

HIGHLINE AREA FOOD BANK

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Who We Are:

The Highline Area Food Bank is a Non-Profit 501C3 organization dedicated to the gathering and distribution of food for those in need in the Burien and greater Highline area.

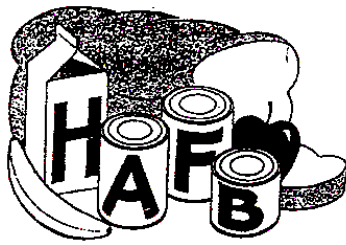
How We Started:

A group of churches in 1983 started the Trinity Church Food Bank and the John Knox food bank. With the continued demand for food from an increasing population and limited space, graciously provided by our host churches, the necessity for a larger location was determined. In 1995 a group of seven churches (Church by the Side of the Road, John Knox Presbyterian, Lake Burien Presbyterian, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Prince of Peace, St. Francis, and Trinity) organized and filed for non-profit status as an independent corporation known as the Highline Area Food Bank.

In 1996, we negotiated and signed a 25-year lease to make the Manhattan Community Center (18300, 4th Ave S.) the new home of the Food Bank. By the end of that decade we had added a 20' and 40' insulated containers to store our gathered food until distribution. Later, in the summer of 2003, the food bank purchased and installed a 12' by 24' walk in freezer/refrigerator unit, allowing us to store a greater quantity of fresh and frozen foods. In the fall of 2004, the King County Council donated a Chevy Astro Van to the food bank to assist with pick-ups and distribution of food. Since then the HAFB board has created and filled the position of a paid, full time director to oversee their ever-expanding operations.

Who We Serve:

Our established boundaries serve clients North of 192nd and South of 116th streets (east of 509) 140th(west of 509), west to Puget Sound and East to PAC-Highway/International Boulevard/Military Road. In 2013 we distributed food to 10,602 households representing 31,143 individuals. The household makeup is 45% adults (18-55), 18% are seniors (56+), 35% are children (3-17) and 2% are babies (0-2). Further, 71% reside within the city of Burien, 19% from SeaTac, 6% from Normandy Park, and 4% declare themselves as homeless. To these households we distributed approximately 818,550 pounds of food valued at approximately \$1,358,793. In addition, at Christmas we distributed toys to over 463 children along with food for the family. Our clients represent many different Nationalities. Many of them are employed but not making enough to provide for their basic needs.



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Donations and Funding:

We currently pickup day old and damaged products from merchants in Burien, (Fred Meyer, Safeway, Albertson's, three Starbucks, Grand Central Bakery), Normandy Park (QFC) and SeaTac (Safeway, Gai's Bakery,). We have a food bank drop-off locations at QFC in N. Park(17847 1st Ave. So.) year round. The purchase of food is essential to our ability to give out a nutritionally balanced unit of service to our clients. Our funding was generated from the following sources last year: 32% from Federal, State, & City grants, 13% from local churches, 22% from individual donors, 20% from businesses/organizations, and 13% from United Way. The total value of the donated food we distributed in 2013 was over \$1,358,793. We receive grants from King County, United Way of King County, cities of Burien and SeaTac along with a federal grant from EFSP, and a state grant (EFAP). You may also designate the Highline Area Food Bank at your place of work in the United Way Giving campaign.

Volunteering:

Volunteering is a great way to meet new people and have a positive effect on the lives of the people we serve in our local community. We at the Highline Area Food Bank are totally dependent on our volunteers. Ways that you can help are: register clients, assemble and package bulk food, pickup donations from local stores, assist clients in selecting their food, put together a group (15 – 20) to work our evening distribution of food on the 2nd Tue. of each month, helping clients get the food to their cars and generally just serving our clients. In 2013 the in-kind labor costs donated by our volunteers was over \$156,000. Without dedicated volunteers, none of this would be possible. If you would be interested in volunteering please contact our Executive Director @ 206-433-9900

Questions:

If you have any questions or concerns please contact our Executive Director (Mike Werle) at 206-433-9900 or by **mail: P.O. Box 66427 Burien Wa 98166**

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Food Bank distribution times are: Tue. 12PM – 2:30pm, Thur. 10AM – 12:30PM and the 2nd Tuesday evening of each month from 5:30PM – 7PM.