

Darrington Food Bank

2024 Accomplishment Report



Our amazing volunteers and student interns spent 6199 hours distributing 457,123 pounds of food in 2024!

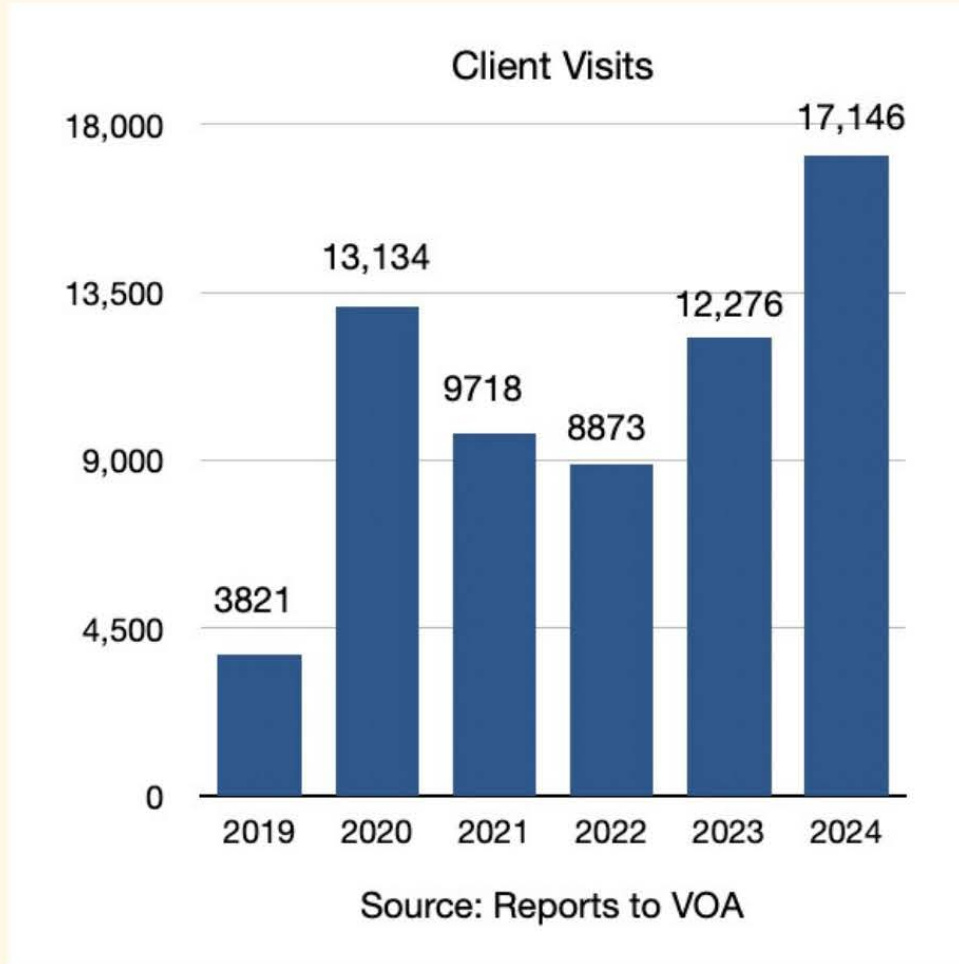
Food Donations!

We received 325,772 pounds of donated food including milk from the Darrington IGA and produce from incredible, local gardener Nhung Erickson.



THANK YOU!!

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Partnerships

We couldn't achieve what we have this year without our partners!



Fire District 24



Long Hearing Farm



Teen Tent

From the Darrington Middle and High School Counselor:

A Heart of Gratitude

Each week, students come to my counseling office or the high school library and fill out a Teen Tent slip. Occasionally, excited students will catch me in the hallway and ask for a Teen Tent slip. The high school daily announcements include a statement every Monday to highlight this important resource. Students benefit from this service, because many of them cannot get to the Darrington Food Bank on Tuesdays to access resources.

Each teenager is **incredibly grateful** for hygiene supplies and snacks. The students will start asking me on Wednesday or Thursday if their Teen Tent bags are ready—even though they know the delivery is on Fridays!!!

