





WA Food Fund - GFM Donors - Year-End Announcement

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Dear << First Name>>,

This year has been one of the country's most difficult in decades, and yet I'm grateful for your support of the WA Food Fund and Washingtonians during COVID-19 and the economic recession.

WHY A FOOD FUND?

In March, within weeks of the pandemic impacting Washington, it forced hundreds of thousands of our neighbors out of work. At the same time, it made clear the need for a centralized, food assistance fund. One that would allow food relief organizations to focus on distributing as much food as possible, while an outside entity could focus on fundraising. In addition, it would expand food relief organizations' service areas to ensure residents in all areas of the state had access to food banks and pantries.

On April 7, <u>Governor Jay Inslee</u> and Philanthropy Northwest <u>launched</u> the WA Food Fund, a statewide relief campaign that would collect and steer donations to the state's three largest food organizations, Food Lifeline, Northwest Harvest and Second Harvest.



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