

# Your IMPACT

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2018 ANNUAL REPORT

FOOD BANK  
of ALASKA



## YOUR SUPPORT MEANS FAMILIES CAN EAT

Why is your support important? "It's the difference between families eating or not eating," says Mae Patrick, a grandmother living in the Mat-Su Valley town of Houston with two sons and four granddaughters, nine to 16 years old.

Mae knows how some of her neighbors struggle because she's been volunteering weekly at the Big Lake Community Food Pantry for the last two and a half years. "For some families, if they didn't have the food pantry, they wouldn't have anything," she says.

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Mae struggles sometimes herself. While she very much appreciates the SNAP (food stamp) benefits she has for the family, SNAP usually runs out for them after the first two weeks of the month. She depends on the food pantry – one of Food Bank of Alaska's biggest partners in the Valley- to help her make up the difference.

She loves volunteering. "It makes you feel good to be part of helping people," she says. "They are doing the best that they can."

Mae didn't expect to be in her current situation after working hard many years on the Nissan assembly line in Forest, Mississippi. She came to Alaska five years ago to help out her oldest son, a disabled veteran.

Her hopes and dreams are for her granddaughters and are ones we all can share. Mae says, "I want them to have a healthy, happy life."



Volunteer Mae Patrick shelves cans for families who visit the Big Lake Community Food Pantry, one of Food Bank of Alaska's largest partners in the Valley. Mae also counts on the pantry for groceries to help her family make it through each month.



**OUR MISSION** - Food Bank of Alaska is dedicated to eliminating hunger in Alaska by obtaining and providing food to partner agencies feeding hungry people and through anti-hunger leadership. We believe that no one deserves to be hungry.



South Anchorage High Key Club leader Will Hartig volunteers to separate good produce from bad for distribution at the next Mobile Food Pantry. Altogether in 2018 volunteers contributed more than 17,000 hours to Food Bank of Alaska, amounting to more than eight full-time staff.

## YOUR HELP WILL NOURISH ALASKA'S FUTURE

Thanks to your ongoing support, Food Bank of Alaska made good progress during 2018 on our goals to serve more families throughout the state and to rescue more food, while combating the root causes of hunger.

During the year we focused on doing the most we can with the space we have in our 25-year-old warehouse from decreasing the time food stays in the warehouse, before it's distributed to packing senior boxes differently, so we can load more boxes on each pallet. But none of our efforts has been enough to relieve the pressure on our facility to accommodate seven to eight million pounds of food each year, more than twice what we distributed in 1994 when we moved in. There is certainly no space left to acquire additional food to meet the statewide need into the future.

**Your donations feed families and children – Alaska's future – every day. Thank you!**

Now it's time to look ahead to how we'll nourish the next generation of Alaskans and beyond.

Our current building on Spar Avenue in Ship Creek has served us well for a quarter century. The building committee set up in 2017 by our Board of Directors has done a thorough analysis, concluding that we need a distribution center at least double our current facility.

While we move forward to identify an appropriate building to purchase, we have convened a capital campaign committee to help raise community support to complete the total \$10 million project.

We expect this will be a two or three-year venture, and we'll be coming to you for help to meet our goal. We know you share the belief that no child or family, senior or veteran should go hungry. That's why the board and staff at Food Bank of Alaska are confident that, together, we can accomplish this task!

With gratitude,

**Jim Baldwin, CEO**

## WHY I GIVE: JOY IS SHARED ALONG WITH FOOD

We hardly ever see volunteer Will Hartig alone. When he shows up at Anchorage GIFT to distribute holiday groceries, reclaims produce at Food Bank of Alaska's warehouse, or helps at a Mobile Food Pantry, he usually travels with a group of other students he has enlisted to volunteer along with him.

**"I don't see a reason not to help."**

"Meaningful work spurs others' passion for service," the South Anchorage High senior says. Will is the former president of the Kiwanis-sponsored Key Club at South and past Lieutenant Governor of Key Club for the Alaska division.

He finds volunteering at Food Bank of Alaska to be inspiring, "because it is

about feeding people and there is no other agenda," he says.

He wishes everyone understood that hunger is not just a problem in developing countries but also right here. He likes to point out to people who are not sure whether to volunteer just how much it means to families to receive food they need and the joy that is shared along with the food.

The passion of his fellow Key Club members inspires him and has taught him that giving back is contagious.

"Especially when there are simple things you can do that have such a profound impact on people's lives", Will says, "I don't see a reason not to help."



