



Mendocino Food and Nutrition Program Inc

THE FORT BRAGG FOOD BANK

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The State of the Food Bank

As we forge into 2015 it is important to remember there are many in our community struggling just to get by. It is also a time to thank those who contribute in many ways to the well-being of our community through the Fort Bragg Food Bank. We are very grateful to all our donors. Your generosity makes it possible for this food bank to operate efficiently and serve our community well. We could not do it without your continued support.

Here are just a few of the Food Bank's accomplishments in 2014:

- We distributed 1,250,000 pounds of food. Almost a million pounds went directly to clients from Elk to Westport through our warehouse on Franklin St in Fort Bragg, where we served weekly groceries to over 900 households (1,700 people) each month. We also delivered USDA commodities and fresh produce monthly to food pantries and soup kitchens serving small communities county-wide.
- By emphasis on locating sources of donated foods and maintaining the infrastructure to transport them, we were able to distribute \$6.62 worth of food for every budget dollar spent (including all direct and indirect costs).
- Through a grant from The Community Foundation of Mendocino County we were able to increase deliveries of fresh produce to remote rural food pantries five hundred percent.
- We provided groceries for a delicious holiday dinner complete with a turkey and all the trimmings to over 700 local family households for Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- We completed a retrofit of the inefficient lighting in our warehouse, replacing it with brighter and more efficient lighting. This was almost entirely funded by subsidies through PG&E.
- We received the good news from the City of Fort Bragg that this summer we will be able to purchase a much needed overflow freezer and a new electric pallet jack through a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).
- Our loyal volunteers contributed over 12,000 hours of their time to make the Food Bank possible.
- We successfully expanded our board of directors. We now have 8 directors - a capable, dedicated and cohesive group.

Future needs include replacing the roof and installation of solar power. Although CDBG funding will be available to us for this project, it will not cover the entire project so we'll require additional funding. We also need the parking area/warehouse receiving area repaved for which we do not yet have funds.

We are dedicated to putting your donations to the best possible use in order to provide nutritious food to our friends and neighbors in need. When considering donations, I hope you will give some thought to help support the Fort Bragg Food Bank. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Thom Adams
President, Board of Directors

OUR VISION: People coming together to create hope for a dignified, abundant life for everyone.

OUR MISSION: To provide nutritious food that supports people in creating a healthy and better life.