

How can you help?

Please detach and return this form showing how you would like to support us.

Place a check mark next to what you are interested in helping with. We will contact you with details.

Give

Your 501 (c)(3) tax deductible financial contributions will go directly towards purchasing food, utilities for our facility, truck and trailer operating expenses and maintenance.

When doing your estate planning please consider a legacy gift to benefit the Priest Lake Food Bank.

_____ One time donation (check enclosed)

_____ Reoccurring donation Amount

\$ _____

_____ Monthly _____ Quarterly

_____ Semi Annually _____ Annually

Volunteer

This is an easy way to help and only takes a few hours twice a month.

_____ Assist with semimonthly food distribution

_____ Assist with fund raising activities

_____ Assist with marketing or PR

_____ Other ways you can help.

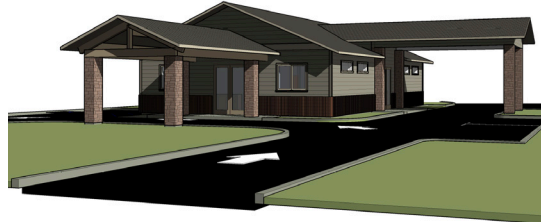
Donate Food

(Please make sure the food is in original packaging and is not expired nor opened)

_____ Periodically

_____ At cabin close up time.

Priest Lake Food Bank



New Building Coming Soon!

At approximately Mile Post 27 across from Autumns Lodge on HWY 57

Hours: 12-3pm

1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month
(Please check with us as holidays may affect our schedule.)

Contacts:

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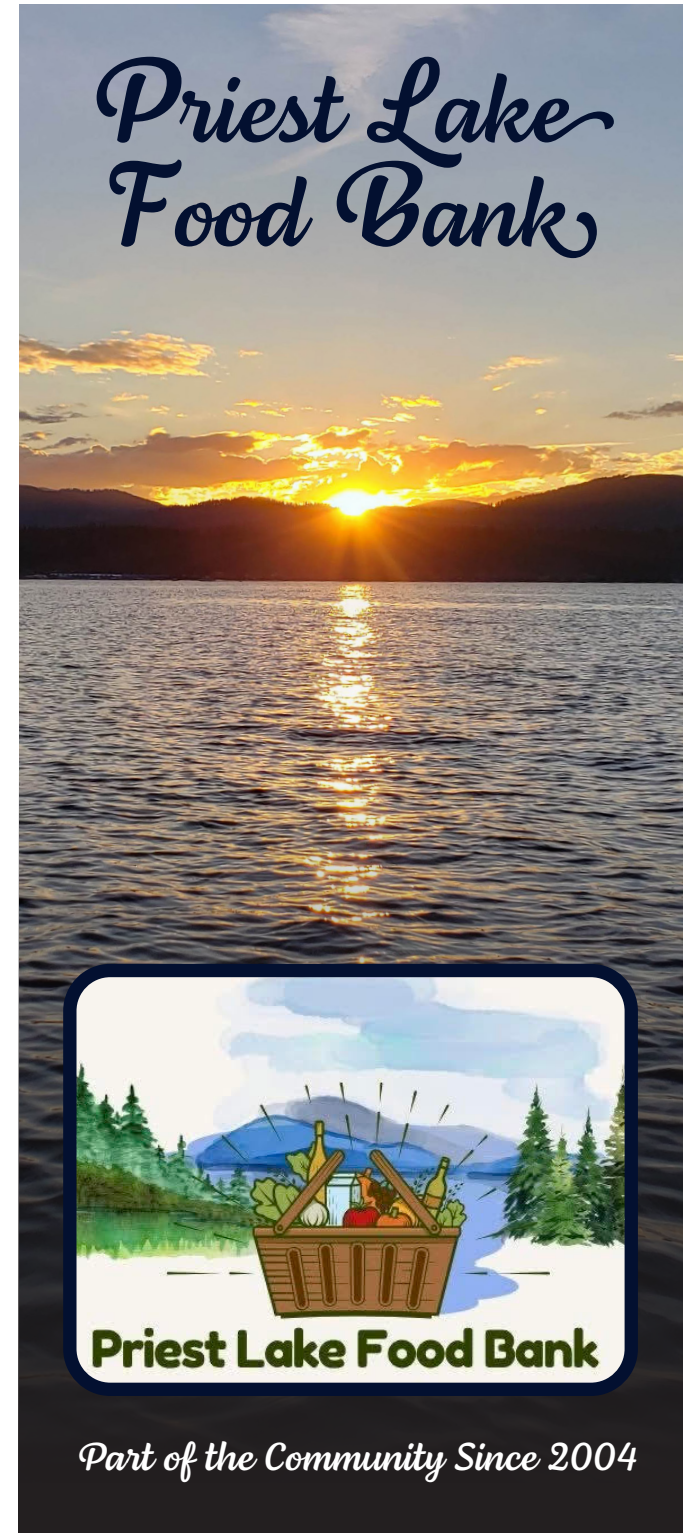
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Priest Lake Food Bank



Part of the Community Since 2004

Mail this to:

PRIEST LAKE FOOD BANK

C/O 151 PETTIT LANE PRIEST LAKE, IDAHO 83856

We at the Priest Lake Food bank want to thank you for your help. Without the support of the community and the local businesses we could not meet the need to provide high quality food to the Priest Lake area residents who are in need.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Your contact information will only be used to send you information and will not be shared.

