HOLIDAY 2026

At the Table

Providing food and hope across our community.

FOOD BANK OF NORTHERN NEVADA



"Without the help of the community around me, there are a lot of things that we would be missing out on."
— Taylor

Taylor's Holiday Hope

Taylor's three little boys don't truly understand the weight their mother carries around each day — the long hours, the stretched budget, the careful choices it takes to raise them on her own.

And Taylor wants to keep it that way.

She wants to shield them from her worries and simply give them what every loving mother hopes to offer at the holidays: warmth, joy and innocent memories that feel safe and happy.

As a single mom of three sons — ages 8, 4 and 2 — Taylor does whatever it takes to make sure they have what they need. She works full time and keeps going because giving up has never felt like an option. "As a single mom, I don't have anybody to lean on. It's all me," she shared. "When I feel like I just want to give up, I can't, because I have three kids to look after. I've had to push through a lot to make sure they have everything they need."

That resourcefulness has carried Taylor through hard seasons before. When Thanksgiving or Christmas felt out of reach, Food Bank of Northern Nevada helped provide her with meals and the traditions that make the holidays feel like home.

Holding on to Family Traditions

Taylor is proud of the life she has built for her children. Even now, as her family faces another tough stretch, she is bravely forging a new path forward for herself and her boys.

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PARTNER FOOD BANK OF FEEDING AMERICA

Letter **From Nicole**



Dear Friend,

As we gather with family and friends around the Thanksgiving table, let us remember our neighbors who are rebuilding their lives after the recent wildfires. Many lost homes filled with cherished memories of holidays past.

In the aftermath of these devastating fires, Food Bank staff, volunteers, and donors quickly came together to provide food and support to neighbors in need. While disasters create urgent challenges, our work continues every day of the year. Thanks to the generosity of our community, we provide nutritious meals through 140 partner food pantries and meal programs serving a 90,000-square-mile region.

This Thanksgiving, I am especially grateful to be part of a community that cares for one another. As you prepare to gather with loved ones, thank you for helping ensure that families throughout our region have access to nutritious food during the holiday season and throughout the year.

With gratitude,

Nicole Lamboley

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President & CEO

Program Spotlight: **Elko Rural Food Hub**



Joy, teamwork and compassion fuel the Elko Rural Food Hub's mission to bring nourishing food closer to families.

The Elko Rural Food Hub is a bold investment in food access, local partnerships and long-term capacity for rural communities in northeastern Nevada.

Strong, local communities look out for one another. But long distances, limited grocery stores and fewer delivery options can make it harder for healthy food to reach every neighbor who needs it.

Reaching Our Rural Neighbors

For more than 40 years, the Food Bank of Northern Nevada has served rural communities. The Elko Rural Food Hub is the next chapter, a regional distribution center strengthening how food moves across northeastern Nevada.

Located in Elko, the hub will help the Food Bank and local partners build a more reliable system so neighbors have better access to nourishing food, closer to home.

Over the past decade, the Food Bank of Northern Nevada and local partners have distributed more than 14.6 million pounds of food across Elko, Eureka, Lander and White Pine counties. The hub builds on that foundation for the next generation of rural food access.

Your support helps build a stronger food future: one where families, seniors and children can access nourishing food more reliably and rural communities have the resources to thrive. **Please visit fbnn.org to give today!**

(continued from the cover) **Taylor's Holiday Hope**

"Life takes you on adventures that maybe you weren't expecting," she said. "I really enjoyed my time at home with my sons, but we're all just navigating this new life together."

For Taylor, asking for help is not giving up. It is making sure her children have balanced meals, stability and holiday memories every family hopes to share.

"Providing a balanced meal to myself and my family is a necessity. It's not a luxury," Taylor said. "That's just a common right that all of us have as humans, and we shouldn't feel guilty for getting assistance in those areas."

Sharing Hope This Holiday Season

Food pantries have helped Taylor before when holiday meals felt impossible. They helped her continue the simple, meaningful traditions that remind her children they are cared for.

"There's been years in the past where we didn't have to worry, and there's been years where I have looked for any and every pantry that possibly had Thanksgiving or Christmas assistance," Taylor said. "I kind of lost hope, because I knew that we couldn't afford to do a Christmas meal."

Your support helps keep families like Taylor's



With help from caring neighbors like you, Taylor can give her sons the loving, joyful holiday memories every family deserves.

across northern Nevada and the eastern Sierra nourished and hopeful during a season when making the holidays possible can feel especially difficult.

When you give, you help neighbors like Taylor bring home food, hold on to traditions, and create joy for the children they love.

Please help more neighbors like Taylor this holiday season. Visit fbnn.org to give now.

FOOD BANK UPDATE

Your Generosity Still Goes a Long Way

You may notice that our meal offer has changed from **"$1 provides 3 meals" to "$1 provides 2 meals."** We want you to know why — and what your generosity continues to make possible for families facing hunger.

In recent years, rising food prices, transportation expenses, and operating costs have affected food banks nationwide, including ours. To remain accurate and transparent with you, we've updated our meal calculation to reflect today's economic realities.

Although the number of meals represented by each dollar has changed, your impact remains powerful. Every gift helps provide nutritious food, critical resources, and hope for neighbors in need. Whether you give $25, $50, or $100, you help ensure no one in our community faces hunger alone.

Thank you for making this life-changing work possible. With your support, we can continue providing food, hope, and care for those who need it most.

Volunteer Spotlight:
Meet Vivian



For nearly five years, Vivian has helped welcome neighbors, serve families and make local food pantries feel like places of dignity, choice and care.

When Vivian serves at her local food pantry, neighbors are often greeted with something simple but meaningful: a smile. Vivian understands how much that welcome can matter when families are having a hard day or facing challenges at home. "They see me smile, and they smile too," she said.

A place of dignity and choice

Vivian's story is rooted in service and gratitude. Originally from Vietnam, she's lived in the U.S. for almost 40 years and carries with her the values of family, compassion and food shared together. "Family is what I value the most," she shared. "Being able to provide food for them is very important to me."

> **"I still receive food assistance, but I'm also a volunteer here … I know how it feels to be on both sides."**
> — Vivian

Like many families, Vivian says rising grocery costs have made everyday life more difficult. Still, she does what she can to help others — stocking food, assisting neighbors and stepping in during busy moments.

For Vivian, choice is part of dignity. Food pantries set up like stores let neighbors choose what they will use.

For neighbors visiting our partner food pantries, your support means they can bring home groceries, find relief and be welcomed with dignity and care.

Please share a meaningful gift today.

Help more neighbors get the nourishing food they need!
Visit fbnn.org to give now.

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Your Impact

Food for more than **21.4 million meals** distributed last year.

Over **143,000** neighbors supported because of your giving.

More than **140 partner food pantries and meal programs** distributing food to children, seniors and individuals.

A **dedicated nutrition team** and programs like Food As Medicine helping those we serve make nourishing decisions — thanks to you!

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