

The FISH of Roseburg

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Dear Friends of The FISH,

The delights of spring in Douglas County are all around us with lots of green grass, beautiful flowers, rhododendrons and azaleas in full bloom, and lots of new growth on the trees. All of this green and new plant growth reminds us of the green shopping bags of donated food from the Roseburg Food Project, and the opportunities in the community to grow the number of food donors participating in the Project.

During April 66 Neighborhood Coordinators for the Roseburg Food Project collected over 10,400 pounds of food for the FISH Food Pantry from 630 food donors. The Roseburg Food Project collected over 60,000 pounds of donated food for the Pantry in the past 12 months (value of over \$90,000). This has had a huge positive impact on the amount, variety and quality of food we are able to provide to the Pantry clients. Each green shopping bag of donated food to the Roseburg Food Project provides about 10 meals for one of our hungry low-income neighbors.

During the past two years the Food Project has been very consistently collecting about 10,000 every other month. However, our need and long-term goal is to collect between 12,000 and 15,000 pounds of donated food every two months. Therefore, we would like to grow the number of Neighborhood Coordinators and food donors participating in the project. We have found the Project to be a great way to build community by sharing food with the hungry.

If you would like to help with the Roseburg Food Project, we make it easy. Contact us and we will get you started. Neighbors donate a bag of food every two months. We supply the bag and a Neighborhood Coordinator picks up the food and brings it to the Pantry. We need more food donors and Neighborhood Coordinators. For more information see: <http://www.RoseburgFoodProject.org> The next collection date for the Roseburg Food Project is Saturday June 11.

The FISH recently received a \$7,200 grant award for our children's medication assistance program from the Mercy Foundation. This grant allows us to continue our partnership with Umpqua Community Health Center, other local medical providers, and local pharmacies to pay for prescribed medicine for children from low-income households. The program pays the cost of medicine that is not covered by insurance or the Oregon Health Plan. This financial support is vital to the success and continuation of the program.

Our Board of Directors is actively working on getting our vacant Executive Director position filled, with hopes of having a person in-place by the end of July.

The FISH of Roseburg Service Summary

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

<u>Totals for April:</u>	2014	2015	2016
Families:	1111	1105	959
Persons:	4361	4310	3649

Family size:

1	229	5	164
2	131	6	83
3	98	7	91
4	106	8+	57

Age groups:

0 – 5	250	24-44	992
6 – 11	409	45-54	442
12-17	362	55-69	549
18-23	415	70+	230

Areas of service: Roseburg Area: 594 households (62%) Outside Roseburg: 365 households (38%)

North: 169 West: 90 South: 93 East: 13

Miscellaneous information: Homeless persons: 138 New Pantry applications: 90 (9%)

Pantry Volunteers: 63 Volunteer hours: 809

Retail Purchases: Total \$1,897.34; includes Milk: 347 gal \$825.86, Meat: 624 lbs. \$617.76, Infant Care Items & Baby Food: 110 lbs., \$453.72

Wholesale Purchases: \$2,550.08, 3,686 lbs. (eggs 1,536 #, canned fruit 789 #, chili 300 #, tuna 240 #, canned vegetables 646#, meat 175#)

UCAN/ OFB donation: 28,600 lbs. \$1,525.19 USDA (Federal Food Program): 8,040 lbs.

Total Pantry Food Expenditures: **\$5,976.61**

Food Donations Direct to FISH: 11,571 lbs. Includes Roseburg Food Project: 10,421 lbs., Churches: 808 lbs., and Other: 342 lbs.

Total Food Purchases and Donated: **55,615 lbs.**

PEDIATRIC MEDICATION SERVICE: March 2016 Prescriptions - 13 paid for by The FISH.

SHELTER SERVICE: During April 2016 the FISH provided 18 person nights of emergency shelter.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICE: During April 2016 the FISH provided the following assist with transportation: Gas vouchers: 21 for \$160.00

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.