



BOISE STATE IS FIGHTING FOR FOOD, HOUSING AND MEDICAL ACCESS FOR ALL ITS STUDENTS, AND NEEDS YOUR HELP.

BASIC NEEDS AND STUDENT SUCCESS

Student success is the name of the game at Boise State University: How can we as an institution make the best possible education and experience available to every Bronco? For all too many, the answer to that question comes down to core needs like food, healthcare and housing.

“When students are worried about where their next meal is going to come from, they can’t focus on school. They can’t be successful,” said Basic Needs Case Manager Michelle Cain.

Boise State is doing everything it can to fight hunger, housing insecurity and lack of access to healthcare, but it needs your help. Programs like the Campus Food Pantry, the Meal Assistance Program, the Student Emergency Fund, the Steven Nelson Memorial Fund and the Student Health Services Uncompensated Care Fund have all been designed to ensure students can keep their minds on their studies, and buy-in from the Boise State community has never been more important.

Cain, who oversees the Campus Food Pantry, which re-opened in its new location in October of 2020, said the effects of keeping students housed, fed and healthy are long-lasting and benefit everyone, but seeing students walk out of the new facility with food in hand comes with instant gratification. Between August and mid-September 2021, the pantry greeted 733 unique visitors — 248 of them for the first time.

“There’s a hungry student and you feed them. It doesn’t take a lot of time to see that progress,” she said.

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