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**HRDC to Benefit from Spring For Food and Wear Orange Wednesday**

Bozeman, MONT. – On Saturday, April 10, a partnership between KBZK, Cardinal Distributing, and First Security Bank, will launch the annual Spring For Food to support HRDC’s Food and Nutrition Initiatives. Spring For Food is a food drive, which occurs during the same week as Childhood Hunger Awareness week. The nonprofit is also encouraging community members to spread awareness about childhood hunger by participating in Wear Orange Wednesday on Wednesday, April 7.

In the past nine years, the Spring For Food Drive has collected over 130,000 pounds of much-needed food for the organization’s Food and Nutrition Initiatives, including its Gallatin Valley Food Bank. On Saturday, April 10, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, food donations can be purchased and donated at participating grocery stores in Bozeman and Belgrade. More information about Spring For Food is available at <https://springforfood.com>.

“After the holiday season and before the summer are the slowest donation times of the year for us. Spring For Food helps us continue to assist families and individuals experiencing hunger in our area,” says Jill Holder, HRDC’s Food and Nutrition Director.

On Wednesday, April 7, the nonprofit is asking community members to wear orange to fight childhood hunger. Those interested in participating are welcome to wear orange and donate \$5.00, which is the cost to provide one nutritious weekend food pack for a child during the school year. In the last year, HRDC’s KidsPack service provided roughly 7,000 meals for as many as 400 children each week in 31 schools throughout Madison, Jefferson, and Gallatin Counties. More information about Wear Orange Wednesday is available at <https://gallatinvalleyfoodbank.org/childhood-hunger/>.

For more information about HRDC’s Food and Nutrition Initiatives, visit <https://thehrdc.org/food-nutrition/>. For information about HRDC’s Gallatin Valley Food Bank, visit <https://gallatinvalleyfoodbank.org/>. For information about HRDC, visit <https://thehrdc.org>.

*HRDC’s Food and Nutrition Initiatives, including its three food banks, are a vital part of the nonprofit’s response to address hunger and help residents eat better. These services, and more, support families and individuals who live and work here by helping to offset their expenses and lessen the burden of a rising cost of living.*

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