



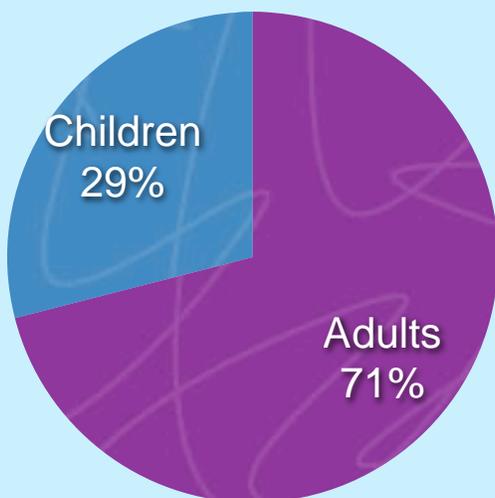
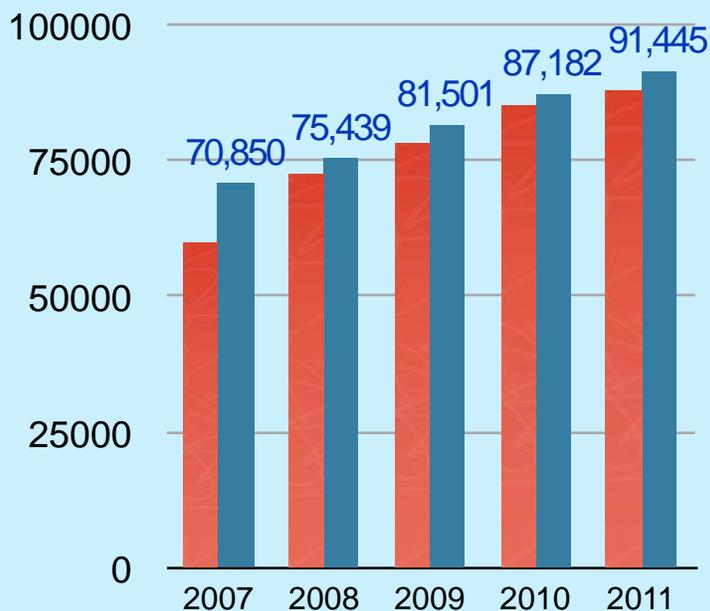
# Interfaith Food Ministry 2011 Annual Report

FEEDING FAMILIES, FUELING HOPE



**87,922 Hungry Served In 2011**  
**3.3% Increase Over 2010**

- # Of Hungry Served
- # Of Grocery Bags Provided



## President's Message

To our 450 faithful volunteers, donors, and partners, I am pleased to share with you our annual report for 2011. We have put together a few of Interfaith Food Ministry's key achievements to highlight how your investment in our community's future has made a difference in the lives of people who **hurt from hunger**.

I would also like to share with you some of our current challenges and the work we are doing to help ensure we meet the needs of the hungry in Western Nevada County.

I am excited about what 2012 has in store for us and I hope that you share in my excitement. Thank you for your special gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Sue Vanson  
President, Interfaith Food Ministry

Matthew 25:35

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,

## Our Vision and Mission

A community where no one should feel the **hurt of hunger**.

Interfaith Food Ministry feeds the hungry in Nevada County, helping to sustain health, human dignity, and the opportunity for individuals to realize their full potential.

# 2011 Financial Data

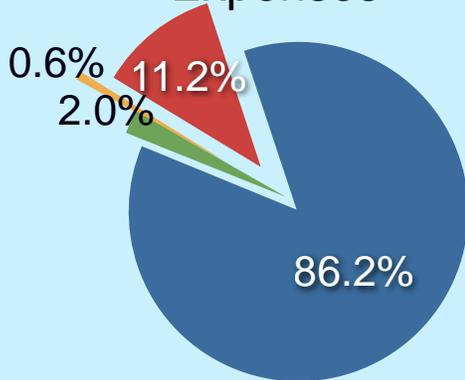
**Donations: \$304,715 Up 7.5%**  
**Expenses: \$322,715 Up 17.2%**  
**Food Cost: \$278,548 Up 18.0%**

Donation Mix



● Business ● Grants ● Community

Expenses



● Food ● Administrative  
 ● Fundraising ● Food Program

**97.2% Of Total Expenses Went Directly To Food & Food Programs**

Interfaith Food Ministry is 100% volunteer faith based organization with no paid employees. We are a 501(3)c non-profit corporation. All donations to Interfaith are qualified tax deductible by the IRS. Our Federal Tax ID # is 68-0112585

# 25 Years Serving the Hungry

Interfaith Food Ministry has been providing supplemental food as a 501(3)c non-profit in Western Nevada County since 1987. Over those 25 years 500,000 seniors, families with children, and single adults have walked through our doors.

But the genesis of IFM actually goes back to 1981 when Mary Chan went on a missionary trip to China, Hong Kong and the Philippines. She was very moved by the poverty that she saw and when she returned home to Grass Valley she felt the need to feed the poor in the community...feeling that "charity begins at home".

