for any children in the community to explore, learn, and play. This program will be on site in the Missoula Food Bank's new location at 1720 Wyoming street. There will be learning activities for children, play time, and simple meals will also be provided.

We need lots of volunteer help supporting this new program! Though the EmPower Place is not a drop-off site, and parents are required to be there, we still need volunteers to supervise this site. This volunteer position involves modeling family-

style learning, assisting with meal prep and bulk of service (lunch shift only), helping to keep the center clean and organized, and supporting the various programs facilitated by the Missoula Food Bank and its partners in the EmPower Place Center.

There are various days and times for volunteers to provide their services within this program. We have morning and lunch shifts Monday thru Friday: 8am-10:30 and 10:30-1:30. We also have evening shifts on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 4:30-7:30, and we also have a lunch shift on Saturday from 12-1:00.

Volunteers in the EmPower Place do not need to have prior experience--they just need to have the desire to work with children and be able to pass a background check. There will be a one time, 1.5 hour training session before your first shift. We would love your help supporting the well being and nutrition of children in Missoula!

If you are interested in adding another shift to your volunteer schedule, please talk to Caitlyn to get signed up and trained up for this fun opportunity!

Available Volunteer Opportunities



Sub Shifts

We are significantly expanding our volunteer force, particularly in our new building. This is great! It also means we need extra help filling in the many sub shifts that come up when volunteers go on vacation or have things come up.

If you would like to learn a new position or help out a little more than your usual shift, talk to Caitlyn!

Also, a friendly reminder to sign out in the vacation calendar if you know you are going to be gone. The more notice, the better!

If unexpected circumstances come up where you will be gone with little notice, we understand. I greatly appreciate calls or emails if you can't make it in!

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Food Safety Tip of the Month



Since we work with food every day here at the food bank, we must be very careful of making smart and cautionary food safety choices. Sometimes we all need a simple reminder!

Food Safety Tip of the Month:

Every day at the food bank we repack large quantities of food, and every day we must sanitize our repack tables and other surfaces in order to keep our facility clean and to prevent any cross contamination. It is extremely important that we continue to sanitize surfaces frequently!

In our old location, we used to use a bleach spray that we are no longer using. Please **ONLY** use our new clear sanitizer bottles that are labeled "No-Rinse Sanitizer." They are food-safety approved and can be found around most repack tables and as well as by the cleaners in the laundry room. This product is a better alternative to our bleach spray, so please throw out any lingering bleach spray bottles that you find.

Volunteer Spotlight: Stay Tuned!

I'd really like to continue recognizing individual volunteers in the newsletter each month so that you can learn something new about your fellow volunteers! Every volunteer here is special and unique, and I want to do my best to give recognition to as many people as possible. During the big move to the new building, I seemed to have run out of time to put together a meaningful spotlight on any of our great volunteers, so please stay tuned until next month when we are back on track with everything!

Upcoming Closures: July 4th



We will be closed Tuesday, July 4th, for Independence Day.

We will still be open during normal hours on Monday, July 3rd, and will return to normal hours Wednesday, July 5th. Please let Caitlyn know as soon as possible if you will be gone during this week for the holiday.

We Moved! All thanks to you



We finally did it--we moved to our new home! We are now located at 1720 Wyoming Street. There is nothing fun about moving, but it was made much more bearable thanks to all of the wonderful, hardworking, and generous volunteers who dedicated their time to helping us move.

Thank you to the volunteers with the muscles that helped us physically move all of the heavy items from one home to the next.

Thank you to all the volunteers who cleaned and organized and helped us with the dirty work of moving.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped us pack our home into boxes, and those who helped us get rid of all the junk that was long over due to be thrown in the dumpster.

Thank you to the volunteers who added extra hours to their week to support us during this hectic time,

and Thank you to all the other volunteers in between that just kept us afloat while we continued on with our services, even during an unpredictable time.

It truly means the world to us that you all dedicate your time and generosity to us each and every day, and I can say with certainty that we could not have done it without you. Thank you so much for helping us move!

Change is always a challenge, but no matter where our location is, it is the volunteers that make it feel like home. You are what makes the food bank a wonderful place to be.

Sincerely,

Caitlyn Taix











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