Wow, what a year! Not only has the need been unprecedented with 1 in 6 Alaskans, including 1 in 4 children, unable to depend on three meals a day, but your outpouring of generosity in response has been extraordinary. Your gifts brought relief from constant worry about food to fellow Alaskans whose lives have been upended by the pandemic. We cannot thank you enough!

A year ago, COVID-19 required Food Bank of Alaska to scale up operations quickly to fulfill our critical role in Alaska’s emergency response infrastructure. But the warehouse we have occupied for the last 25 years simply could not stretch enough for the job. Thankfully, Walmart donated use of its Sam’s Club at Anchorage’s Tikahtnu Commons for temporary emergency response.

Even before the pandemic we knew that our old warehouse was too small to take advantage of all the support available to meet our top strategic goal to distribute more food to more communities throughout Alaska. We have worked behind the scenes the past two years to find and purchase a bigger facility, so we can accept more food and distribute it statewide while also handling emergencies when they arise. We’re excited to report that we purchased an 85,000-square-foot warehouse in Anchorage at the end of October 2020 and sold our current building at the end of December.

We’re working now to remodel and equip the larger facility. We’ll have triple the freezer/cooler capacity, a rural shipping area, and dedicated volunteer workspace when we move into our new home this summer. The generosity of individuals, corporations, and foundations who have already donated to our capital campaign has brought us almost to our goal.

Now, it is time to boost our Nourish Alaska’s Future capital campaign over the top. Will you help us raise $500,000 by April 30? If you are able, please consider making a special gift.

Please also share your belief that no one should go hungry with your network of friends, family, and co-workers. Ask them to give and to get involved in finishing this project too. Visit FoodBankofAlaska.org for information and inspiration to share.

Alaskans take care of each other. Your generous support means dinner instead of an empty plate for children, families, and seniors – now and for the next generation.

With deep gratitude,
Jim Baldwin, CEO
Amy DeBruhl, Board President

To donate to the campaign:
Visit FoodBankofAlaska.org or scan this QR code. You can also mail a check or provide your credit card info over the phone by calling 907-222-3102. Please tell us if your gift is for the capital campaign.
COVID-19 Impact

When the pandemic began, the effect on Alaskans was disastrous. Our network of 149 food pantries and meal programs saw an immediate spike in the need for food resources and overnight responded to support those below the poverty level, the working poor, and the newly unemployed. The challenge was great, and the need even greater.

Food Bank of Alaska quickly pivoted our operations to both serve more clients and serve them safely, all while working to keep our 34 staff healthy. Donations from individuals, businesses, foundations, and an incredible amount of support from Alaska’s working poor, and the newly unemployed.

For more than a decade, Lant has also been a devoted volunteer with a special needs Scout Troop sponsored by Anchor Park Methodist Church. He volunteered to help organize the 2020 Scouting for Food community drive for Food Bank of Alaska. Sadly, both troop activities and the food drive are on hold until after COVID restrictions are lifted.

Pandemic EBT benefits make a world of difference

Pandemic EBT benefits have been — in the words of those who have received them — “a life saver.” “A stress reliever.” They have given families “a little breathing room.” These benefits have “meant everything.” This past fall, we conducted outreach to clients to ensure they received Pandemic EBT benefits. We want to make sure families knew about this important resource, so we created a dedicated P-EBT page on Food Bank of Alaska’s website that directed people to the first round of benefits, covering March, April, and May of 2020 have been issued, but benefits will continue for the current 2020-2021 school year as soon as the state has an approved plan. Stay tuned for details! For the latest program updates and announcements, visit foodbankofalaska.org/pebt.

Why we give: Capital gift sustains the work feeding Alaskans

“Making a special gift to the capital campaign is our way to help sustain Food Bank of Alaska’s work feeding Alaskans so no one goes hungry in the future,” says Lant Platner. He and his wife Deanna have been donors since 1992.

Every single dollar helps our neighbors in Alaska.

By making some donations through their IRA, Lant and Deanna have been able to increase their giving to have a bigger impact for the charities that are most important to them. Lant recommends that anyone who falls under the Required Minimum Distribution provision talk with their financial advisor about turning the distribution into donations.

Food Bank of Alaska helps families get Pandemic EBT benefits

“But where are kids going to get the school meals they may depend on?” This was a question we often heard at the start of the pandemic, as in-person schooling stopped. Out of this concern the federal Pandemic EBT program was created. Pandemic EBT or P-EBT is additional money for families to buy food due to COVID-19 related school closures. This program is available to most Alaskan families with school age children who receive free or reduced-price school meals.

We live a subsistence lifestyle and this will give our son the opportunity to eat more of the fresh produce he loves to eat. We live in a rural community and the cost of living is so high. I am thankful for this program gives us some breathing room during this pandemic.

Lant Platner

Family with 1 kid, Point Hope

P-EBT means not worrying about what the kids will eat tomorrow. It means not hearing them cry while waiting for mom to magically create something out of nothing for dinner. It means not worrying how baby will get his formula when money is tight. It means everything to keep our kids fed.

Family with 4 kids, Anchorage
We serve the entire state of Alaska, thanks to 170 partner agencies and three Partner Distribution Organizations who collect and distribute food in their service areas.

The Difference You Make: COVID Relief

Due to COVID restrictions, and in the interest of the safety of our staff, volunteers, partners, and clients, Food Bank of Alaska worked closely with our agency partners to modify distribution methods. Through careful collaboration, we were able to transition from a grocery shopping model to drive through models at many food distributions, helping to mitigate the risk of spreading COVID in our community.

