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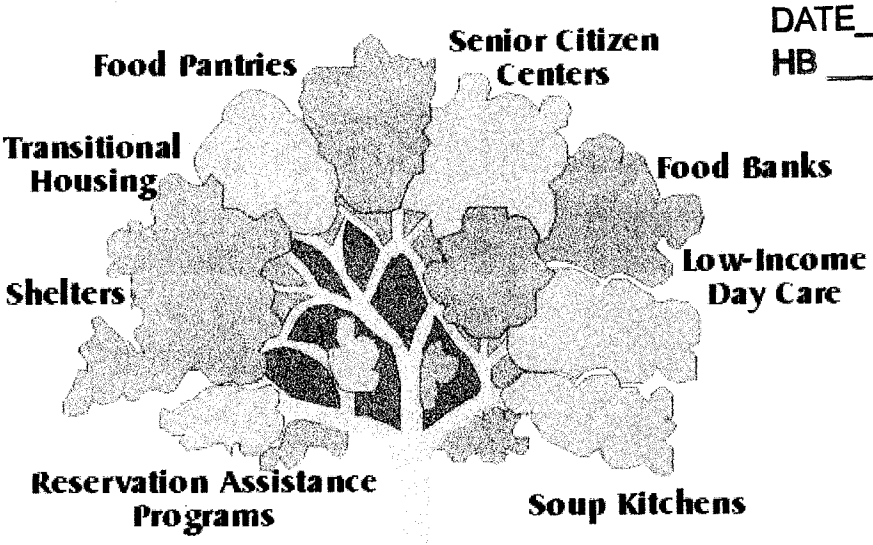
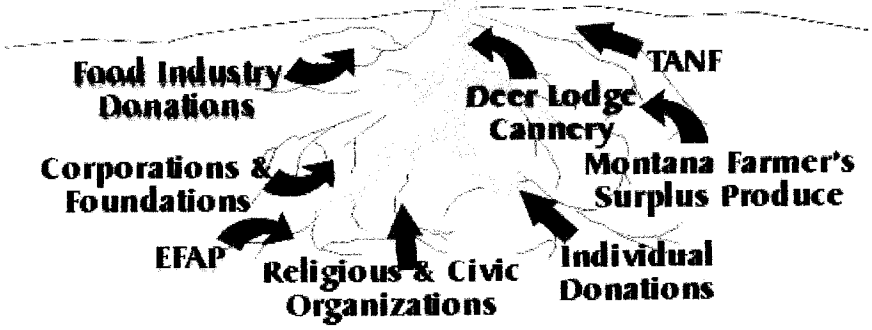


THE MONTANA FOOD BANK NETWORK



The Montana Food Bank Network (MFBN) plays an important role for Montana charities. Its mission is to provide food from local, statewide, regional and national sources to support 190 emergency feeding programs throughout our state. The Network provides food to local food pantries, soup kitchens, youth programs, rehabilitation programs, senior centers, low-income daycare centers, and reservation assistance program. With a fleet of four trucks travelling the nation and across Montana, the Network is able to collect food donations from major manufacturers nationwide and distribute them through our network of emergency food providers. In addition, the Network facilitates the distribution of large donations of food from Montana growers and distributors. In 2001, the Montana Food Bank Network partnered with several state agencies and local and national growers in a canning project at Montana State Prison. This project provides a significant amount of processed food for the emergency food system through canning, repackaging and meat processing. The Montana Food Bank Network is a member of the national food bank network, Feeding America linking Montana with national food manufacturers.

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