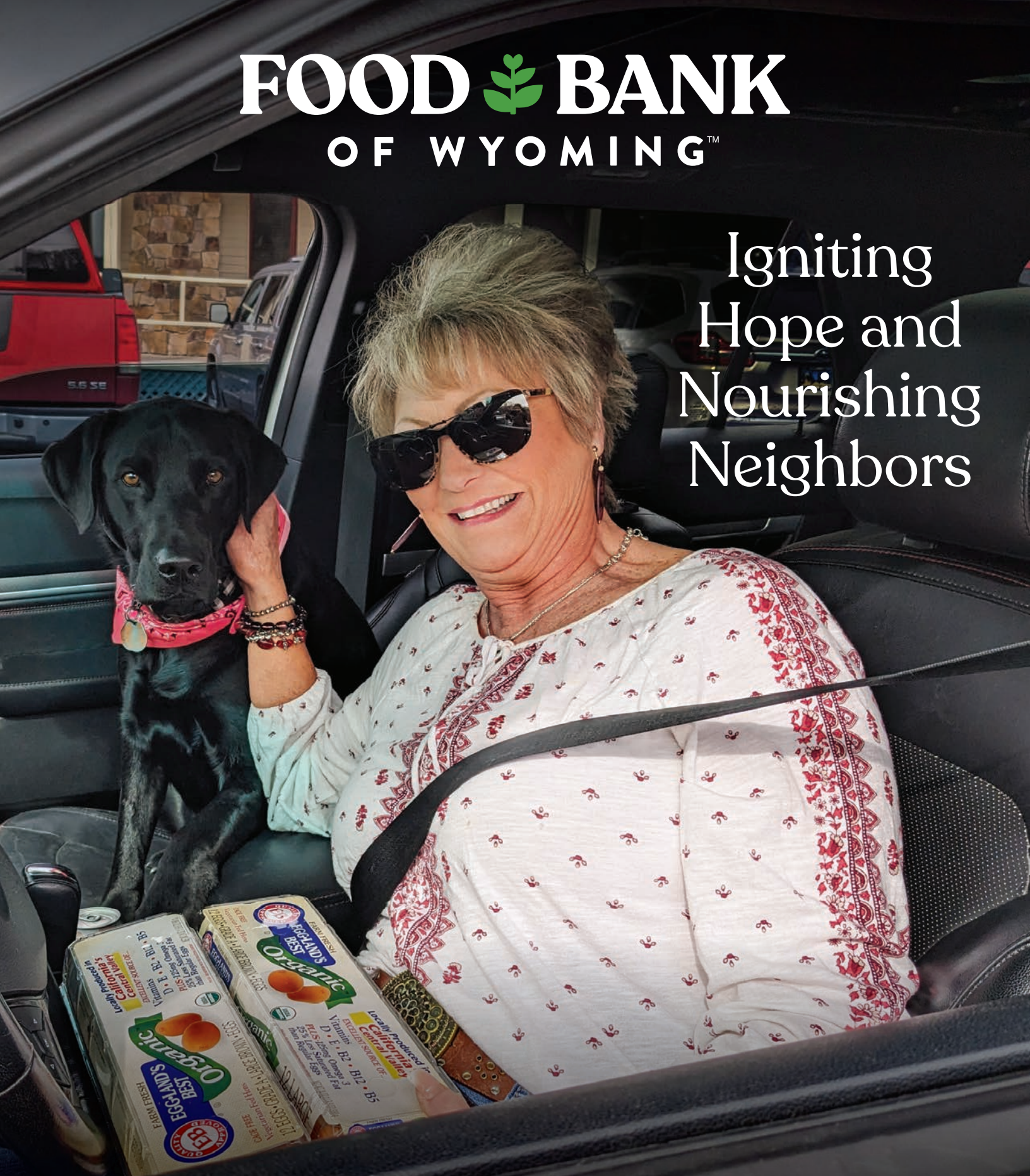


FOOD BANK OF WYOMING™

Igniting
Hope and
Nourishing
Neighbors





Food Bank of Wyoming's fleet of truck drivers are at the heart of our organization, traversing the state to bring food to any neighbor in need of support. From mobile pantries to our 150+ Hunger Relief Partners, our drivers deliver the food that makes our mission happen.

