

2006 STATEWIDE SERVICE STATISTICS

Pounds distributed:
5,885,689

Value of food:
\$9.09 million

Estimated individuals served:
52,324

Pounds distributed since inception (1983):
74,242,808

Food baskets provided by food shelves supplied by the GPFB:
149,276

Hot meals served by charitable feeding programs supplied by the GPFB:
2,542,751

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

On the cover of our 2006 Year In Review you see the numbers "1 in 12." That's because 1 in 12 is the number of people in North Dakota and western Minnesota that would have gone hungry last year without your compassionate and critical support of the Great Plains Food Bank.

You also see the words "thank you," followed by faces representing the many people we serve. That's because not only are we extremely grateful for your support, but we hear every day from those we serve just how much the food you help provide means, and we want to share that heartfelt and sincere appreciation with those of you who make it all possible.

With your help, the Great Plains Food Bank distributed food for a record 4.7 million meals in 2006, touching the lives of more than 50,000 people in a unique and meaningful way. Thank you for not only lifting the burden of hunger for so many of our neighbors in need, but also for providing hope for a better tomorrow.

While we are excited about our accomplishments this past year, we also know that much work remains. Food shelf visits grew for the third consecutive year and are at an all time high. Our member agencies report seeing more working families and senior citizens whose limited incomes are not keeping up with

increasing costs for housing, utilities, medical care and other basic needs. And over 40% of those being served at food shelves across North Dakota continue to be children.

So as we approach our 25th year of service, our thoughts are on what lies ahead. Plans for 2007 include a comprehensive review of the current charitable food distribution system, developing a long-term plan to increase and enhance services, and setting the stage to accomplish our vision of creating a hunger-free North Dakota and western Minnesota.

Lastly, the Great Plains Food Bank strives to be fully accountable and transparent to you who support our work. We want you to know what we accomplish with the resources you entrust to us, as well as provide you with any information you may need to evaluate your support of our efforts. We hope our 2006 Year in Review helps document our conscientious stewardship of your gifts.

On behalf of the Great Plains Food Bank, our parent organization Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota, and those we serve, thank you for being an important partner in our efforts to fight hunger and feed hope!



2006 HIGHLIGHTS - A YEAR FILLED WITH FIRSTS



Volunteer Hours:

A record 2,726 children and adults volunteered 9,639 hours of their time in service to the Great Plains Food Bank. Their incredible support in preparing surplus food for distribution, serving on committees or assisting with mailings enable the GPFB to reach more than 50,000 hungry neighbors in need.

March:

Wal-Mart and SAM'S CLUB partnered with the Great Plains Food Bank and America's Second Harvest - The Nation's Food Bank Network to help raise funds and build awareness around the solvable problem of hunger in North Dakota and across the country. Of the incredible \$8.7 million raised, the GPFB used its portion to deliver fresh, nutritious and protein rich food to emergency feeding programs across the state.

June:

In line with National Hunger Awareness Day, the Great Plains Food Bank teamed up with the Otto Bremer Foundation and Bremer banks in North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin to end hunger in our region. Bremer banks across ND encouraged their customers to contribute, employees to volunteer and branch offices to engage in awareness building efforts. As a result, \$66,000 was raised regionally and matched by a \$50,000 grant from the Otto Bremer Foundation - a true example of Bremer taking action.

October:

Daily Bread, a component program of the Great Plains Food Bank, teamed up with the area's finest chefs to host the 9th annual Chefs' Gala & Auction for 650 guests raising a record \$47,000. At just 10 cents per meal, Daily Bread was able to recover and distribute 1,833,856 pounds of food providing for 1.2 million meals to individuals seeking emergency food assistance in 2006.

November:

With community partner, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, the goal of filling the Great Plains Food Bank semi-trailer with nonperishable food items was successfully met as part of the first Holiday Helpings Food Drive. Thrivent challenged the community to make a difference by matching \$1 for every item collected up to \$12,000. In addition, more than 15,000 pounds of nutritious food and \$7,000 was collected from caring individuals and groups in our community - exhibiting the true spirit of the holiday season.

Record Distribution:

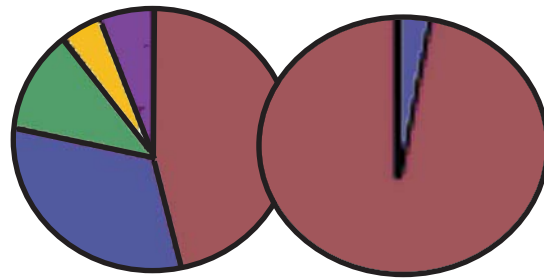
Thanks to increased food donations from the local, regional and national food industry, the Great Plains Food Bank distributed a record 5.89 million pounds of food in 2006, up almost a quarter-of-million pounds from 2005. Over 74 million pounds of food have been distributed since the food bank first opened its doors in March of 1983.

It is through partnerships like these that we will achieve our vision of a hunger-free North Dakota and western Minnesota. Thank You!

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

REVENUE

- Contributions: 46.3%
- Handling Fees: 32.4%
- Food Purchase Program: 11.9%
- Government Contracts: 4.1%
- United Way & Private Grants: 5.3%



EXPENSES*

- Food Acquisition & Distribution: 96.9%
- Administration & Fund-Raising: 3.1%

* Includes in-kind value of donated product distributed (\$9,909,112)

UDA estimates show that 27 percent of all food produced in the United States never reaches the dinner table. At the same time, 98,000 individuals in North Dakota are hungry or at risk of hunger - including 27,000 children. One of the 19 programs provided through Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota, the Great Plains Food Bank strives to get this food from those who have it to those who need it.

The Great Plains Food Bank solicits, collects, stores and distributes surplus food to 240 nonprofit partner agencies in 80 communities across North Dakota and Clay County, Minnesota - touching the lives of one in 12 North Dakotans.

How We End Hunger Together



1 You
With generous gifts from our financial supporters, the GPFB has developed an efficient model for feeding the state's hungry and reducing food waste.



2 Partnerships
The GPFB partners with retailers, processors, manufacturers, wholesalers and restaurants to supply us with their surplus shelf-stable and perishable food.



3 Storage and Handling
With our 36,000 sq. ft. facility and fleet of trucks, the GPFB is equipped to store and transport this quality food to hundreds of charitable feeding programs that need it most.



4 Feeding Programs
GPFB member agencies such as emergency food pantries, shelters and soup kitchens distribute this surplus food to thousands of individuals in need.



5 Hungry Neighbors
Thanks to your support, the GPFB and our hunger-relief network provides emergency food assistance to more than 50,000 children, seniors and working families in North Dakota and Clay County, Minnesota.

2006 Year in Review