Thus Operation Blessings began. Mary and a few like-minded individuals rented a small house with St. Patrick's Church and Calvary Chapel paying the rent. A Board was formed and Mary was elected Director.

Mary and her team of volunteers collected produce and breadstuffs at Safeway and Lucky stores, even offering a free haircut program for awhile. There was also room for clothing and toys. They were open M-W-F until the food ran out. As need grew and word spread, they moved to an empty church on Main St. and then to a garage on S. Auburn, which evolved to form Interfaith Food Ministry in 1987.



# Operation Turkey

One in six Nevada County residents feel the **hurt of hunger**. And during the holidays the need and the desire to help is even greater. Like every year Operation Turkey has helped families make it through tough holiday times by providing a complete holiday meal with all the fix'ins in addition to their regular grocery pickup. 2011 brought the largest number of families ever... Thanksgiving 950 families and Christmas 850 families - Over 1800 meals served a family of four for just \$10 each for a total cost of \$18,000. Though our costs were higher than expected we were able to provide those meals through community support and by dipping into our reserves. We also offer a holiday meal at Easter which is not covered by the Operation Turkey fundraiser.

We expect 2012 food costs to be even higher and appreciate all that you do to provide food to the hungry.

Finally a special thank you to the Salvation Army who joined with us to shuttle clients from the Church of Christ to IFM. This helped tremendously with the traffic and parking.



## Our Food Partners



## Board of Directors

John Smiley - *Calvary Bible Church*

Gabrielle Boulard - *Sierra Center For Positive Living*

Harold Nelson - *Christian Science Church*

Joan Denzler - *Sierra Pines Methodist Church*

Pat Riley - *Emmanuel Episcopal Church*

Bill Dempsey - *Sierra Presbyterian Church*

Debi Johnson - *First Baptist Church*

Bernie Delgado - *St. Canice Catholic Church*

Mary Albrecht - *Grace Lutheran Church*

Barbara Hurley - *St. Patricks Catholic Church*

Bob Fulkerson - *Peace Lutheran Church*

Judie St. John - *Twin Cities Church*

Janice Deardorff - *Seventh Day Adventist Church*

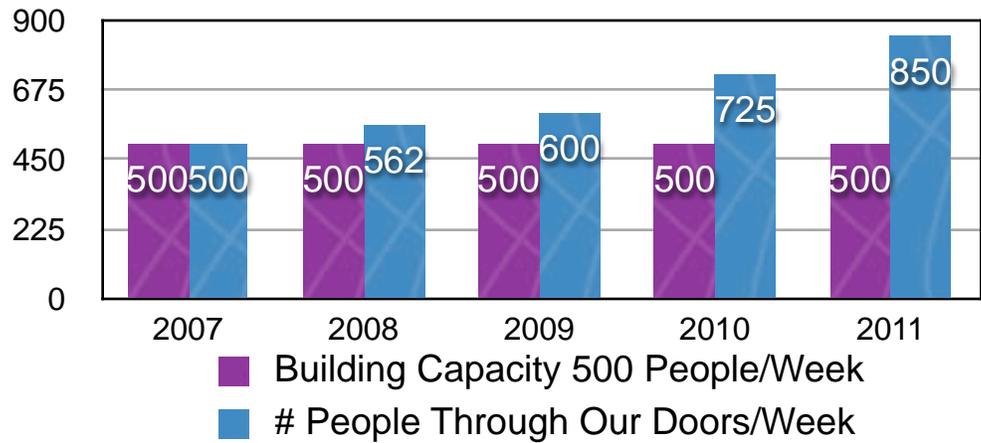
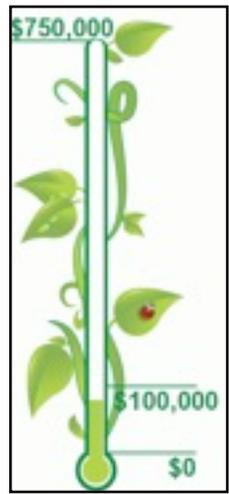
Pat Paddock - *Unitarian Universalist Community*

## Officers

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Asst. Treasurer

Sue Vanson  
John Smiley  
Connie Wright  
Dick Singleton  
Bernie Delgado

**Looking Forward** - Interfaith Food Ministry has launched its Partnering Against Hunger Campaign which, with your help, will double our capacity to serve the hungry in Western Nevada County. Beginning in 2007 approximately 500 people per week walked through our doors which matched the capacity of our building. But since then the needs have grown each year to the point where, during peak times, over 850 people/week come through our doors. As a result we must find a different facility to meet our current and projected needs. You can help us help those who feel **the hurt of hunger** by contributing to Interfaith Food Ministry's facility fund. Thanks to you we have already raised almost \$100,000 towards our \$750,000 goal! To contribute call us at 530 273 8132, check our web site [www.interfaithfoodministry.org](http://www.interfaithfoodministry.org), or mail to IFM - Partnering Against Hunger, PO Box 1174, Grass Valley, CA 95945



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