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An Extraordinary, Singular Year in Food Banking

There's no way to overstate how exceptional this past year was for Food Bank of Wyoming and our 150+ Hunger Relief Partners. Due to near-record inflation levels, including prices for food and beverages being 22% higher in 2024 than 2020, the need for food assistance in Wyoming is higher right now than it has been in 10 years. We saw a 25% increase in the amount of food we distributed to neighbors across Wyoming experiencing hunger. What that looked like in practice involved distributing 12 million pounds of food — the equivalent of more than 10 million meals; that's an average of more than 28,000 meals daily.

How were we able to accomplish all of this in fiscal year 2024? Thanks to gifts from supporters like you and the hard, dedicated work of our partners, staff, and volunteers. In fact, last year, volunteers donated over 18,700 hours to helping their neighbors experiencing hunger. That's the same as nine full-time employees and 59% more volunteer hours than fiscal year 2023! What an amazing gift.

Currently, one in seven people is food insecure in Wyoming, including one in five kids. While the causes of food insecurity vary from person to person, the common impact remains: hunger affects every aspect of a person's life, whether that's childhood development, aging well, or just having the energy to live life fully.

Knowing that good food is essential for a good life, we are doing everything in our power to meet the need and continue the hallmarks of our mission: distributing fresh produce, serving as many community members as possible, and listening and responding to community needs. This year marked the first anniversary of our new FRESH Express Route, which provides additional produce to Hunger Relief Partners in hard-to-reach areas of the state, ensuring the communities there get the nourishing food they need to thrive. We also were awarded the Local Food Purchasing Agreement (LFPA) Grant, which supports the purchasing of food from local and underserved farmers and producers to distribute across Wyoming. This grant allows Food Bank of Wyoming to support our state's incredible growers and ranchers, while continuing to provide food to neighbors in need.

For three years, I have personally traversed our great state, visiting with community members, partners, elected officials, donors, and people from all walks of life. I have seen firsthand the effect hunger has on communities and how access to nutrient-rich food makes such a difference in people's lives. I am so appreciative of Food Bank of Wyoming's staff, volunteers, Hunger Relief Partners, neighbors, and EACH OF YOU for the partnership, support, and continued belief in our work.

Moving forward, I am certain that we will continue to answer the challenge of hunger together knowing that the work we do is essential for our communities to thrive. Although we're in challenging times, I know we will navigate any situation that arises with determination and ingenuity to nourish Wyomingites facing hunger.



With gratitude,

Jill Stillwagon
Executive Director



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Fiscal Year 2024

OUR NUMBERS ILLUSTRATE A SUSTAINED HIGH NEED FOR FOOD AND INNOVATIVE SUPPORT THROUGHOUT WYOMING

Neighbors served 55,543

22% OF PEOPLE SERVED WERE CHILDREN



Total Pounds of Food Distributed
12,385,944

Meal Equivalent for Pounds Distributed
10,321,620



Meals Served on Average Per Day
28,278

Percentage of Pounds Distributed that was Fresh Produce



39%

Service Area Covered
97,093 SQUARE MILES

All 23 counties in Wyoming



Volunteer Hours Logged
18,758

the equivalent of 9 full-time employees



Number of Hunger Relief Partners 150+

How We Help

Hunger cuts across demographics and borders, indifferent to the past or future chapters of a person's life. Food Bank of Wyoming meets individuals in the present, ensuring that anyone who needs it gets the nourishing food they need to thrive.



GENEROUS SUPPORTERS

FUEL EVERYTHING WE DO

Where Food Comes From

Over 96% of funding goes directly into our hunger-relief programs and supports all of the ways we attain food to distribute to our community members.



Sorting and Packing Food for our Neighbors



Each year, thousands of volunteers help us sort, pack, and get food into the hands of our neighbors across Wyoming. We could not do this work without their dedication and generosity!

Distributing Food to our Communities



We deploy several mobile pantries each month to rural communities throughout Wyoming to bring food directly to where it is needed most.



Specialized programming for after-school, summer, and weekend food for children.



The 150+ pantries, programs, and relief organizations we support through food and resources to nourish people experiencing hunger in their communities.