“We did it, thanks to your advocacy!” After two years, both the House and Senate passed a Farm Bill in 2018 - important legislation that governs many key programs for families needing food aid. This bipartisan legislation is a win for Food Bank of Alaska, our partners, and the people we serve. The 2018 Farm Bill:

- Protects funding and access to SNAP\* (also known as food stamps), our nation’s most effective anti-hunger program.
- Increases funding for TEFAP,\*\* which provides commodity food to low-income families and is Food Bank of Alaska’s biggest source of food for rural Alaska.

- Provides helpful changes to other provisions, such as expanding access to senior food boxes,\*\*\* and establishing a modest Farm to Food Bank Program.

We thank Senator Sullivan and Congressman Young for supporting this final legislation. While Senator Murkowski was unable to support the final version of the bill because of other issues, we are grateful for the key role she played in ensuring protection for the SNAP program in the final Farm Bill and for her efforts throughout the process.

To get involved as an advocate, contact Director of Public Engagement Cara Durr, [cdurr@foodbankofalaska.org](mailto:cdurr@foodbankofalaska.org) or by phone (907) 222-3113

\* SNAP, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as food stamps

\*\* TEFAP, the Emergency Food Assistance Program, a US Department of Agriculture commodity program

\*\*\* CSFP, Commodity Supplemental Food Program for seniors

## VISITING CHEFORNAK WITH THE US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

By Mel Buhr, SNAP Outreach Specialist

How do you really get the feel of rural Alaska? You visit. That’s just what Jesus Mendoza, Regional Administrator for Food and Nutrition Services of the US Department of Agriculture did this past July 25th.

I got to meet up with Jesus and Monica Windom, then Director of the Alaska Division of Public Assistance. We started in Bethel, population 6,500, a hub community for villages of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta.

The next day we boarded a small plane to Chefornak, population 463. We were greeted at the airport and driven by four-wheeler to the Traditional Council Offices.

Leona already had set up to distribute food shipped by Food Bank of Alaska from a USDA commodity program called TEFAP,\* and she used the VHF radio to announce to residents that all was ready for them to stop by. Monica and I were busy answering questions and assisting eligible families to apply for SNAP\*\* (also known as food stamps) or other public assistance programs.

Jesus observed the food distribution. He saw how excited everyone was to get fresh fruit we had brought with us from Anchorage, as produce rarely makes it out to the village in good condition. The fruit was slightly bruised from travel, but we were assured it was much better than they’d seen in the village before.

Jesus and Monica visited the village store to see just how expensive food to complement a subsistence diet can be to buy so far off the road system.

Later we explored the tundra and sampled salmonberries which were growing abundantly. Villagers told us how important these berries are to them and how many gallons their families had gathered.

We almost got to experience firsthand another challenge of living in a remote Alaska village – not knowing if the plane will land. As fog rolled in, people joked that we’d be “weathered in” overnight, but it lifted, and we returned to Bethel for connections home.

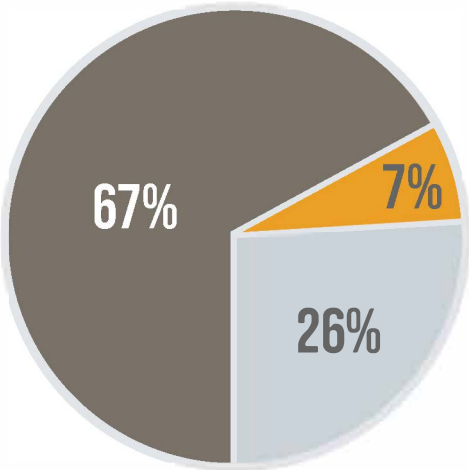


Jesus Mendoza from the US Department of Agriculture, gets a 4-wheeler ride from the Chefornak airstrip into the village last July.

# 2018 REPORT

## Highlights of what we accomplished, thanks to you

Acquired and distributed 7.3 million pounds of food from these sources



Our Mobile Food Pantry distributed 1.4 million pounds of food, amounting to 1.2 million meals in 2018. Children were 38% of those benefiting. Thank you to the faithful volunteers staffing Mobile Food Pantries all year round. Photo: *Loren Holmes / ADN*

### TOP FY18 partner organizations and programs

From Mobile Food Pantries in Anchorage to senior boxes for elders in Hydaburg to Thanksgiving groceries in Wasilla to government commodity food for families in Wainwright and Tok, we fed more people around the state than ever in 2018.

