In 2009, the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank...

Distributed 10.8 million pounds of food.
Operated efficiently - administrative costs were only 2.8% of the total operating budget.
Provided food to more than 120 charitable agencies.
Served an area where 17.55% of people are below the poverty line.
Had more than 1,600 volunteers donate time equivalent to roughly 12 full-time employees.

* Tangipahoa is outside our contractual service area.
2009 brought an increase in the number of people in need and a different face of those in need coming in for the first time. We saw a 35% increase in one-time emergency assistance requests at our door. Our battle over childhood hunger was heightened as we learned that Louisiana ranks number one in food insecure children under five years of age. Increasing reports of seniors in need of food assistance and senior malnutrition are creating new challenges. It may surprise you, but some of these seniors in need of assistance may be your neighbors or members of your church. The face of hunger is changing in our community.

Your Food Bank continues to meet this increasing demand while striving to improve the nutritional quality of the food we distribute. In addition to the economic crisis and increased demand for assistance, your Food Bank faced a 90% decrease in state funding for the purchase of food from Louisiana farmers, producers, and providers. In spite of these challenges, our community helped us distribute approximately 10.8 million pounds of food or approximately 8.3 million meals. In 2009, we broadened our scope in collecting perishable and nonperishable items from an increased number of grocers in our service area. Your Food Bank continues to expand its efforts to acquire additional food from new and existing sources and broaden our food rescue programs with more grocery stores and businesses to meet the increased demand.

Your generosity has a direct impact on the thousands of people in need in our community on a daily basis. Thank you for helping us bring the people we serve from hunger to hope.

The Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank provides 7 meals for every $1 donated.

Help Greater Baton Rouge Area Families Fight Hunger
Every dollar makes a difference. Please give what you can.

YES! I want to help make sure that hungry men, women and children in our area have enough to eat every day.

$15     $25     $50     $100     $250     $___________

I'd like for my gift to go to the “from Hunger to Hope” capital campaign.

Name ____________________________________________
Address ___________________________________________
City _____________________________ State ________  Zip _____________
Phone ______________________  Email ________________________________

Thank you for your generosity! Your support makes our community a better place to call home.

For more information, please visit us at www.brfoodbank.org or call 225-359-9940.

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