Monthly food boxes administered by the USDA at no cost to income-qualifying older adults at least 60 years of age.

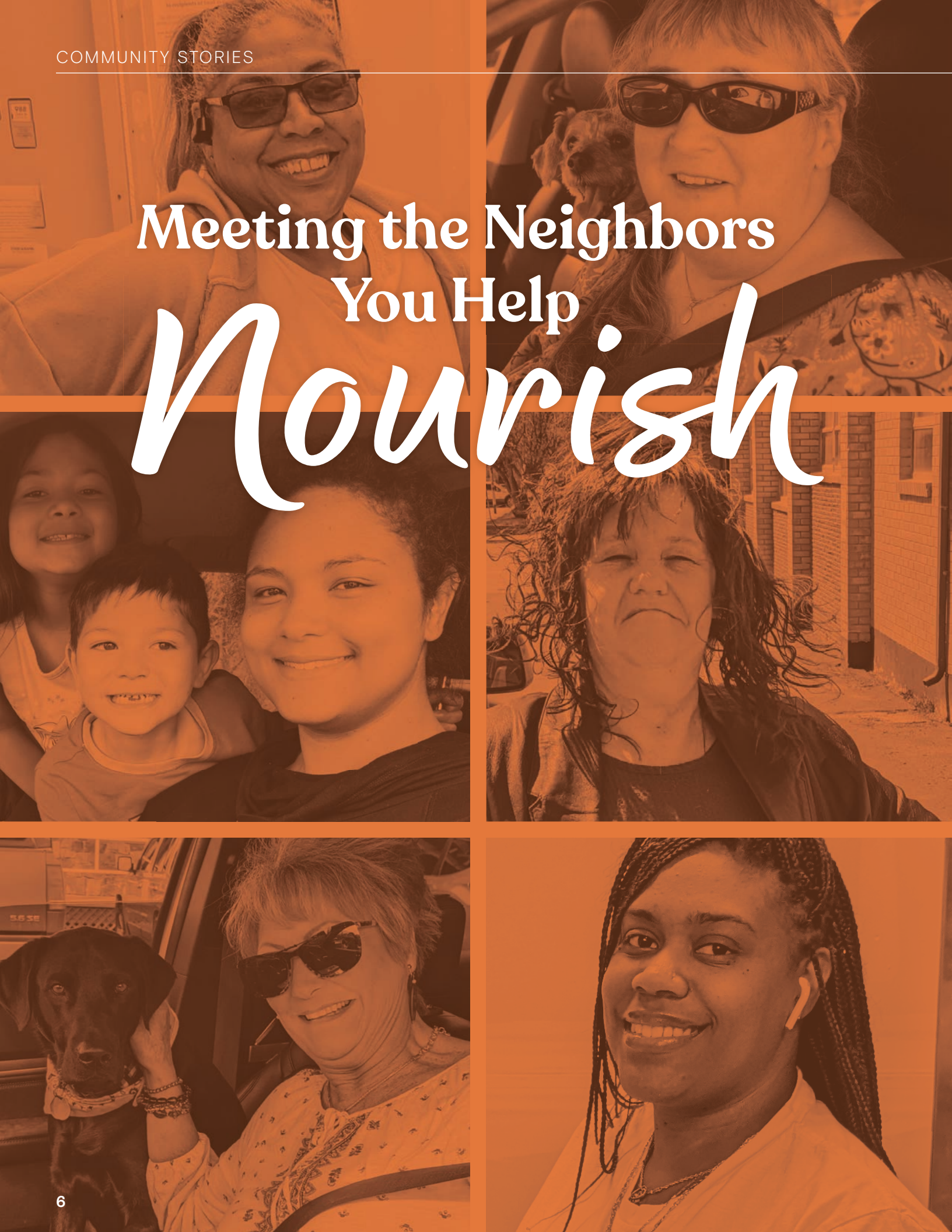


Looking Ahead

We are hopeful for a day when Food Bank of Wyoming is no longer needed and everyone has enough nourishing food and resources to thrive. But until then, we will keep pioneering more effective, innovative ways to meet the needs of our community members.

Meeting the Neighbors You Help

Nourish





A few things bind us all together as humans, and the need for food is one of them. No matter one's age, background, address, race, gender, or societal status: We all need to eat.

