Annual Report 2008

Dear Friends:

Even in these difficult economic times I continue to be amazed at your generosity. Whether you donated food, money or volunteer hours, your involvement was critical in helping us serve an increasingly large number of individuals in need with compassion, dignity and respect. In 2008 we served over 234,000 individuals through our eight food bank locations.

As always, we worked hard to be good stewards of your donations. For every $1.00 that was donated we distributed $4.00 worth of food. I would like to share with you some of the ways your donations were put to use:

- 234,739 individuals in need were served enough food to make 2,112,651 nutritious meals.
- More than 2,306,868 pounds of food were donated to our food banks from individuals, schools, churches, local grocery stores, Northwest Harvest and the Emergency Food Network.
- Over 600 volunteers worked tirelessly to operate the food banks, pick up donated food and deliver food to individuals who needed extra assistance.
- We purchased more than $285,000 worth of nutritious food from suppliers that provide the lowest cost possible.
- In October we consolidated two food bank locations that were in close proximity to one another to become more efficient and effective in our operations.
- We hired a part-time food bank coordinator at our Graham/South Hill location and converted our full-time driver to a full-time food bank coordinator/driver at the Southeast location. In both instances we saw an increase in food and financial donations as well as an increase in the number and diversity of volunteers.
- We increased and altered our hours of operation to serve more individuals.
- We purchased a cargo van for the Graham/South Hill location, thanks to the generosity of the Fred Meyer Foundation.
- A new food bank was built in Edgewood and one was expanded in Southeast Tacoma.

Our list of generous donors is too long to print. We are extremely grateful to every individual, church, foundation, business, school, organization and government entity that supports the work of FISH Food Banks of Pierce County.

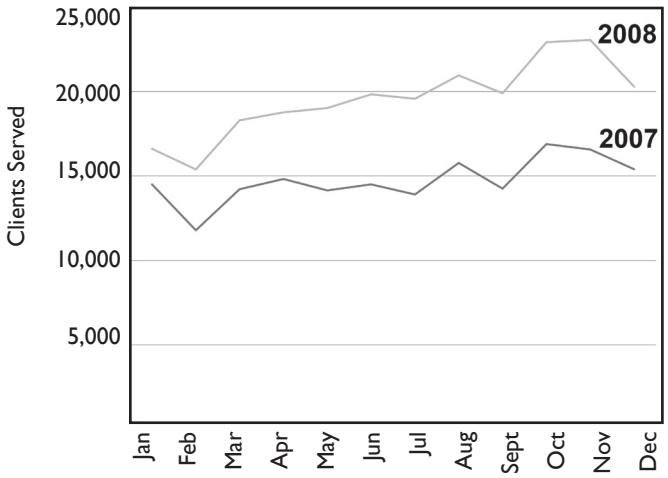
With your support we have been able to accomplish great things to benefit those who have the greatest needs.

Sincerely,

Beth

Beth Elliott
Executive Director

2007-2008 FISH Food Bank Usage



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FISH Food Banks of Pierce County
2008 Operating Revenue & Expenses*

2008 Income

Government Grants	$115,179
Church Donations	$145,162
Individual Donations	$258,611
Businesses/Organizations	$63,814
Foundations	$125,301
Miscellaneous	$340
Investment Income	$12,209
Value of In-Kind Food Received	$3,460,303
Total	**$4,180,919**

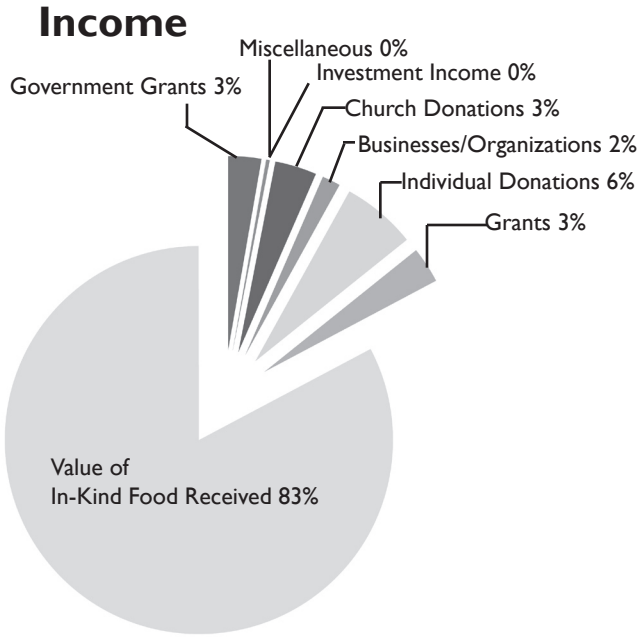
2008 Expenses

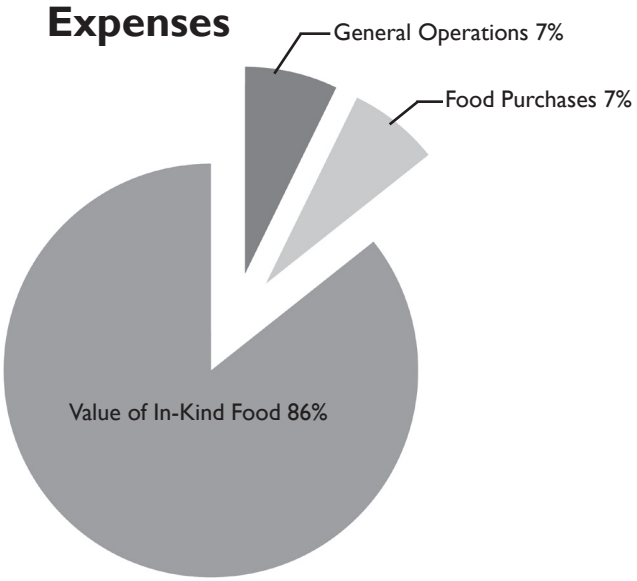
General Operations	$292,230
Food Purchases	$285,473
Value of In-Kind Food Distributed	$3,460,303
Total	**$4,038,006**

Net Ordinary Income	**$142,913**
Designated for Food Purchases	$103,732
Contribution to SE Construction	$8,552
Contribution to Reserve	$30,629

** These figures are based on 2008 unaudited financial information. An annual audit will be conducted and will be available to the public upon request.*

§ Income and Expense figures do not include the Southeast Expansion Project.





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Sue Sanders, Secretary/Treasurer •
Bob Battles • Dennis Clarke • Bill Martyn • Mike Mowat

Meetings of the Board of Directors of FISH Food Banks of Pierce County
are the third Thursday of each month from 4:30-6:00 p.m.
at Associated Ministries, 1224 South I Street, Tacoma 98405