Food insecurity grew dramatically starting in April 2020, prompting Food Bank of Alaska to identify alternative food distribution methods. Walmart generously donated use of the old Sams Club facility in the Tikahtnu Commons to Food Bank of Alaska. This allowed for greater food storage and emergency food box building capacity, as well as providing the perfect venue for a large drive-thru food distribution. We have been providing food commodity boxes to as many as 900 families per week from Anchorage, Eagle River, and the Mat-Su Valley.

Food insecurity in rural Alaskan communities has grown disproportionately compared to urban communities during the pandemic. Food Bank of Alaska formed partnerships with 30 rural agencies to meet the growing need, increasing the number of partner agencies from 140 to 170 statewide. We provided food purchased with grant funding to these rural partners at no expense to them. We also covered shipping costs.

Several of our partners serving seniors temporarily closed their doors due to the pandemic. Additionally, many seniors who typically pick up their boxes chose to self-isolate. This prompted Food Bank of Alaska to implement a home delivery program, in partnership with Salmon Berry Tours. We delivered government commodities to as many as 900 seniors per month who otherwise would have gone without this supplemental food box.

In partnership with Baylor University and McLane Hunger Solutions, Food Bank of Alaska has been participating in the Meals to You program. This grant-funded program delivers shelf-stable meal kits directly to the homes of children throughout the country. Alaskan children receive recurring weekly deliveries with seven breakfast meals and seven lunch meals. The program has provided more than 350,000 meals to over 2,700 children in rural communities throughout the state.

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TOP FOOD DONORS

Carrs Safeway • Walmart • Costco
Charlie’s Produce • Fred Meyer • Pepsi
Beverage Co. of Alaska • Sysco Food Services • ConocoPhillips Alaska
SeaShare • DiTomaso’s

TRANSPORTATION DONORS

TOTE Maritime Alaska • Matson
Carlile Transportation Systems
Weaver Bros., Inc.

FAIRBANKS:
Fairbanks Community Food Bank

JUNEAU:
Southeast Alaska Food Bank

KENAI:
Kenai Peninsula Food Bank

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1,000,000 POUNDS
of food distributed by Food Bank of Alaska

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### Financial Statements

From the period of July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020

Full Financial Statement and Compliance Report available at foodbankofalaska.org

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#### BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY

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#### Sources of Revenue

- **26% Individual Donations**
  - Fedland America
  - GoMackenzie
  - Five Leaves Foundation
  - The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
  - United Way of Anchorage

- **45% Business, Organization, & Foundation Donations**
  - Alaska Air Group Credit Union
  - Alyeska Pipeline Service Company
  - Anchorage Firefighters
  - Foundation Inc.

- **11% Other Revenue**
  - Alaska Airlines
  - Alaska USA Federal Credit Union
  - Anchorage Rotary Endowment
  - Bank of America Charitable Foundation

- **4% Earned & Program Income**
  - Alaska Statewide Fundraising
  - First National Bank Alaska
  - Lynden
  - Northrim Bank

- **14% Government Grants & Contracts**
  - Alaska Department of Health & Social Services
  - City and Borough of Anchorage
  - Mat-Su Health Foundation

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#### Expenses

- **Program Services**
  - $19,441,051

- **Fundraising**
  - $333,412

- **Administration**
  - $681,721

- **Total Expenses**
  - $20,456,184

- **Change in Net Assets**
  - $3,750,163

- **Net Assets, Beginning of Year**
  - $5,037,258

- **Net Assets, End of Year**
  - $8,787,421

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#### The difference you make makes all the difference. Thank you!

Fiscal Year 2020 (July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020)

*Gifts to our Nourish Alaska's Future Capital campaign are included for these donors*

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Thank you! Nourish Alaska’s Future Capital Campaign Donors
Special thanks to Lead Donor ConocoPhillips Alaska and other Leadership Donors to our campaign for a bigger warehouse. We will recognize a full list of campaign donors in next year’s Annual Report.

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This project is supported by a grant from the Municipality of Anchorage.
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.

Your contribution is a lifesaver

When Tamara and Laura Arnold purchased their home last spring, they did not expect a pandemic and economic hardships to follow a few weeks later.

“I am a pet trainer and Laura is on disability,” explained Tamara. A few years ago, Laura was diagnosed with cancer and has been on disability ever since. “She still has good days and bad days, but she hasn’t been able to work since she first started chemo.”

When the state went into “hunker down,” the couple lost their main source of income and they started to feel the financial burden that so many Alaskans have felt. “I got unemployment and the extra $600, which we saved.” Once Tamara’s employer reopened, she was able to go back to work, but still has not been able to work full-time.

“We have gone through our savings and everything is tight as my hours have been extremely cut at work,” she explained.

That’s when Laura learned about Food Bank of Alaska’s emergency food distributions. When she brought home the first boxes, Laura said Tamara was overwhelmed — “When she saw the boxes of food, she dropped her head and started crying.”

“The food Food Bank of Alaska has provided has helped us keep our home, pay our electric and gas bills, and it made me cry,” Tamara said. “We can pay our bills AND eat!”

Laura and Tamara are thankful for the assistance they have received from Food Bank of Alaska, the volunteers, and support from the community.

“Your contribution is a lifesaver.”