Across Wyoming, one in seven of our neighbors — including one in five kids — currently experiences food insecurity. Many of us are a single job loss, health crisis, or uncontrollable circumstance away from not having enough to eat on a regular basis, which is why Food Bank of Wyoming strives to reach every community member in our state in need of food.

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We appreciate Food Bank of Wyoming so much. We couldn't make it without you. It helps so tremendously.

– Shirleena

This past fiscal year, we responded to community need in real-time in a variety of ways. We implemented pop-up mobile pantries, brought on new Hunger Relief Partners to directly support communities sustainably and consistently, and sourced as much locally grown produce and protein as possible to feed Wyomingites fresh, nourishing food while supporting the people behind that food.

In Rawlins, two of our Hunger Relief Partners play a critical role in supporting the well-being of the community. In July 2023, our partner WYO HELP opened a self-choice food pantry and, since opening their doors, have more than doubled the number of households they serve monthly.

Two people who regularly shop at the Rawlins pantry are daughter and mother Dasja and Brie. Dasja has Crohn's disease, is on disability, and is a stay-at-home mom for her daughter.

“This really helps. The meat is nice because you can portion it out and freeze it to use at different times,” Dasja shared. “Everything is expensive at the store.”

A five-minute drive from WYO HELP is St. Joseph's Catholic Church. There, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, another Hunger Relief Partner, operates on a phone call-by-phone call basis, packing tailored boxes of food and necessities for community members. In a typical month, the pantry serves around 330 children and adults.

Kandi is one of those people. She works full-time on the night shift at a gas station and makes stainless steel tumblers on the side to supplement her income. But business is unpredictable, and food from the pantry helps make ends meet.

“Rent, utilities, gas, car maintenance, dog food: It all adds up, quickly,” Kandi shared. “I'm trying to do whatever I can. This place has always helped. It's been an awesome thing for me.”

At our monthly mobile pantry in Pinedale, people start to line up for the food distribution hours before it begins, including Shirleena. A few years ago, Shirleena's husband fell off of a roof while working as a general laborer and broke his back, leaving him unable to work long days or as hard of jobs. Shirleena used to work three part-time jobs, but recently retired.

“We appreciate Food Bank of Wyoming so much. We couldn't make it without you,” she shared. “It helps so tremendously.”

Another attendee of the Pinedale Mobile Pantry is Rachael. She works as the office manager for a plumbing company in

Jackson and lives with her mom, Trudy, and two kids, Nicky and Marshall. She started visiting the mobile pantry when she got divorced.

“Only having one income as a single mom with two kids was rough,” Rachael shared. “The first of the month, all your bills come out. So then you're like, okay, now what? But, you know, with this at least we have food.”

Similar stories were heard at the mobile pantry in Buffalo, including one shared by Valorie, a nurse who, due to complications from a surgery, was recently forced to stop working.

“I had a hip replacement that became infected, and it absolutely tore the rug out from under my life,” Valorie said. “I haven't been able to go back to work. I live on disability. And with all my medical bills, if I didn't have a place like this, I wouldn't be eating.”

