

November 2018



The FISH of Roseburg



Food For Thought

Our dedicated volunteers are always striving to pack our pantry with as much food as they can! And boy do they do a phenomenal job, which is great considering last year, 560,000 Oregonians were food insecure (which is greater than the population of Portland!), while 238,000 experienced hunger. According to the Oregon Hunger Task Force (oregonhungertaskforce.org), Food Insecurity is when consistent access to adequate food is limited by a lack of money and other resources at times, whereas Hunger (Very low food security) is when food intake is reduced and normal eating patterns are disrupted.

We do what we do in order to eliminate food insecurity and hunger from Douglas County, and why we are so extremely thankful to all of our community partners and donors. So here's a great big thank you to the following community members for your part in reducing food insecurity and hunger in our community:

- * Cascade Community Credit Union – Your 2nd Annual Fall Carnival was another success! Thank you for the food and \$ donations. We appreciate you!
- * Avamere at Oak Park – We are so grateful for your food drive. You made a difference! Thanks.
- * Sherm's – Your support means so much, and we are very appreciative of your employees. Thank you for the \$600 donation of gift cards. We are blessed.
- * Safeway, Albertsons, Fred Meyers and Sherm's – Thanks for allowing us to have our Fall Food Drive once again at your stores. A record setting amount of 4,726 pounds of food was collected, and \$727.05. Thank you to all who volunteered and donated to make this a huge success.
- * Roseburg Food Project – And another record! 13,131 pounds of food was collected by 73 Neighborhood Coordinators from 694 donors. Wow! What a fantastic community!

Early this fall the FISH board began a project to reduce energy costs and lower electric bills by installing solar panels and upgrading refrigeration equipment. With the assistance of Sander Lazaar, the Renewable Energy Coordinator for UCAN, several board members have been gathering information and writing grants to fund the new equipment. The committee working on the project has been busy gathering information, soliciting bids, and writing grants to fund it. Grant applications were submitted to Pacific Power's Blue Sky Project, The First Interstate Bank Foundation, and the Oregon Food Bank to cover all but 10% of the cost of the solar panels and their installation as well as a new reach-in cooler, a new reach-in freezer, and a new storage freezer. The FISH was recently notified that the grant application to the Oregon Food Bank for the freezer was successful. It will be after the first of the year before awards will be made on the other two grants.

The full project is expected to reduce electrical usage by about 1/3 and to significantly reduce maintenance on the freezers and refrigerators needed to store the food for clients. The money saved will be used to fulfill our mission of feeding hungry families in Douglas County. In addition, FISH is looking forward to sharing information with the community about the advantages and benefits of solar energy. Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

Warm Regards,
Kim Jasper



Closed November 22nd and 23rd



THE FISH OF ROSEBURG SERVICE SUMMARY

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

Totals for October	2016	2017	2018
# of Families:	945	952	916
# of Persons:	3604	3725	3424

Family Size				Age Group			
1	223	5	146	0-5	265	24-44	991
2	124	6	82	6-11	319	45-54	369
3	108	7	62	12-17	361	55-69	561
4	107	8+	64	18-23	318	70+	240

Areas of Service: Roseburg Households = 589 (64%)
Surrounding Areas = 327 (36%)
North = 139 South = 71 East = 10 West = 71 Homeless = 36

Misc. Information: Homeless Persons: 193 New Pantry Applications: 80
Pantry Volunteers: 117 Volunteer Hours: 913

Retail Purchases: Total \$2,274.62, 6,535lbs includes Milk: 560 gal = \$1,388.80,
305 1/2 Gal Milk = \$481.90; and Hotdogs: 408lbs = \$403.92

Wholesale Purchases: Total \$1,678.56, 2,496lbs includes Eggs 1,320lbs, Chick-
en Chili 260lbs, Canned Fruit 786lbs, and Canned Vegetables 130lbs

UCAN/OFB Donations: 31,909lbs \$1,903.25

USDA (Federal Food Program): 12,212lbs

Total pantry Food Expenditures: \$5,856.43

Food Donations Direct to FISH: Total 21,672lbs includes Churches: 1,172lbs,
Other/Community: 2,636lbs, Fall Food Drive: 4,733lbs, and The Roseburg Food
Project: 13,131lbs

Total Food Purchases and Donated: 74,824lbs

Pediatric Medication Service: October 2018 Prescriptions = 0 paid for by
The FISH.

Shelter Service: During October 2018 The FISH provided 3 person nights of
emergency shelter.

Transportation Service: During October 2018 The FISH provided the following
assistance with transportation: Gas Vouchers: 7 for \$7

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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**

Want to help hungry families

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