



# ORCAS ISLAND FOOD BANK NEWSLETTER



Summer 2026

## PEA PATCH IS UNDERWAY



**Thanks to you**, construction has begun on the Pea Patch Community Campus, including utility connections, stormwater retention installation and construction of the new entry road.

Construction on the new Food Bank building is expected to begin in the Spring. Campus completion, which includes 20 OPAL low-income rental houses, is projected by the end of 2028.

**With you help**, we've raised approximately \$33M to date with about \$7M left to go. Thanks to donors like you, we've already raised \$114,000 toward a \$250,000 matching challenge that will bring our new Food Bank home to life. Read more at [orcasislandfoodbank.org/food-bank-news](http://orcasislandfoodbank.org/food-bank-news).



You provided fresh produce like zucchinis for islanders.

## Thank you for summer bounty

As blackberries ripen on the vine, the Orcas Island Food Bank is flourishing because of **generous supporters like you**.

Shoppers enjoyed an incredible variety of healthy foods—from sweet pineapple and vibrant zucchini to mouthwatering corn, crisp lettuce, kale, broccoli, chicken, fish, and so much more.

### Our Quarterly (April - June 2026) Impact by the Numbers:

- **876 Families Helped:** The number of unique households that turned to us for grocery support.
- **5,073 Total Visits:** The number of times our doors opened to welcome them.



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*You help fill the gap during summer break!*

## Hunger doesn't take a summer break

When school lets out, many kids on Orcas Island lose access to free and reduced-price meals. For families already stretching every grocery dollar, summer can quickly become one of the most challenging times of the year.

**Thanks to your support**, the Food Bank helps fill the summer meal gap by providing fresh produce, pantry staples, kid-friendly foods, and more!



**15%**  
more household visits in  
April - June than  
Jan. - March 2026.



**306**  
Children and infants served  
from April to June 2026.



**87,000**  
Pounds of food reached  
households from April to  
June 2026.

# 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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