OPERATIONS & Funding

We are open 12-3pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Surplus and discounted food products are picked up on the proceeding Mondays at the USDA main Northern Idaho distribution center in Coeur d' Alene and Second Harvest in Spokane. The timing of the pick-up immediately prior to distribution days helps to ensure that fresh products are available for our clients. Occasionally some of our food is obtained at grocery stores when our volunteers hear about special sales. And although the food bank has no payroll or rent costs it still incurs considerable expenses. These include utilities, truck and trailer operating expenses, and maintenance and equipment and food bought for distribution. To pay for these costs the food bank relies on monetary donations from individuals and benevolent individual organizations including the Priest Lake Thrift Store, the Priest Lake Lions Club and the Community Assistance League of Sandpoint (CAL).

In addition, fund-raising events are held periodically, and grants are written to pay for some of these expenses. Our grantors have helped with equipment acquisition and repairs as well as building improvements.

In addition, many local residents and organizations go out of their way to donate food to offset our food costs, Seasonal cabin owners who leave Priest Lake in the fall donate their surplus nonperishable food. We can only accept food in its original packaging, not opened and not expired. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated.

PRIEST LAKE FOOD BANK

From Humble Beginnings...

The idea to start a food bank came from the members of the Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Priest Lake. Part of their mission statement refers to "meet human needs". Certainly, healthy eating is a basic human need and from this the food bank was born. With limited donations, the first few food bank recipients received less than a bag of groceries. As we were able to source additional resources for food donations, the sacks became fuller and fuller and the number of people receiving them increased.

Local businesses and residents who wanted to help donated basics like used refrigerators and freezers to prevent food spoilage.

In the beginning the food bank was housed at the Lamb of God church rent free. Which was important as it meant that the donations we received could be spent on food and not rent. And while the food bank is not run by the church, the church generously continues to allow us to use the space at no cost.

The food bank is staffed by volunteers who gather food and serve the patrons. The volunteers use their own vehicles to transport food goods to the food bank and deliver food to those who cannot reach our location on an emergency basis.

TODAY'S *Mission Statement*

To provide high quality food to the Priest Lake area residents whose food budgets may not sustain adequate nutrition.

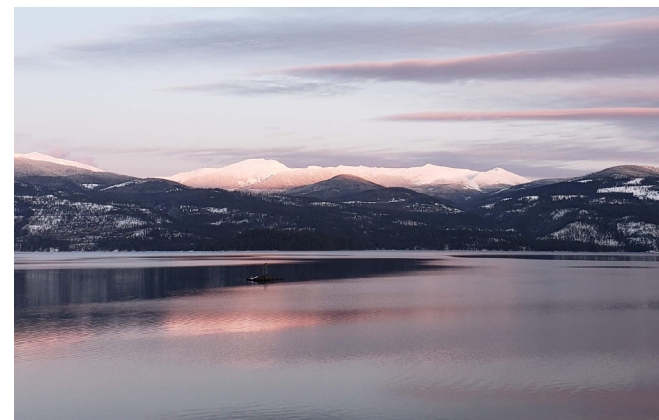
This is done by sourcing, safely managing and storing and distributing quality food products to those in the Priest Lake area who qualify under the guidelines established by the government and not for profit organizations who offer free or discounted food.



THE FOOD BANK *Today*

The food bank continues to run out of the same location and now shares space with the Priest Lake Thrift Shoppe, but things have changed considerably. We now have four freezers, three refrigerators, our own truck and trailer, and have made improvements to the building, such as adding the covered side porch, for the safety and benefit of those unloading food and for patrons visiting during inclement weather.

All these upgrades were conducted by volunteers who not only acquire and distribute the food but also write grants and conduct fund raising in support of the mission statement. Our volunteers are enthusiastic about what they do. This is exemplified by the fact that many have been volunteering for more than ten years.



Join us in celebrating being part of our community since 2004

The Priest Lake Food Bank has grown in structure. It now has a board of directors, job descriptions for board members, became a 501 (c)(3) not for profit and is working on bylaws and upgrades to its accounting system.

The USDA and Second Harvest (our primary sources for free and discounted food) inspect our food bank operations periodically and all our inspections have been positive.

Most importantly, the food bank continues to serve the Priest Lake community. The number of patrons varies with the seasons. On average 30-40 clients and their families (120-140) visit the food bank twice a month. Many of our clients are retired and living on fixed incomes or unable to work. The food bank is proud of its progress but still faces new challenges and opportunities. If you have a passion for our mission, specific skill that would be helpful or simply want to volunteer to help, we would love to hear from you.