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Food Drive for FISH Food Pantry, July 18
at Local Grocery Stores

Volunteers will be holding the summer community food drive for the FISH Food Pantry on Saturday July 18 from 9 am to 3 pm at the following five local Roseburg grocery stores: Fred Meyer, Grocery Outlet, Sherm’s Thunderbird, Safeway and Albertsons. The goal of the food drive is to help reduce hunger in Douglas County.

Requests for emergency food assistance from low-income families in Douglas County remain high. During the past 12 months the FISH Food Pantry provided emergency food boxes to an average of 1,100 households per month, which included over 4,200 people. Among those 31% were children. About 50% of those provided food were from Roseburg and the rest from elsewhere in Douglas County. The typical client seeking food assistance from the FISH Food Pantry will visit the Pantry 3 or 4 times during a year.

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 vegetables, peanut butter, and canned meat. Donations of beans, rice, and toiletries (tooth paste, tooth brushes, toilet paper, etc.) will also be greatly appreciated. Cash donations to The FISH will also be accepted.

Food donations from the community are vital to the FISH Food Pantry’s effort to reduce hunger.

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