



## Hunger Free Pierce County Collaborative - 2019

### CONTINUING PROJECTS

#### INCREASING ACCESS TO HEALTHY, FRESH FOOD



The addition of a mobile food pantry trailer in 2019, brings the total number of vehicles in the HFPCC fleet to six. These vehicles are used for food rescue, meal delivery, gleaning and perishable donation pick ups, resulting in **622,874 pounds of food procured and 3,671,612 meals provided to over 100,000 individuals and families.**

#### SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS

Investments in a HIGH TUNNEL GROWING SPACE results in year-round growing space, **producing over 10,000 pounds of healthy produce annually.**



#### THE CROCK POT PROJECT



# 1,336

The fifth year of the Crock Pot Project resulted in 90 new slow cookers bringing the project total to **1,336 crockpots distributed to families in need.** Along with providing slow cookers to low-income families, the Crock Pot Project also provides soup kits. In five years, **more than 9,000 soup kits** have been distributed, providing **more than 36,000 meals.**

## POWER PACKS FOR KIDS

INVESTED \$37,500 in the POWER PACK provider network serving **more than 2,500 students** countywide. For kids relying on free school meals as a main source of food during the week, weekends and school breaks can mean going hungry. Through weekend food packs and 'care closets' at middle and high schools, Power Pack partners ensure kids have the food they need.



Power Pack partners provided **over 598,560 meals and snacks** to kids and their families for the 2018-19 school year.



## SUMMER MEALS

Convened a work group of 17 summer meal site sponsors for the purpose of increasing participation in high-need, low-access communities. Launched countywide awareness campaign and expanded the number of meal sites.

Expanded to **5 new meal sites** reaching **more than 200 additional children** for 2019.



## COLORFUL COOKING MADE EASY AT FOOD PANTRIES

There are currently 28 trained volunteers providing on-site cooking demonstrations at five local food banks featuring fresh items in stock at the pantry.

As a result of cooking demonstrations, food pantries report more clients taking healthy, fresh items resulting in **less food waste** for pantries and **improved nutrition** for clients.

## NEW PROJECTS

### COLORFUL COOKING CLASSES & STORE TOURS

**Trained volunteers provide nutrition education classes to 36 individuals** to help them choose and prepare healthier meals. By increasing awareness of making healthy choices and shopping with a meal plan in mind, low-income families can maximize household budgets and benefits while enabling families to make more nutritious meals at home.



### FOOD HUBS & FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY

Hunger-Free Pierce County Collaborative members are working together to develop 'food hubs' – locations where people with barriers to accessing food banks can pick up food closer to home or work. Members are also working to expand food pantry delivery programs to get more healthy, fresh food to those in need.