



The FISH of Roseburg

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## **News Release**

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### **Food Drive for FISH Food Pantry this Saturday**

The summer community food drive for the FISH Food Pantry will be held this Saturday July 22 from 9 am to 3 pm at five local grocery stores, including Sherms Thunderbird, Fred Meyer, Grocery Outlet, Safeway, and Albertsons. The goal of the food drive is to help reduce hunger in Douglas County.

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, and canned soup. Donations of canned tuna and meat, flour and baking mixes, canned vegetables, 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 an average of about 950 households per month, which included over 3,600 people. Among those 30% are children. The typical household seeking 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.

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