

2009 Annual Report Fall Mountain Emergency Foodshelf

2009 was a very challenging year for the Foodshelf. There was an increase in the number of families needing food, the cost of food increased, and the NH Food Bank did not have as much food to purchase as they have had in the past. However, the good news is we were able to meet the challenge due to the caring of so many in our local communities. We were able to help everyone who came to us by providing them with a week to two weeks worth of wholesome, nutritious food. We provided food for the 7,200 families that came to us for help. These families included 23,978 individuals of all ages. We were able to provide them with at least 719,340 meals. What a blessing!

We at the Foodshelf and those we serve are truly grateful to the many people who contributed food and money to purchase food throughout the year. We are thankful to the local people, the local churches (some of which are doing monthly food and monetary collections for us), the Fall Mt. Regional School District Staff and students, the local organizations and many businesses that did wonderful food and monetary collections for us. Also many local grocery stores, food wholesalers, supermarkets, discount stores, USDA, and the NH Food Bank have made some wonderful donations of food. The spirit of giving and caring for others that is so strong among the folks of our area is so inspiring. Our people truly do care about the well being of one another. If the rest of the world took care of one another as we do here no one would ever be hungry again. When people are going through difficult times it helps to know that people care.

We are thankful for the many people whom so freely and lovingly give of themselves by volunteering at the Foodshelf. As you can imagine we acquire and distribute huge quantities of food and it takes many hours and many hands to see that everyone has the food they need. Much love goes into making all this a reality. Our Great Provider has truly blest us.

We and those we serve are grateful to the local towns for their support. The Langdon Town Office Building is a wonderful site. It is very accessible and central to the towns we serve. We will be moving our Charlestown site in February to a new site on Woodrise Road. The new site will work well for us too. We are grateful to Langdon and Charlestown for providing us with such great sites.

For the 13th year we are once again participating in the Feinstein Million Dollar Challenge Against Hunger. All monetary donations and each food item donated from the 1st of March to the 30th of April count as a dollar, both will qualify us for a proportional share of the million dollars. We will be very, very grateful for any monetary donation or food items donated during this time,

We at the Foodshelf and all those families you have helped thank you again for your generous support, love, and caring!!!

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Lou Huffling