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As a member owned Co-op, every action we take is for the benefit of our members, each having an equal vote and equal equity in the Co-op. Our goal is to reach out to everyone in our community. When you buy locally produced food through us, the farmer gets the most money for their efforts, the Co-op takes only enough to cover expenses. Locally grown food, picked at the family farm, immediately delivered to the customer has been shown to have more taste and nutritional value. We believe everyone deserves access to this bountiful harvest. Everyone also deserves foods that are not heavily treated with chemicals, hormones, antibiotics or genetic modification. Conventional grocery store food travels over 1500 miles to reach your local store, using massive amounts of fertilizer and fuels both for growing and transport. The average grocery store vegetable is a week old on arrival. Idaho's Bounty is working to create a new paradigm, a new standard of healthy, local food you can trust and savor, knowing you can shake the hand of the farmer who grew it down the road.

In attempting to reach out to everyone, the Co-op has developed a partnership with The Hunger Coalition. The Hunger Coalition strives to end hunger in Blaine County through a coordinated community effort, which includes Idaho's Bounty, to supply healthy food to those in need. The Hunger Coalition's goal, "is to improve the lives of those

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in need by helping them transition from dependency to self-sufficiency, connecting them with the food they need and local services that will help them achieve economic security”.

Thanks to generous members with a passion for providing access to fresh, healthy food for all this partnership is made possible for those who would not otherwise be able to afford it. The Hunger Coalition has been distributing Idaho’s Bounty food to hungry individuals at Souper Supper and Head Start since the fall of 2007. Souper Supper serves hot meals twice a week and Head Start provides comprehensive education, health, nutrition, and parent involvement services to low-income children and their families. Both The Hunger Coalition and Idaho’s Bounty Co-op recognize that there are strong community links and benefits that are created by supporting local farmers and feeding hungry families.

This partnership takes place through a third party, Bumper Crops, who has a membership with Idaho’s Bounty. Donations made through Idaho’s Bounty for the Hunger Coalition are funneled through this account. Bumper Crops is able to order any of the food available at the Co-op. Their food orders then go to The Hunger Coalition, where it is used in the programs they deem most beneficial.

You can help continue this partnership by volunteering with the Hunger Coalition, donating to the Hunger Coalition through Idaho’s Bounty Online Food Market, or by contacting us.

Find out more about The Hunger Coalition at [www.thehungercoalition.org](http://www.thehungercoalition.org) or at 788-0121.

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