- Food Bank of Alaska's Mobile Food Pantry • Lutheran Social Services Alaska
- St. Francis House Pantry, Catholic Social Services • Bean's Cafe
- Anchorage Thanksgiving Blessing grocery distribution • Palmer Food Bank
- Big Lake Community Food Pantry • Frontline Mission, Wasilla
- Blood-n-Fire Ministry of Alaska, Wasilla • Kenai Peninsula Food Bank
- Salvation Army, Mat-Su Valley Corps • Anchorage GIFT holiday grocery distribution
- Salvation Army Family Emergency Services • Harvest Christian Fellowship
- Willow Community Food Pantry

### Thank you, TOP FY18 food donors

- Carrs Safeway
- Walmart
- Sam's Club
- Fred Meyer
- Charlie's Produce
- Pepsi Beverage Company of Alaska
- Sysco Alaska, Inc.
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- ConocoPhillips Alaska employee food drive
- Nestle USA
- Target
- Franz Bakery
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- SeaShare
- Nabisco Foods Group
- Costco Warehouses

**7.3M**  
POUNDS OF FOOD

### Thank you, TOP FY18 transportation donors

These companies donated freight to get the food to the people who need it in Alaska. We could never make your dollars go so far without them.

- TOTE Maritime Alaska • Matson • Carrs Safeway
- Carlile Transportation Systems • Weaver Brothers, Inc.

**Partner Distribution Organizations:** The Fairbanks Community Food Bank, Kenai Peninsula Food Bank, Kodiak Island Food Bank, and Southeast Alaska Food Bank are the local food banks for their areas, where they collect and distribute food.





## SERVED 200 MORE SENIORS A MONTH WITH FOOD BOXES

We now serve almost 2,200 seniors with the US Department of Agriculture Commodity Supplemental Food Program that provides a monthly box of food to help seniors stay healthy and active.



## DISTRIBUTED MORE PRODUCE

Almost 38% of the food we acquired last year was produce – the highest percentage ever. Thanks to volunteers who joined in food reclamation Tuesday and Thursday evenings to pluck the bad strawberries or zucchini from the good to save as much as possible for people's tables.



## REACHED MORE ELIGIBLE FAMILIES WITH SNAP INFORMATION

Our SNAP (food stamps) team conducted outreach in 20 communities from Utqiagvik to Unalaska to Wrangell, in addition to Anchorage and the Mat-Su Valley.



## KEPT OUR BALANCE ON NOVEMBER 30

Not a single pallet of food came off the racks during the 7.0 earthquake. We missed only one Mobile Food Pantry, but delivered two mobile food pantries the next day. Thank you Alaska Community Foundation Disaster Recovery Fund for helping to pay for repairs to our industrial freezer and to fix minor problems in the yard and offices.



## EVALUATED OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL AGENCIES

This past year we asked our partner agencies in Anchorage and the Valley to take some time for a thoughtful self-assessment, and we reviewed the best ways we can support them. We learned a lot together about how we can be as efficient and, most importantly, as effective as possible distributing food to families who depend on us to have enough to eat.



Kids in Bethel enjoy a healthy afternoon snack at the local library, thanks to your support.

## Met children's food needs

Kids who benefit from school lunch and breakfast programs need another source of food during school vacations. During summer 2018, we distributed 77,000 children's meals to almost 40 locations, most of them rural.

We put our logistical expertise to work to get another 30,000 summer meals at low cost to Campfire Alaska and 11,500 to the Mat-Su Food Bank. With grants from Hunger Is (Safeway-Albertsons Foundation), Ford Focus on Child Hunger, and the Red Nose Day Fund, we have been able to help organizations serve teenagers whose food needs are often hidden, kids in remote communities, and more.



# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Fiscal Year 2018 (July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018)  
Full audit and 990 at [foodbankofalaska.org](http://foodbankofalaska.org)

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Revenue and Expenses Including Food

### Revenues

Donations: Individuals	\$1,376,459
Donations: Businesses, Foundations, and Organizations	\$1,047,986
Government Grants and Contracts	\$987,334
Earned and Program Income	\$778,275
Other Revenue (including non-food in-kind)	\$235,611
Value of Donated Food	\$11,872,010
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$16,297,675</b>

### Expenses

<b>Program Services</b> (including value of food distributed)	<b>\$16,392,649</b>
Fundraising	\$341,293
Administration	\$597,394
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$17,331,336</b>

