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News Release

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Fall Food Drive for FISH Food Pantry **Saturday October 26**

The fall community food drive for the FISH Food Pantry will be held Saturday October 26 at four local grocery stores, including Sherms Thunderbird, Fred Meyer, Safeway, and Albertsons. Volunteers will be collecting donated food at these stores from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A variety of donated food items are needed to enhance the options of those using the FISH Food Pantry. At this time, the Pantry is in particular need of baby food, boxed cereal, canned fruit, canned soup, and canned tuna and meat. Donations of canned vegetables, flour and baking mix, peanut butter, condiments and toiletries (tooth paste, tooth brushes, toilet paper, etc.) are also needed. Cash donations to The FISH of Roseburg will also be accepted.

Requests for emergency food assistance from low-income families in Douglas County remain high. The FISH Food Pantry provides emergency food parcels to over 900 households per month, which included over 3,000 people. Among those about 30% are children. The typical household seeking emergency food assistance from the FISH Food Pantry will visit the Pantry 3 or 4 times during a year.

Food donations from the community are vital to the FISH Food Pantry's effort to reduce hunger in Douglas County.

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