

The FISH of Roseburg

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Dear Friends of The FISH,

While we continue to see signs of continuing improvements in the local economy compared to a few years ago during the "Great Recession," we continue to be reminded daily at the FISH Food Pantry that some of our neighbors in Douglas County are dealing with the harsh reality of food insecurity. During June the Pantry experienced a 16% increase in requests for emergency food parcels compared to May; with 4,173 people provided food. Despite the high demand during the summer we look forward with optimism to our food drive at local grocery stores on July 23, and the next Roseburg Food Project collection of donated food on August 12th and 13th.

One of the main reasons for the success of The FISH of Roseburg the past 45 years has been the constant and consistent support of various faith communities in Roseburg. Vern Haas, our late long-time Executive Director, was a real champion of ecumenical efforts in Roseburg. Right from the early years of The FISH Vern saw ecumenical efforts as an important element for the future success of The FISH. We greatly appreciate the continuing support of our six sponsoring churches (see letterhead above), as well as other faith communities in the area. The FISH Food Pantry has volunteers from various faith communities and some from the community at large that work and laugh together each week at the Pantry. Vern once said, "Beyond crossing those church boundaries The FISH is somewhat of a bridge between the church pew and the street or under the bridge or the other side of the tracks."

We are very excited that Betty Lashier is our new Volunteer Coordinator, a volunteer position. Betty will be working with our Executive Director in scheduling new and substitute volunteers for work at the Food Pantry, greeting new volunteers at the Pantry, and keeping track of the contact information of all of our volunteers.

We are grateful to Karla Roady and Kathe Linden for organizing this year's successful Roseburg Food Project booth at the Umpqua Valley Arts Festival. Also we greatly appreciate the efforts of the Project's Neighborhood Coordinators and FISH Board members that worked in the booth. Over 70 new food donors and a handful of new Neighborhood Coordinators were signed-up during the Arts Festival.

The FISH Board of Directors is going through some transitions, as long-time board members Brigid Kennaday and Phyllis Zegers are leaving the Board this summer. They both served a term as vice president of The FISH, and worked on several committees of the Board. We greatly appreciate their many years of service to The FISH. Phyllis will continue updating The FISH website and Facebook page. Nis Jessen is our new vice president of the Board. Welcome to new Board members Rain Hayes-Patrick and Barbara Green from St. Joseph Catholic Church.

The FISH of Roseburg Service Summary

FOOD SERVICE: During June 2016 the FISH Pantry was open 17 times for 34 hours

<u>Totals for June:</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Families:	1119	1027	1056
Persons:	4351	3971	4173

Family size:

1	219	5	184
2	139	6	90
3	123	7	105
4	125	8+	71

Age groups:

0 – 5	347	24-44	1192
6 – 11	443	45-54	461
12-17	453	55-69	569
18-23	442	70+	266

Areas of service: Roseburg Area: 634 households (60%) Outside Roseburg: 422 households (40%)

North: 198 West: 113 South: 100 East: 11

Miscellaneous information: Homeless persons: 149 New Pantry applications: 100 (10%)

Pantry Volunteers: 61 Volunteer hours: 612

Retail Purchases: Total \$1,901.04; includes Milk: 432 gal \$1,028.16, 108 ½ gal milk \$153.36; Meat: 480 lbs. \$493.92; Potatoes 900 lbs. \$225.60.

Wholesale Purchases: \$1,200.16, 2,384 lbs. (eggs 1,248 #, canned fruit 530 #, quick rolled oats 306 #, dried beans 300 #).

UCAN/ OFB donation: 35,459 lbs. \$1,755.95

USDA (Federal Food Program): 8,236 lbs.

Total Pantry Food Expenditures: **\$4,857.15**

Food Donations Direct to FISH: 12,926 lbs. Includes Roseburg Food Project: 8,861 lbs., Churches: 1,093 lbs., Food Drive at Grocery Outlet: 717 lbs., and Other/ Community: 2,255 lbs.

Total Food Purchases and Donated: **62,181 lbs.**

PEDIATRIC MEDICATION SERVICE: May 2016 Prescriptions - 19 paid for by The FISH.

SHELTER SERVICE: During June 2016 The FISH provided 21 person nights of emergency shelter.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICE: During June 2016 The FISH provided the following assistance with emergency transportation needs: Gas vouchers: 19 for \$165.00, Taxi fare: one for \$13.50

See our website for current news about the FISH – <http://fishofroseburg.org>

The FISH of Roseburg is an agency of the Greater Douglas United Way

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