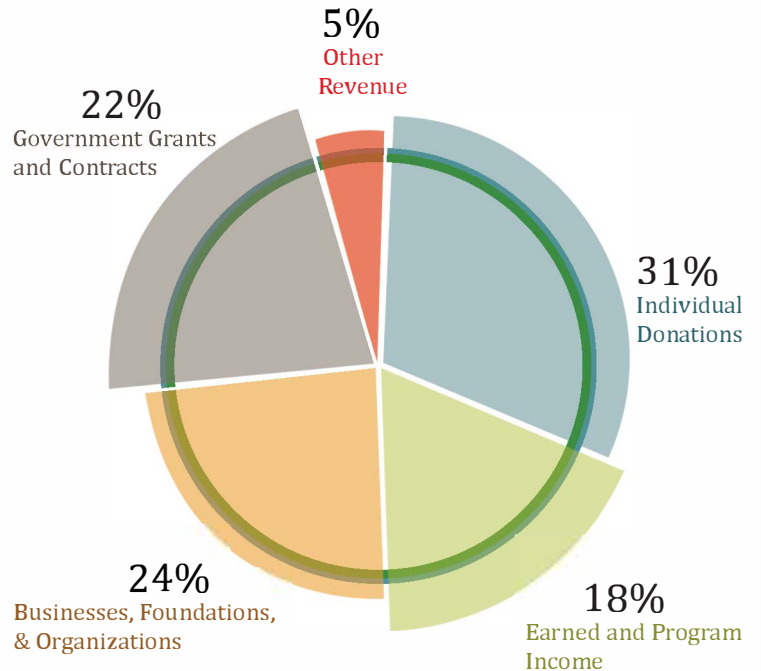
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>(\$1,033,661)</b>
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$5,044,253
Net Assets, End of Year	\$4,010,592

## BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY

### Revenues

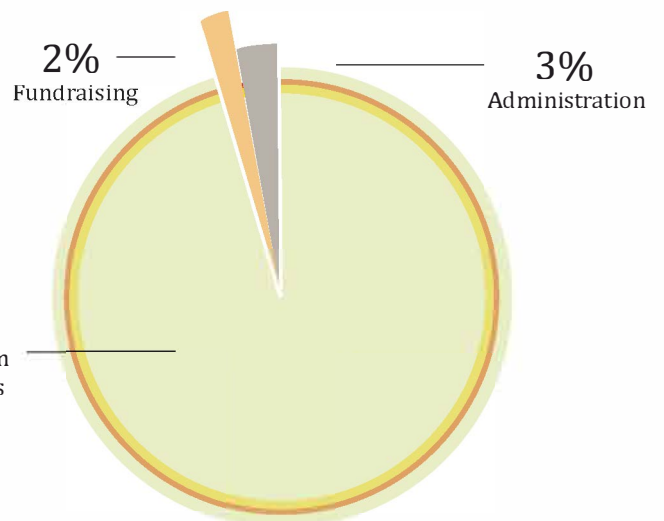
Total Assets	\$4,330,581
Liabilities	\$319,989
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$4,010,592</b>
Unrestricted	\$3,763,809
Temporarily restricted	\$246,783
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$4,330,581</b>

## Sources of Revenue



## Expenses

Including in-kind value of food distributed



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# You filled many plates and nourished Alaskan communities

## Thank you!

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## THANK YOU DOESN'T SAY ENOUGH

It's shocking! A million sockeye most years – almost no return for the fishing fleet this year. This economic disaster rocked villages in the Chignik Region on the Alaska Peninsula in 2018.

Most families in the area rely heavily on the fishing season for their income. As fuel tanks and pantries have emptied, people have had no income to refill them. Some families have relocated to find work.

With your support, Food Bank of Alaska was able to help respond with 18,000 pounds of food for the communities of Chignik, Chignik Lake, Chignik Lagoon, and Perryville.

“The food was a huge blessing to people,” says JJ Orloff, Chignik City Clerk. “They were hugging each other – it brought people together.” Students at the school in Chignik helped to divide the food by households and deliver food to elders.

“This food created togetherness out of a really bad situation,” JJ says. “Thank you doesn't say enough – I feel like we ought to hug everyone!”

Food Bank of Alaska's effort took a partnership. We trucked the food to Soldotna, where Samaritan's Purse Mission Aviation Services made six flights to deliver it all to the four communities. The people of the region, supported by Bristol Bay Native Association and other organizations, initiated a number of other relief efforts.

Chignik students and teachers enjoy dividing up a food shipment, so every family will get a share of what Food Bank of Alaska provided to help out after the disastrous 2018 fishing season.

