

FISH Food Banks
of Pierce County
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FISH Tales

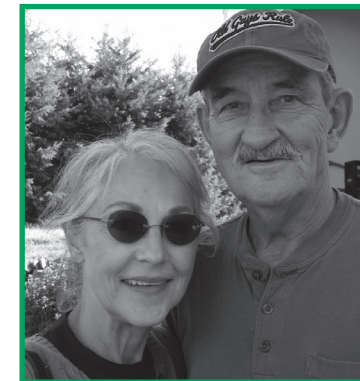
Fall 2015

People helping People

*Your support feeds people and families
in need. Here are a just a few.*



Joseph: "I really appreciate the fresh vegetables that people grow. I can't afford this kind of fresh produce. I love the onions, and the fresh fruit, and corn. **Food banks bring a community together to help each other. They provide unity-- it's about a lot of people.** There are donors, recipients, people who prepare the food... it's run by volunteers, an indispensable and precious commodity. I like how it bonds the human spirit. I tithe through helping others. Life is about service. The food bank provides for us mentally, physically, and spiritually."



Mrs. J.: I've never been to the food bank as an adult. So the first time I went, I felt poor. My idea of the food banks were based on what I'd seen on commercials and movies. I honestly thought they would just give you bread and water like in Jesus' time. But **they give you food for days, and that felt good.**

Knowing others were there for the very same reasons changed the experience for me. It made the process easier to go through with, although the entire time I felt like running out of there. I had gone through something by the time I reached the back door. I felt changed somehow. What changed was that **I had accepted where I was at that point in my life, realizing for the first time it was okay to ask for help.**"

Debbie & Steve:

"We retired and were living in our van camper on our son's property. We were kind of homeless. It took four months to start receiving our Social Security and we were living on \$504 a month, and used our savings to move here. We were eating, but not a lot. We came here and started volunteering. **We feel special. We get to know the community and have met so many people.**"

Roger: I am 61 years of age, and very blessed to be alive. Two years ago I had a stroke which left me with an illness that caused me to lose my job and go into early retirement. Soon to find out that my retirement check was not going to be enough to keep up with my bills, even after cutting back on many things. I just want to say I personally am ever so grateful for the help of the hardworking volunteers at FISH Food Banks. They have helped me and continue to help to be able to make ends meet so much easier. **At some time in the near future I plan to hopefully repay back some of that kindness by volunteering myself again. Thank you to everyone involved. You truly are a God's Blessing.**

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Browns Point FISH
Browns Pt. United Methodist Church
5339 Browns Point Blvd. NE
Tacoma, WA 98422
Fridays: 4:30-6pm

Edgewood Community FISH
Mountain View Lutheran Church
3607 122nd Ave. East, Suite B
Edgewood, 98372
Thurs: 3:30-6pm/Sat: 11am-2pm

Graham/South Hill FISH
Holy Disciples Catholic Church
10425 187th St. East
Puyallup, 98374
Mon/Fri: 10am-1:30pm/Wed: 2-6pm

Jackson Street FISH
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
7419 South 12th St.
Tacoma, 98465
Last Wed. of month: 5-7pm

Lakes FISH
United Methodist Church at Lakewood
6900 Steilacoom Blvd. SW,
Lakewood, 98499
Mon: 2-6pm/Wed/Fri: 1-5pm

Northwest Tacoma FISH
Mason United Methodist Church
2710 North Madison
Tacoma, 98407
Wed: 12pm-4pm/Sat: 11:30am-3pm

Southeast Tacoma FISH
Lutheran Church of Christ the King
1704 East 85th St.
Tacoma, 98445
Mon/Fri: 11am-4pm/Wed: 11am-6pm

FISH Mobile Food Bank
Serving eight locations weekly
For current schedule,
see www.fishfoodbanks.org

The Beautiful Faces of our Dedicated Volunteers



*"When we give cheerfully and accept
gratefully, everyone is blessed."
- Maya Angelou*



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Please join us!

Tuesday, October 20 | Allenmore Elks Lodge | 2125 South Cedar Street | Tacoma, Washington
Doors open: 11:30 a.m. | Program: Noon

A PLACE at OUR TABLE

Feeding Families, Community and Hope!

