



## Food For Thought

We are beginning to see the affects of the former government shutdown, as the number of households we serve continues to increase. While some of this may in fact be due to a small number of federal employees who were out of work during the shutdown, the main reason appears to be SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). You see, all individuals on SNAP (formerly called food stamps), nation wide, were issued their January AND February SNAP dollars in January, along with a letter informing them they would need to budget, as they would not be receiving any SNAP benefits in February. So as you can imagine, we were extremely slow at the end of last month, whereas we are usually the busiest, and we have been constantly busy since the 1st of February. In fact, we have seen an increase of 127 families, most of them new to the pantry, in the first fourteen day of February, compared to the first fourteen days of January. I predict that not only will this trend continue, but that we may in fact see families needing to use the pantry twice this month instead of the usual once per month. Hence the importance of your donations year round. And thank goodness for our wonderful, dedicated volunteers! If it weren't for them, we would never be able to serve our community with the compassion and dignity everyone deserves.



It is also because of donors like you that we are able to serve our clients with dignity. The Roseburg Food Project (RFP) has helped us to create an environment even more welcoming to individuals using the FISH Pantry. By donating foods that you and I use everyday in our own homes, we create a pantry where individuals are able to choose items that are similar to their families' needs and diets. And it is because of you that we continue to receive record breaking amounts of food donations during the RFP. We collected 11,927 pounds of food during the February RFP food collection, with the help of 72 neighborhood coordinators and 694 food donors. This is the most amount of food ever collected in any month of February since the RFP started in August 2012!

Together, we are making it a little easier, a little less stressful, and a little more like home for our clients. So please continue helping us by caring, donating, and volunteering. It makes a difference. You make a difference. Thank you!

*Kim Jasper,  
Executive Director*



# THE FISH OF ROSEBURG SERVICE SUMMARY

The FISH Pantry was open  
17 times for 34 hours during the month of January

Totals for January:		2017	2018	2019			
# of Families:		910	968	852			
# of Persons:		3452	3682	2846			
Family Size		Age Group					
1	239	5	108	0-5	157	24-44	778
2	142	6	60	6-11	253	45-54	321
3	118	7	56	12-17	286	55-69	536
4	91	8+	38	18-23	276	70+	239

Areas of Service: Roseburg Households = 556 (65%)  
Surrounding Areas = 296 (35%)

North = 127 South = 76 East = 8 West = 55 Homeless = 30

Misc. Information: Homeless Persons: 198 New Pantry Applications: 80  
Pantry Volunteers: 83 Volunteer Hours: 677

Retail Purchases: Total \$245.76, 192lbs includes: \$245.76; 192lbs

Wholesale Purchases: Total \$3,242.01, 5,222lbs includes Eggs 1,104lbs, Cereal 258lbs, Chicken Chili 364lbs, Ground Chicken 50lbs, Canned Fruit 1,150lbs, Canned Vegetables 1,236lbs, Quick Rolled Oats 561lbs, Canned Beans 240lbs, Chicken Ravioli 104lbs, and Shelf Stable Milk 270lbs

UCAN/OFB Donations: 35,129lbs \$1,784.16

USDA (Federal Food Program): 22,139lbs

Total pantry Food Expenditures: **\$5,271.93**

Food Donations Direct to FISH: Total 3,725lbs includes Churches: 2,300lbs, Other/Community: 1,385lbs, and The Roseburg Food Project: 40lbs

Total Food Purchases and Donated: **66,407bs**

Pediatric Medication Service: January 2019 Prescriptions = 5 paid for by The FISH.

Shelter Service: During January 2019 The FISH provided 2 person nights (2 rooms total) of emergency shelter.

Transportation Service: During January 2019 The FISH provided the following assistance with transportation: Gas Vouchers: 7 for \$70.00.

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Our Six Sponsoring Churches

Faith Lutheran

First Presbyterian

First United Methodist

St. George Episcopal

St. Joseph Catholic

Umpqua Unitarian Universalists

**Hours of Operation:**

**Monday & Wednesday**

**1:30-3:30pm**

**Thursday & Friday**

**9:30-11:30am**

**Closed:**

**Tuesday, Saturday, & Sunday  
and all Federal Holidays**

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