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## **News Release**

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### **Next Roseburg Food Project Pickup is October 8**

The next pickup of food donated in the green shopping bags for the Roseburg Food Project will be this Saturday morning October 8. Neighborhood coordinators will be picking up the bags of donated food from their neighbors or co-workers. They will bring the donated food to the FISH Food Pantry on Saturday between 9:30 am and 1:30 pm.

Each green shopping bag of donated food from the Food Project is providing at least 10 meals to a person that is dealing with hunger. At this time, the Pantry is in particular need of baby food, boxed cereal, canned vegetables, peanut butter, and canned meat. Donations of canned soup, and toiletries items will also be greatly appreciated.

The need for donated food continues to be high, as a result of a continuing high number of requests for emergency food assistance in Douglas County. The FISH Food Pantry provides free emergency food boxes to an almost 1,000 low-income Douglas County households per month, including about 3,800 persons per month. Almost one-third of those served are children.

In August over 9,400 pounds of food was collected and brought to the FISH Food Pantry by 66 Neighborhood Coordinators helping with the project. Since the start of the Roseburg Food Project in August of 2012 almost 240,000 pounds of food has been donated and collected.

More information about the Roseburg Food Project is available at:

<http://www.RoseburgFoodProject.org>