



Food For Thought

It has been quite an interesting past few weeks for the residents of Douglas County, as many of us were without electricity for 2 hours, 2 days, 2 weeks, while some are still struggling without any power. In addition to the power issues, most of us were digging out of the snow, and many were battling fallen trees that either did major damage to buildings and properties, or trapped residents in their homes! I am sure we are all grateful for the most recent weather, which has brought us blue, sunny skies, melting the snow away. The FISH Pantry was also affected, as we had to close the pantry for an entire week to clients. In addition to the closure, we also lost power, which resulted in the loss of our refrigerated produce, eggs, and milk. We are quite thankful that the power outage occurred during a time when our walk-in cooler was not very full, therefore, we didn't lose as much food as we could have. And while clients were unable to access our pantry for a solid week, the number of households we served for the month of March did not reflect that! We were unusually busy the entire month of March, which was most likely a result of the government shutdown. We are happy to be back open and serving our clients!

In other news, The FISH of Roseburg will soon generate its own clean, renewable power thanks to a funding award from Pacific Power's Blue Sky program participants. The money will support the installation of a solar electric, roof mount, renewable energy system at The FISH Food Pantry. The Blue Sky program grant award of \$44,589 will cover about 74% of the installation cost of the 17.5 kilowatt solar power project. Other funders of the project include: First Interstate Bank Foundation, Energy Trust of Oregon, and The FISH of Roseburg. We join more than 120 organizations across Pacific Power's service area that, since 2006, have received awards for community-based renewable projects, including solar, wind, geothermal, and other forms of renewable energy. The project is one of a dozen selected this year through a competitive-evaluation process. Blue Sky is an opt-in program that gives Pacific Power customers an option to match all or part of their energy use with renewable energy—reducing their carbon footprints and driving demand for new, renewable energy in the West. Through the Blue Sky Block option, participants also support qualifying, renewable energy projects for the community-serving organizations, such as schools, community centers, and arts organizations. Construction on The FISH Food Pantry solar array will begin by early summer. It is expected to begin generating power by this fall. Within the next few weeks, The FISH of Roseburg will be seeking best and final proposals from prospective solar energy contractors for this project. For more information, visit: <https://www.fishofroseburg.org>, or pacificpower.net/bluesky.

We hope you have a wonderful rest of your month, full of blue skies and sunshine!



Kim Jasper,
Executive Director



THE FISH OF ROSEBURG SERVICE SUMMARY

The FISH Pantry was open
12 times for 24 hours during the month of February



Totals for February:		2017	2018	2019
# of Families:		783	762	837
# of Persons:		2803	2677	2991
Family Size		Age Group		
1	211	5	126	0-5 192 24-44 837
2	121	6	74	6-11 293 45-54 309
3	102	7	57	12-17 323 55-69 530
4	107	8+	39	18-23 305 70+ 202

Areas of Service: Roseburg Households = 567 (68%)
Surrounding Areas = 270 (32%)
North = 105 South = 71 East = 7 West = 53 Homeless = 34
Misc. Information: Homeless Persons: 174 New Pantry Applications: 85
Pantry Volunteers: 75 Volunteer Hours: 496

Retail Purchases: Total \$400.60, 756lbs includes 60 Gallons of Milk = \$148.80,
and 240lbs of Hotdogs = \$251.80

Wholesale Purchases: Total \$2,412.45, 3,780lbs (eggs 1,152lbs, cereal 523lbs,
peanut butter 195lbs, canned fruit 1,218lbs, and canned vegetables 692lbs)

UCAN/OFB Donations: 25,195lbs = \$1,918.51

USDA (Federal Food Program): 16,939lbs

Total pantry Food Expenditures: **\$4,731.56**

Food Donations Direct to FISH: Total 12,996lbs includes Churches: 720lbs,
Other/Community: 349lbs, and The Roseburg Food Project: 11,927lbs

Total Food Purchases and Donated: **59,666lbs**

Pediatric Medication Service: February 2019 Prescriptions = 1 paid for by
The FISH.

Shelter Service: During February 2019 The FISH provided 3 person nights
(2 rooms total) of emergency shelter.

Transportation Service: During February 2019 The FISH provided the
following assistance with transportation: Gas Vouchers: 6 for \$60.00.

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BIG DEAL!



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Monday & Wednesday

1:30-3:30pm

Thursday & Friday

9:30-11:30am

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