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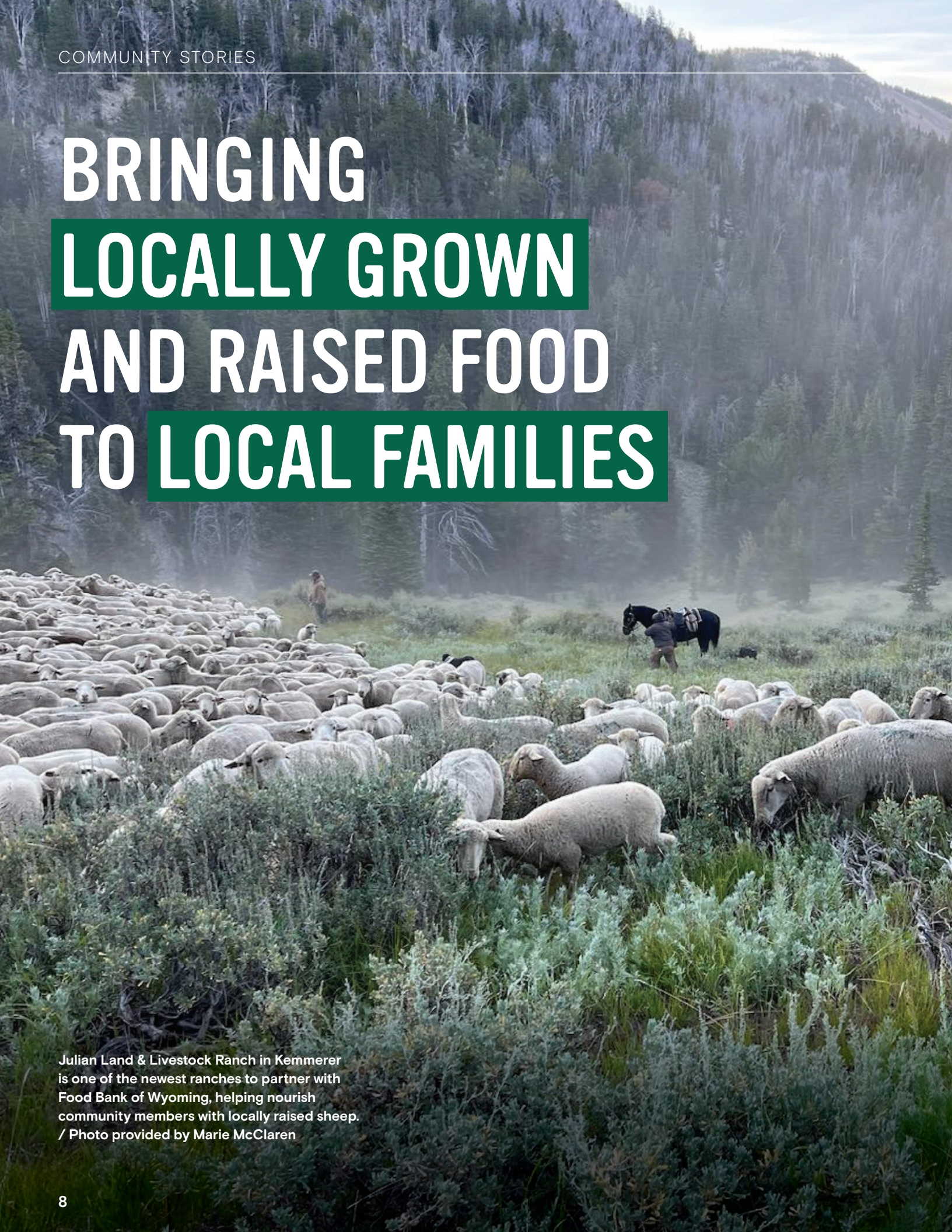
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– Valorie

Hunger affects every community in Wyoming and every community in the U.S. The people who shared their stories with us represent just a small fraction of the more than 83,700 people in Wyoming — over 14% of the total population — who experience food insecurity. With your generous support, we can ensure no one in Wyoming goes without food. 🌱

Clockwise from top left: Brie, Valorie, Kandi, Dasja, Shirleena, and Rachael, Nicky, and Marshall. All are neighbors who participate in Food Bank of Wyoming programming.

BRINGING LOCALLY GROWN AND RAISED FOOD TO LOCAL FAMILIES

A large flock of sheep is grazing in a field of green shrubs. In the background, a person is standing near a horse, and a forested hill rises under a hazy sky.

Julian Land & Livestock Ranch in Kemmerer is one of the newest ranches to partner with Food Bank of Wyoming, helping nourish community members with locally raised sheep. / Photo provided by Marie McClaren



IT'S BEEN A YEAR since Food Bank of Wyoming launched the FRESH Express Route, which brings additional produce to Hunger Relief Partners in areas of Wyoming where accessing fresh fruits and vegetables is particularly challenging. Fresh produce is one of our most requested items from partners and neighbors, and we're thrilled to hear how effective the route has been so far.

One of our partners in Thermopolis, Big Horn Enterprises, which serves children and adults with disabilities, shared: "We have found the FRESH Express produce to be very helpful. It's a good assortment of fresh fruits and veggies and helps tremendously in serving our participants healthy meals! We are always looking forward to the next delivery wondering what kind of goodies we will receive. We are very fortunate to be a part of this program."

