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Food Project Seeks More Food Donors

The Roseburg Food Project is seeking additional food donors and neighborhood coordinators for the project that collects donated food for the FISH Food Pantry. About 30 volunteers wearing green t-shirts will be canvassing their neighborhoods to sign up new food donors and neighborhood coordinators between April 26 and May 12. The focus of this effort will be Saturday morning April 28.

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 average 920 low-income Douglas County households per month, including about 3,500 persons per month. Almost one-third of those served are children.

The slogan of the Roseburg Food Project is: "You want to help. We make it easy." Donors pick up one extra, non-perishable food item as they shop for groceries each week and keep it at their home in a bright green cloth shopping bag provided by the project. On the second Saturday of every even-numbered month, participants place their bags on their front porch. Neighborhood coordinators pick up the bags with the food donations, leave an empty bag for the next pickup, and drop off the bags of donated food at the FISH Food Pantry. A neighborhood can be a physical neighborhood, co-workers at a business, members of a club, church group, or almost any type of group.

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. Since the start of the Roseburg Food Project in August of 2012 over 330,000 pounds of food has been donated and collected.

An additional neighborhood canvassing for additional food donors for the Roseburg Food Project is also planned for the fall. For more information or to sign up for the Roseburg Food Project go to: roseburgfoodproject.org

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