**MISSION STATEMENT**

The Kent Food Bank and Emergency Services exist to serve the citizens of the Greater Kent area.

In order to fulfill its mission the Kent Food Bank will:

Operate a center to supply food, clothing and referrals to persons in need living within the service area.

Furnish financial assistance in an emergency situation for emergency needs.

Work in conjunction with government agencies, churches and other organizations to serve the surrounding people.

Operate primarily as a volunteer agency, obtaining the majority of its support and donations from the community.

*History:*

*The Kent Food Bank began operations in 1970 as a temporary agency to serve Kent families during an economic recession. It has since grown into a permanent agency, providing for basic needs, food, clothing and shelter to thousands of families yearly. The Kent Food Bank is one of the founding agencies in developing South County Area Human Service Alliance (SCAHSA) whose mission is to streamline access to human services for low-income individuals and families in South King County by locating multiple providers in a single site known as the Alliance Center, thereby leveraging resources and increasing efficiency. In the fall of 2004, the Kent Food Bank moved into the Alliance Center. In addition to this facility we operate the Birch Creek Food Bank on the east hill of Kent. This supports our efforts to ensure that low-income families/individuals that need assistance will have ease of access to our services. One of our major goals is to alleviate hunger in our service area, making for a healthy and strong community.*

*Services:*

*The Kent Food Bank is one of the larger food banks in South King County. Clients may visit twice a month for food, monthly for clothes and government commodities. Homeless individuals/families may visit weekly for special quick or “no cook” food items. The Kent Food Bank provides limited financial assistance for help with basic needs, such as housing/shelter, and utility bills. Assistance is also given to link individuals with the needed resources in the community. Our services are provided in a manner that builds on individual’s strengths and encourages self-sufficiency.*

**Kent Food Bank**

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Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday HOURS 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Second Wednesday of each month from

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Monday

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