Another partner, Church on the Hill in Newcastle, had similar feedback, sharing: "We have absolutely loved everything about it. The youth and the families we serve are always excited to see what we will have and they love taking fresh fruit and veggies home. It's been such a huge blessing to our community. We have several elderly and low-income families that we make sure get some of the food."

Getting nutrient-rich food into the hands of people experiencing food insecurity is at the core of our mission. In addition to FRESH Express, our 150+ Hunger Relief Partners, and our mobile pantries across Wyoming, this year we expanded our efforts a step further by sourcing from as many local farms and ranches as possible. We were able to do this thanks to the Local Food Purchasing Agreement (LFPA) Grant, which enables us to support local and regional producers — specifically rural and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers — while distributing nutritious food to rural and underserved communities in Wyoming.

Two producers we have partnered with so far via grant support are 1890 Farms, LLC, in Riverton and Julian Land & Livestock

Ranch in Kemmerer. This year, 1890 Farms, LLC, and the Anderson family significantly increased their sweet corn production from one acre to five thanks to their partnership with Food Bank of Wyoming, the LFPA grant, and collaboration with Wyoming schools.

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To partner with Food Bank of Wyoming has been a tremendous opportunity. It's cool to be able to provide fresh, good food to people who may not otherwise be able to access it.

- Lindsey Anderson

"Our family is truly grateful and appreciative of the partnership with the Food Bank and this opportunity to put farm-fresh sweet corn on folks' plates all across Wyoming," said Lindsey Anderson, co-founder of 1890 Farms, LLC. "To partner with Food Bank of Wyoming has been a tremendous opportunity. It's rewarding for our family to provide fresh, Wyoming-grown food to people who may not otherwise have access to it."

In addition to partnering with Food Bank of Wyoming, the Anderson family this year also provided thousands of ears of corn to 20 Wyoming school districts for Farm to School month. Anderson shared that giving kids the chance to eat fresh sweet corn, sometimes for the very first time, is incredibly rewarding.

"To kids who don't know what corn on the cob is and have never shucked an ear of corn, having the opportunity to eat it straight from the source is a big deal," Anderson shared. "It allows Wyoming youth to connect with farming by understanding the origins of their food and actively participating in its preparation. This hands-on experience fosters not only involvement, but an appreciation for agriculture."

