



# ORCAS ISLAND FOOD BANK NEWSLETTER

Winter 2025 - 2026



*You filled bags with nutritious food!*

Thanks to your generosity, the Orcas Island Food Bank is serving more neighbors than ever. In 2025, you made **17,486** visits possible—up **23 percent** from 2023. Because of you, **2,067 members across 1,134 households** received food, representing a **22 percent increase** in people served and a **25 percent increase** in households served.

Each week, your support helped nourish an average of **692** individuals and **348** households, including seniors (**22 percent**), youth (**18 percent**), and adults (**58 percent**). These numbers reflect both growing need and the powerful impact of your giving.



*You brought turkeys to the table!*

## You Filled 175 Holiday Tables

Thanks to your generosity, more than **175 islanders** signed up for turkeys for the 2025 November holiday season — and when they arrived, our shelves were fully stocked with the ingredients that make a holiday meal complete. Your support allowed us to provide canned pumpkin, evaporated milk, yams, flour, stuffing, cranberries, nutmeg, cinnamon, and so much more.

In December, the Food Bank welcomed nearly **3,000** visits from food-insecure community members. During these visits, households received holiday proteins including ham, chicken, and turkey. Vegetarians and vegans also received holiday roasts!



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*You made the Empty Bowls event a super success story.*

## You Made Empty Bowls Overflow

A huge **thank you** to all who joined us for the Orcas Island Food Bank's Empty Bowls fundraiser! Your support helped make the event a fantastic success—and every dollar raised went directly to the feed islanders nourishing food.

We're excited to make Empty Bowls an **annual tradition** and we hope to see you again next year!



**17,486**  
Visits in 2025



**25%**  
Increased in  
Households Served  
from 2023-2025



**360,000**  
Pounds of food  
reached households  
in 2025

# WILL YOU HELP US?

**"The food bank's made a huge difference in our lives."**



You put food in the hands of islanders.

Right now, 70-year-old Jimmy, needs healthy food. **Your gift today**, provides that nourishment through the food bank.

Elders like Jimmy and neighbors across the island will feel supported because of **your generosity**.

 \$1,000 - Provides over 1,000 meals.

 \$500 - Provides over 500 meals.

 \$50 - Provides over 50 meals.

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