

# Darrington Food Bank

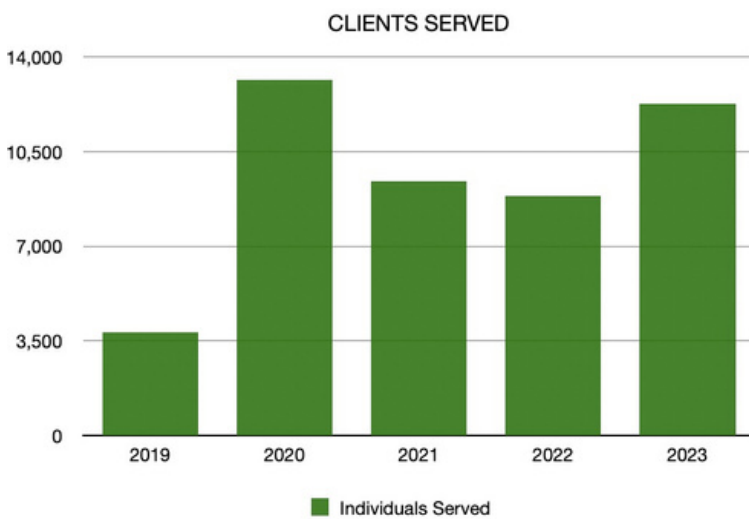


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## 2023



## ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS



We have had an extremely busy year in 2023!

As of December 31st we had **over 12,276 individual visits**. At the end of 2022 that number was 8873.

**Our volunteers contributed 4582 hours** of time driving, unloading, assembling and distributing food in addition to attending meetings, training, writing reports and grants.



## Pounds of food distributed: 271,205

# The Power of Partnerships



NUTRITION TRAINING WITH DANA AND ERIN OF THE WASHINGTON FOOD COALITION



REP. KIM SCHRIER ASSEMBLING DIABETIC FOOD KITS WITH OUR VISTA/AMERICORPS MEMBER, LOTUS

Due to the support of our partners we have been able to:

- Develop a nutrition policy for donors to utilize.
- Purchase and distribute diabetic food kits twice monthly to 23 households.
- Purchase produce and meats directly from local farmers thru the Farm to Food Pantry grant.
- Replace old residential freezers with new commercial ones.
- Increase the amount of milk we provide thru the IGA “Milk Matters” program.
- Collaborate with community members & organizations to address composting issues.

- Provide a structured 60 hour internship for community youth to gain work skills.
- Distribute heart-healthy recipes.
- Collaborate with Darrington School District to address student food insecurity.



BISHOP BLACK, ARLINGTON LDS, AND ADRIENNE INSPECTING A NEW AND MUCH NEEDED COMMERCIAL FREEZER

# Visit Our New Space!



Before

We are now able to distribute food in a dry location thanks to a resiliency grant from Washington State Dept. of Agriculture and funds from the Tulalip Tribe and the Seattle Kraken/One Roof Foundation.

Next year we plan to enclose the drive-through with metal panels and add roll-up garage doors at either end which will keep all of the snow and rain out as well as provide a safe place to park our box truck.



2023 Cement pour

The Town of Darrington Council voted to lease the Darrington Food Bank adjacent property, long term, for installation of a future septic system . The design has been completed. We just need funding for the permit, a vault, pump and line to the septic field.



Our new drive-thru!



Drive-thru and Semi Trailer Cover

# WHAT'S NEXT?

Thanks to Congresswoman Kim Schrier and Senator Maria Cantwell, we have an opportunity to expand our space to include a metal building connected to our drive-thru carport. We need to raise \$142,000 for a 25% match towards the \$425,100 Congressionally Designated Funding in 2024/2025 that both Congresswoman Schrier and Senator Cantwell have submitted to Congress. See attached letter from Representative Schrier to Congress Appropriations Committee.



Proposed building connected to our carport

We would appreciate any and all funding support towards this match. It will allow us to address the expanding need for food in our area.

Approximately 59.2% of the school district students are experiencing food insecurity in the Darrington area. In my first meeting last month with school staff, it was shared that some students have nothing to eat when school is not in session and that many of the teachers and counselors buy food and hygiene products for these students out of their own pockets. With more space, our food bank would be able to establish a backpack program and assemble much needed food and hygiene supplies to provide to students.

If you would like to support the Darrington Food Bank we can be reached at:

[admin@darringtonfoodbank.com](mailto:admin@darringtonfoodbank.com)

360-631-1749

Darrington Food Bank Foundation  
P.O. Box 696, Darrington, WA 98241

[www.darringtonfoodbank.com](http://www.darringtonfoodbank.com)

***Thank you !***

***Adrienne Hall, Board President***



Our food supply space issue in between distribution days

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20510

March 24, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol 1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305 House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Darrington Food Bank Expansion project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Darrington Food Bank Foundation, located at P.O. Box 696/1080 N Sauk Ave, Darrington WA 98241.

The funding would be used for installing a 30x50x16 single level building with roll-up garage door, bathroom for volunteers, and multiple sinks to wash produce.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds. Darrington is the third smallest incorporated town in Snohomish County and is designated a rural opportunity zone—a status recognizing the need for economic investment. The Darrington Food Bank has seen a significant increase in community need over the past 4 years and is serving almost three times as many individuals now as in 2019. The current facility is no longer adequate to meet the need and due to landslides and other disasters in the area, there is a need for emergency food storage. The next closest food bank is a 60-mile round trip. Expanded and improved food bank facilities will enhance the ability to provide free, nutritious food by increasing space to store and safely assemble food for distribution and provide a location to store and distribute food during emergencies like slides, earthquakes, etc. Expanded facilities would also allow increased focus for underserved community members, like households with diabetes.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Kim Schrier, M.D.

Member of Congress