Monday announcement for Teen Tent over the Darrington High School loudspeaker:

Need snacks or hygiene products? Running low on shampoo or deodorant? The Teen Tent can provide these amazing resources anonymously for you at no cost, once a week! Slips may be found in the high school library next to Laurie's computer, in Mrs. Slagg's school counseling office, or you can talk to Angel Blake whenever you see her in school. Return these slips and we'll fill the orders. Distributions are on Fridays during lunch in the library. If the slips don't work for you, stop by the food bank on Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30 pm.

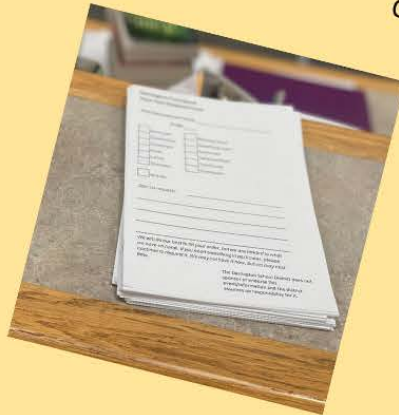


Teen Tent Supply Bags

Thank you Darrington Food Bank Board and Grantors for providing this necessary service to students who otherwise would be overlooked in our community!!



Order Collection Container



Teen Tent Order Forms

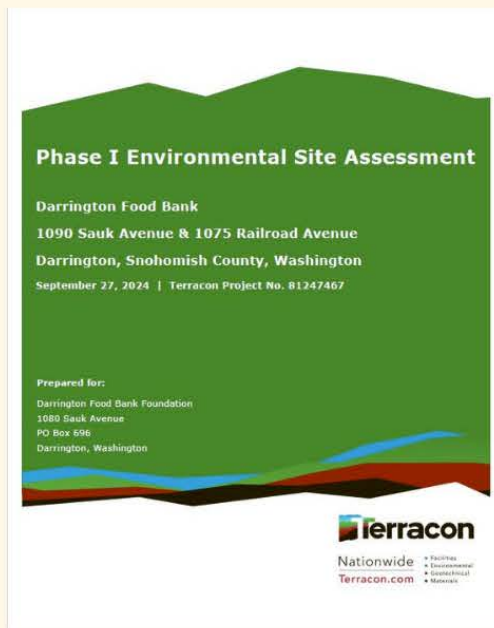
The Teen Tent initiative, launched in 2024, addresses the critical gap in food and hygiene supplies for teenagers outside school hours. Food Bank Teen Intern, Quinn, developed a system for ordering, assembling, and distributing these essentials, making the Teen Tent a vital resource. Each week, 25 teens complete order forms. This strengthens our resolve to continue this program and increase community engagement. This grassroots effort exemplifies how collaborative initiatives can significantly impact young people's lives.

The Darrington Food Bank would like to thank Arlington Windermere Real Estate and Arlington Walmart for their support of this much needed program!!

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New Building Update

We are moving forward on our new building! A required Environmental Report and Assessment of the site was finished up in early 2025. This report, and other information, was submitted to USDA Rural Development to obligate funds that Congresswoman Kim Schirer and Senator Maria Cantwell passed through Congress in 2024. This funding will go towards design and eventual construction of a 2100 square foot building, septic system, walk-in freezer and fencing. We have also applied for a Community Block Development Grant with Snohomish County and hope to hear something this spring.



Thank you to Josephine Caring Community for
your support



Youth Internships

In 2023, we embarked on a transformative journey by launching a 60-hour internship program for young adults aged 17 to 19 facing employment barriers. The program quickly surpassed expectations, depleting initial grant funds within six months. To continue supporting the program, our board approved reallocating a portion of our EFAP funds in May 2024, postponing equipment purchases. Thanks to **Coastal Community Bank's** support, by the end of 2024, we successfully recruited and completed internships for 10 young individuals.

Our experience highlighted the complexities of working with young adults. We discovered that some interns were just beginning to thrive as their initial 60 hours concluded, prompting us to extend hours for 45% of participants to enhance their development. Recognizing that some interns were relying on these stipends to purchase basic necessities such as clothing and food, we adjusted our policy to disburse half the stipend after 30 hours. We also implemented a mid-program evaluation to ensure interns met baseline expectations, allowing us to focus resources on those showing growth.

Our program underscores the importance of supported employment in the rural Darrington community, benefiting both the young adults entering the workforce and the adult volunteers who mentor them. This initiative has not only provided valuable skills and experience to the interns but also strengthened the community's support network.

A Sincere Thank You !