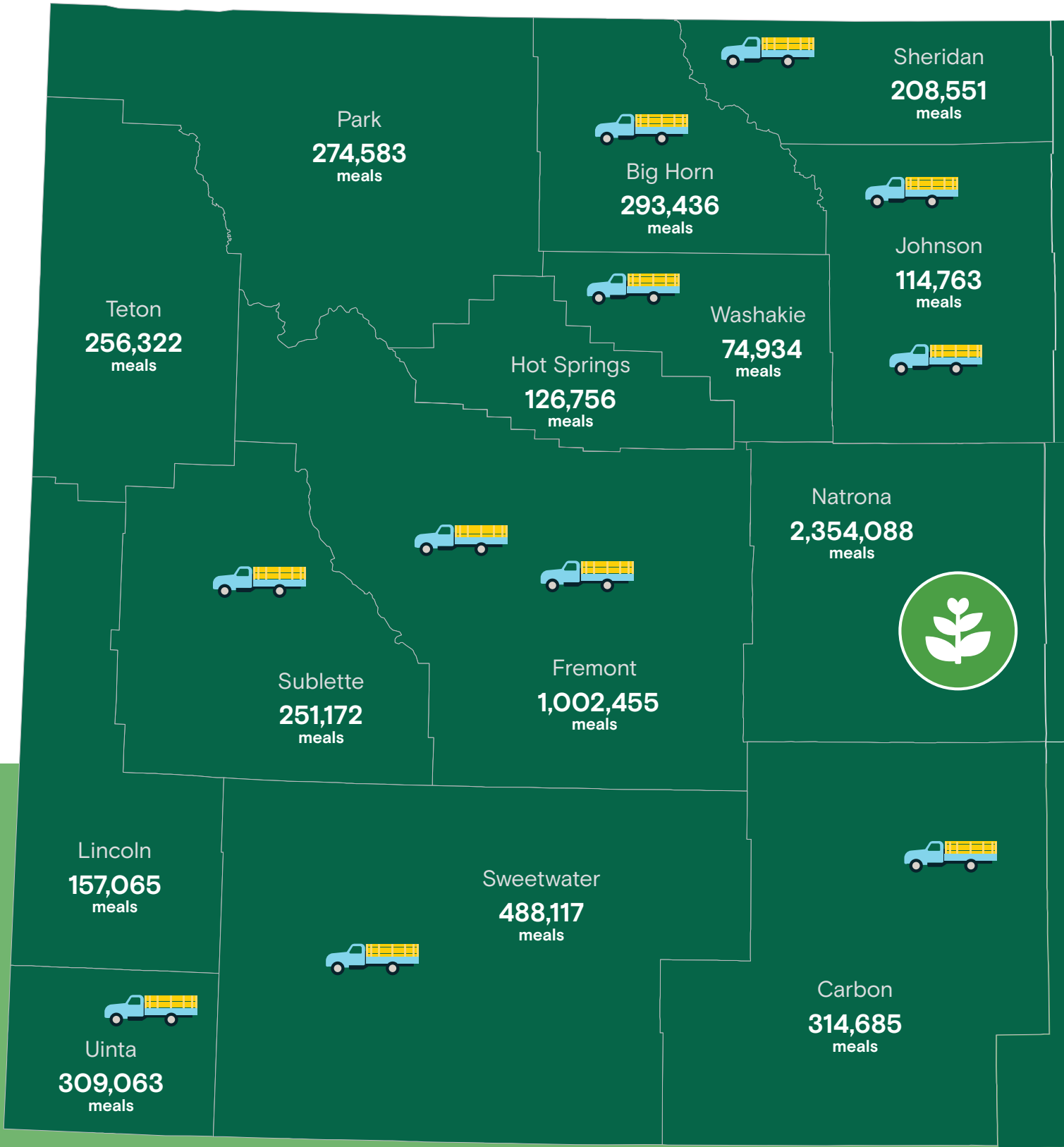
Julian Land & Livestock Ranch raises sheep and is one of the newest ranches to partner with Food Bank of Wyoming through the LFPA grant. The family-owned-and-operated ranch has 10,000 head of sheep and operates mostly through large-scale sales to feed lots, but including local distributions of the protein means a lot to fifth-generation rancher Marie McClaren.

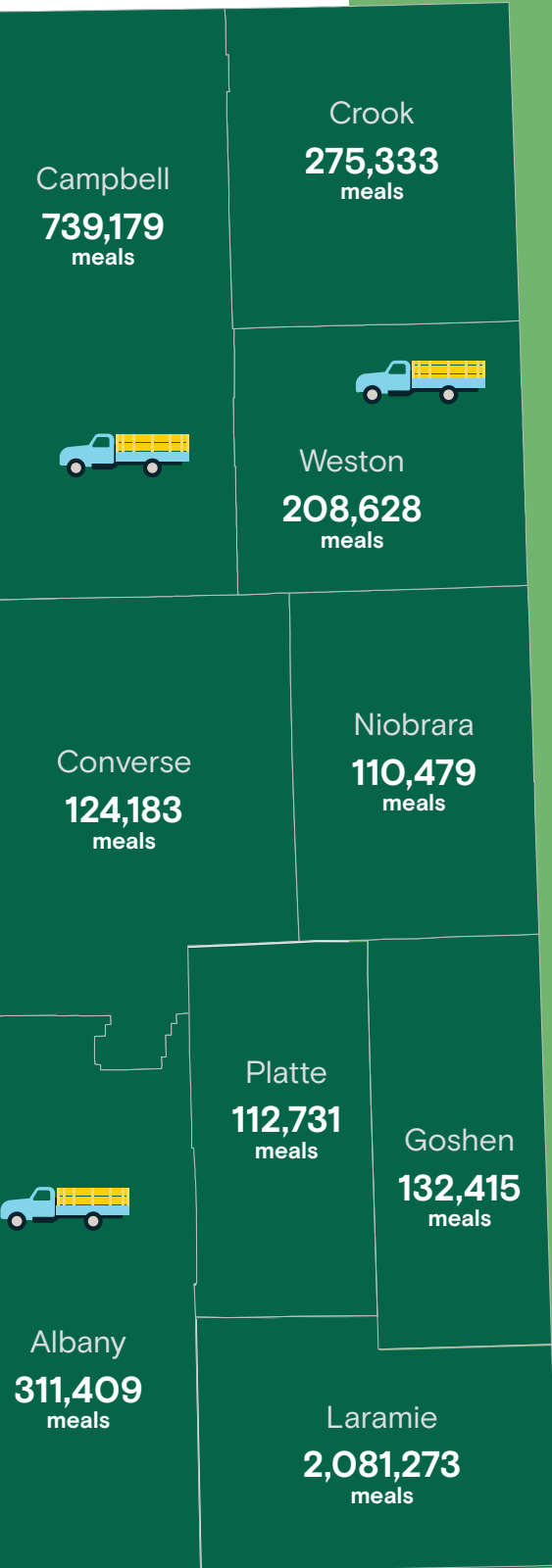
"I like the opportunity to keep the meat local and feed Wyomingites, and really love the concept of nourishing local community members. I've been trying to figure out how to reach more people in need, and this partnership brings me joy knowing I'm helping someone."

