

The FISH of Roseburg

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Dear Friends of The FISH,

We continue to be amazed at the support The FISH receives from the community. We often are surprised and very delighted with unexpected food donations, a new volunteer that wants to help in the FISH Food Pantry, a generous cash donation, or new food donors and neighborhood coordinators joining the Roseburg Food Project. On June 2 we received one of these wonderful surprises when Sherm's Thunderbird donated 1,276 pounds of frozen vegetables to the FISH Food Pantry. They are great partners for reducing hunger in the community.

Many people in the community are aware of the FISH Food Pantry, but few are aware and often ask what other basic human services does The FISH provide. A good place to start in answering this question is to look at our mission statement, which is: "To assist in reducing hunger within the community, and responding with compassion to the needs of families and persons in crisis. The community of The FISH seeks to show concern and love for our neighbors by assisting as a safety net for unmet needs of food, shelter, transportation, children's medication assistance, and other basic needs."

During the past 15 to 20 years this is has evolved into the following programs, in addition to the FISH Food Pantry.

Emergency Shelter: We provide one or two nights of shelter in local motels for persons or families referred to us by other agencies, churches, or law enforcement. This could include stranded persons, battered persons, and persons displaced from their home due to a fire or other similar disaster.

Children's Medication Assistance: We will pay for medication for children of low-income families for acute illnesses when required by a medical provider, and the Oregon Health Plan or insurance does not cover the cost of the medication.

Emergency Transportation Assistance: The FISH will pay for gas vouchers, an occasional bus ticket, or other local transportation for low-income persons or stranded persons for medical appointments or bereavement situations. The highest priority for this assistance is for referrals to us by churches, other human service agencies, the United Way, or law enforcement.

The services for the above programs may be requested by contacting us 24 hours a day through an answering service at 541-672-5242. The extent of these programs is limited to the funds available.

Stop by and visit us at the Roseburg Food Project booth at the Umpqua Valley Arts Festival, June 24 thru 26.

The FISH of Roseburg Service Summary

FOOD SERVICE: During May 2016 the FISH Pantry was open 16 times for 32 hours

| Totals for May: | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|-----------------|------|------|------|
| Families: | 1126 | 982 | 909 |
| Persons: | 4372 | 3815 | 3377 |

Family size:

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|---|-----|----|-----|
| 1 | 212 | 5 | 156 |
| 2 | 141 | 6 | 67 |
| 3 | 110 | 7 | 86 |
| 4 | 85 | 8+ | 52 |

Age groups:

| | | | |
|--------|-----|-------|-----|
| 0 – 5 | 265 | 24-44 | 947 |
| 6 – 11 | 346 | 45-54 | 402 |
| 12-17 | 337 | 55-69 | 510 |
| 18-23 | 356 | 70+ | 214 |

Areas of service: Roseburg Area: 582 households (64%) Outside Roseburg: 327 households (36%)

North: 154 West: 75 South: 88 East: 10

Miscellaneous information: Homeless persons: 135 New Pantry applications: 67 (7%)

Pantry Volunteers: 59 Volunteer hours: 589

Retail Purchases: Total \$1,918.56; includes Milk: 420 gal \$999.60, 60 ½ gal milk \$85.20; Meat: 816 lbs. \$833.76.

Wholesale Purchases: \$4,275.27, 5,736 lbs. (eggs 1,248 #, canned fruit 1,076 #, chili 260#, tuna 160 #, canned vegetables 446#, chicken 425#, peanut butter 390#, cereal 380#, pasta 150#, dried beans 750#, fruit juice 450#)

UCAN/ OFB donation: 34,815 lbs. \$1,904.14

USDA (Federal Food Program): 9,797 lbs.

Total Pantry Food Expenditures: **\$8,097.97**

Food Donations Direct to FISH: 1,710 lbs. Includes Roseburg Food Project: 293 lbs., Churches: 719 lbs., and Other: 698 lbs.

Total Food Purchases and Donated: **56,745 lbs.**

PEDIATRIC MEDICATION SERVICE: April 2016 Prescriptions - 24 paid for by The FISH.

SHELTER SERVICE: During May 2016 the FISH provided 16 person nights of emergency shelter.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICE: During May 2016 the FISH provided the following assist with transportation: Gas vouchers: 17 for \$173.00, Bus Ticket: one for \$47.00

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

In accordance with Federal Law, the policies of the US Dept. of Agriculture, the policies of the Oregon Food Bank, the FISH of Roseburg does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion or disabilities.