Join us for this inspirational gathering as we celebrate FISH Food Banks of Pierce County, share our vision for the future and raise critical funds to continue our mission of providing food to people in need with compassion, dignity and respect.


While the luncheon itself is free, there will be a request for donations during the program.

Tables are for ten people. Sponsorship Packages and Table Captain opportunities are available (*see link below for Table Captain Kit*). For more information or **to RSVP**, please go to: www.fishfoodbanks.org/events/save-date-october-20th.




Turkey Angels

Holiday Food Drive



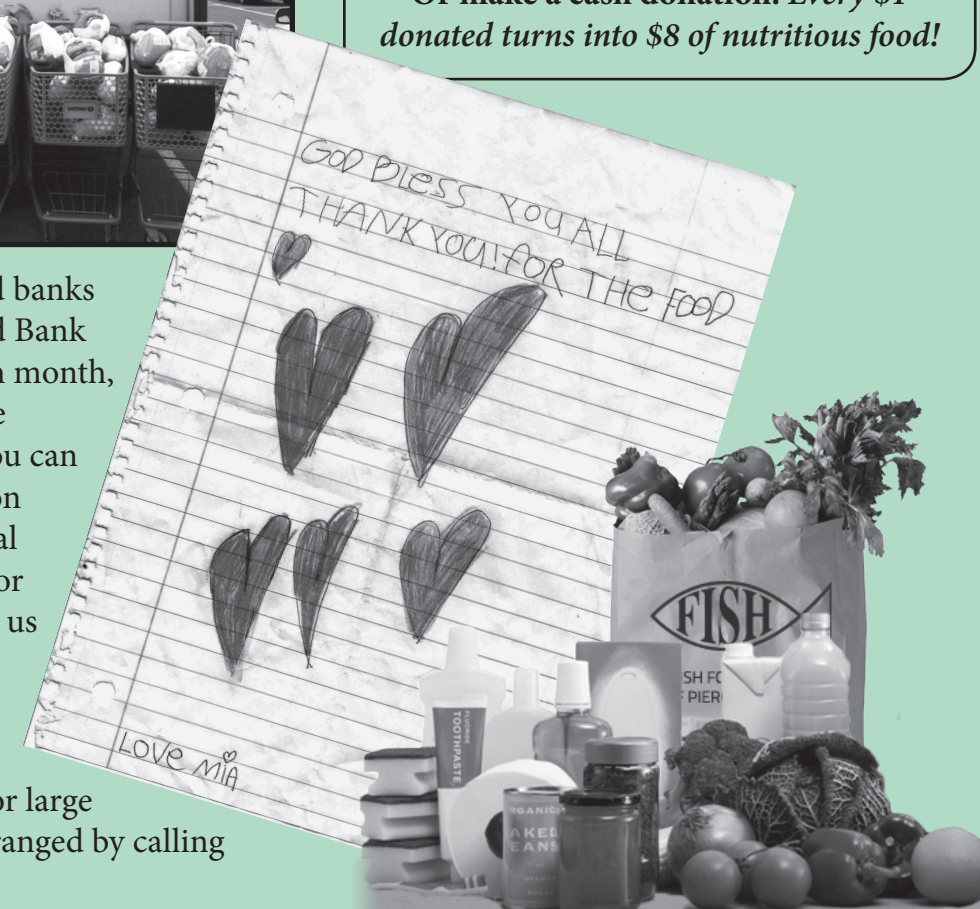
The holidays are a time of gathering together for families and loved ones. But imagine being in crisis, or not having food to provide for your family every day, much less for a special holiday meal.



Our Angel Wish List

- Holiday meats of all varieties--Turkeys, hams, whole chickens, seafood, turkey or chicken breasts
- Stuffing mix
- Mashed potatoes mix
- Canned vegetables
- Pie fillings or other fixin's

Or make a cash donation. Every \$1 donated turns into \$8 of nutritious food!



FISH Food Banks' seven food banks and nine weekly Mobile Food Bank sites serve 45,000 people each month, and that number can increase during the holiday season. You can be an angel this holiday season by donating something special for someone's holiday table--or make a cash donation and let us do the shopping!

Donations can be dropped off directly at any food bank during operating hours, or, for large quantities, pick-up can be arranged by calling 253-383-3164.