Through partnerships with producers like 1890 Farms, LLC, and Julian Land & Livestock Ranch, and through signature programs like FRESH Express, Food Bank of Wyoming is dedicated to innovating ways to reach more people with the delicious and nutritious food we all enjoy and need to thrive. Thank you for supporting our work. 🌱



1890 Farms, LLC, was able to significantly increase their sweet corn production from one acre to five in 2024 thanks in part to their partnership with Food Bank of Wyoming.
/ Photo provided by Lindsey Anderson





Nourishing Neighbors Across Wyoming

Hunger cuts across demographics and borders, indifferent to the past, present, or future chapters of a person's life. Through our 150+ Hunger Relief Partners and mobile pantries located across the state, Food Bank of Wyoming meets individuals wherever they need us. By supporting our partners across the state, we are able to ensure that anyone who is experiencing hunger has timely and regular access to nourishing food.

The adjacent map demonstrates how we serve Wyoming, including the equivalent amount of meals provided per county in fiscal year 2024 (derived from total pounds distributed).



Food Bank of Wyoming Distribution Area



Food Bank of Wyoming Distribution Center



Food Bank of Wyoming Mobile Pantry

Note: The number presented in each county is the meals equivalent for pounds distributed there through our Hunger Relief Partners and mobile pantries in fiscal year 2024. Total pounds of food distributed across all of Wyoming in fiscal year 2024 was 12,385,944 pounds, the equivalent of 10,321,620 meals.



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LOOKING AHEAD

Taking Action Against Hunger, Together

Numbers don't always tell a full story, but when it comes to food insecurity rates in Wyoming and our nation, the message is clear: people are hurting.

Recent USDA data showed that 47 million people are experiencing food insecurity in the U.S. — the highest rate of hunger since 2014. In Wyoming, one in seven people and one in five kids experience food insecurity. Being forced to choose between having enough to eat and paying for life's other necessities is an unfortunate reality for many of our neighbors — and it's becoming more common every day.

As we embark on our 20th year of supporting Wyomingites facing food insecurity, we look forward to expanding on our mission to ignite the power of community to nourish people facing hunger. We will do that through the 104th West Collaboration, an initiative supported by a Feeding America grant that involves food banks in Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana assessing how we can better partner with Native American and Reservation communities. We will also expand on our mission through the FRESH Express Route, partnerships with local producers, and the dedicated support of people like you.

There's no denying the severity of the situation we currently face. Your support enables us to show up for our neighbors every day, especially during these challenging times. Thank you. We are so grateful.

LEAVE A LEGACY:

Join the Heirloom Circle

Did you know you can include Food Bank of Wyoming in your will? By doing so, you'll be part of our Heirloom Circle and leave a legacy of generosity while ensuring future generations of Wyomingites have the food they need to thrive.

To learn more about this opportunity, please contact Jill Stillwagon at jstillwagon@wyomingfoodbank.org or 307-232-4009.



Inspired to learn more about how we are answering the challenge of hunger? Look inside for stories of impact, and find our full report online at wyomingfoodbank.org/impact-report