



Loaves & Fishes

Ending Hunger in Our Community

When the economy struggles globally, *Loaves & Fishes* receives the first impact locally. Our nation's financial crisis has made our services more important than ever.

How has economic strife affected Loaves & Fishes?

From July 1st through December 31st, 2008:

- **8,085** on-site and home delivery visits assisted **18,243** individuals, a **17% increase over last year**.
- **598** families visited Loaves & Fishes for the first time, compared with **701** in the entire previous year, representing a **60% increase**.

How does Loaves & Fishes meet these escalating needs?

- Our community business partners, like **Casey's, Costco, Dominick's, Great Harvest Bread, Jewel, Trader Joe's, and Whole Foods**, regularly donate perishable goods for our distributions and host food drives.
- Our **donors** contribute money, food, toiletries, and cleaning supplies.
- Our network of more than **300 volunteers** picks up, sorts, stocks, delivers and distributes food and personal care essentials to our neighbors in need.
- Our **Client Choice distribution format** empowers recipients by allowing them to choose the foods they will take home, dramatically reducing waste and ensuring everyone gets the full complement of usable products intended to assist them for two weeks.

In Fiscal Year '08, Loaves & Fishes:

- Supplied 1,200,000 pounds of groceries to **1,800** unique struggling families in 14,000 distributions.
- Provided over **2,500** deliveries to the homebound elderly and disabled, ensuring this fragile population regular access to nutritious food.

Approximately 50% of the hungry we serve are children under the age of 18. Loaves & Fishes:

- Prepares **1,900 students** in grades 1 through 12 for learning by supplying breakfast assistance during the school year and a special nutrition program in the summer.
- Furnishes baby food, formula or diapers to **more than 500 infants**.

You Can Make a Difference!

- **Your financial support**, combined with our cooperative buying power and tax-exempt status, turns **\$5 into \$50 worth of food for a hungry family!**
- **Your donation of food** helps to feed your neighbors.
- **Your donation of time** means we have enough people to perform all the tasks needed to get food into the hands of the people who need it.

Hunger knows no season. Please help Loaves & Fishes all year.

For more information, please visit our website at www.loaves-fishes.org.