

October 2018



The FISH of Roseburg

Food For Thought

We had an exceptionally busy September, which is not just a good thing, but a great thing when it comes to raising money and food for the pantry. Now, normally, we don't put a huge amount of muscle into obtaining food donations, but on Saturday, September 1st, five of our volunteers experienced rolling up their sleeves and working a little harder than normal for the Pantry. Early that morning, a call came in from the Oregon State Police, that there had been a semi-truck that wrecked south of Rice Hill in the northbound lane, and it just so happened to be full of frozen chicken! So two of our Board Members, along with three of their family members, drove to the crash site and began the task of climbing down into a deep, deep ditch, creating an assembly line, and loading 2000 pounds of frozen, boneless, skinless chicken, legs, and thighs, into our van and another truck, and transporting the salvaged chicken to the pantry to feed local families in need. Our volunteers are selfless in what they do. These are the things they do so that Douglas County residents don't go to bed hungry. Thank you just doesn't seem quite enough.

The spirit of giving doesn't end there! Did you know that the First Friday of September is **National Food Bank Day**? Well, Dr. Alanson Randall's office knew! We would like to send out a great big Thank You to his dental office for their generosity. They collected food from their staff and patients, and donated it to our pantry. Thanks!

Banner Bank decided to hold a food drive at their two local banks. From September 4th through the 28th, they collected food at their Garden Valley Blvd and Kane St. locations. The FISH Pantry really appreciates the hard work and effort our local businesses put in to support local causes. Without you, it would be a whole lot harder to feed our community. Thank you!

Another local organization that believes in the FISH, and supports us in many ways, is the Greater Douglas United Way. We couldn't have been more pleased than to support their annual Kick Off Breakfast. This year, we donated a basket full of gift certificates and a few other goodies, totaling \$538.00. Our basket raised \$300.00 for the 2018/19 campaign.

Speaking of gift certificates, the Grocery Outlet donated \$1813 worth of gift certificates to us! And on top of that generous donation, they are adding a 10% discount to items we purchase through them with the gift cards. Wow! Talk about community working together to support one another.

And to wrap up the September month of giving, 1st Community Insurance donated a steer and two hogs to us, that they purchased from local youth at the Douglas County Fair Auction.

With continued, fantastic support from our local community, stomping out hunger is possible!

Warm Regards,
Kim Jasper



THE FISH OF ROSEBURG SERVICE SUMMARY

The FISH Pantry was open
15 times for 30 hours during the month of September

Totals for September	2016	2017	2018
# of Families:	1005	925	827
# of Persons:	3933	3425	2946

Family Size				Age Group			
1	209	5	129	0-5	211	24-44	787
2	138	6	69	6-11	283	45-54	328
3	98	7	44	12-17	316	55-69	544
4	88	8+	52	18-23	272	70+	205

Areas of Service: Roseburg Households = 547 (66%)
Surrounding Areas = 280 (34%)
North = 127 South = 73 East = 8 West = 41 Homeless = 31

Misc. Information: Homeless Persons: 153 New Pantry Applications: 77
Pantry Volunteers: 71 Volunteer Hours: 528

Retail Purchases: Total \$1,934.64, 5,153lbs includes Milk: 408 gal = \$1,011.84,
252 1/2 Gal Milk = \$398.16; Hotdogs: 336lbs = \$332.64; and
Eggs: 225lbs = \$192.00

Wholesale Purchases: Total \$1,917.90, 2,836lbs includes Eggs 1,032lbs, Tuna
96lbs, Cereal 323lbs, Canned Fruit 801lbs, Canned Vegetables 224lbs, and
Juice 360lbs

UCAN/OFB Donations: 32,161lbs \$1,802.70

USDA (Federal Food Program): 10,010lbs

Total pantry Food Expenditures: \$5,655.24

Food Donations Direct to FISH: Total 4,716lbs includes Churches: 631lbs,
Other/Community: 3,990lbs, and The Roseburg Food Project: 95lbs

Total Food Purchases and Donated: 54,876lbs

Pediatric Medication Service: August 2018 Prescriptions = 0 paid for by
The FISH.

Shelter Service: During September 2018 The FISH provided 1 person nights of
emergency shelter.

Transportation Service: During August 2018 The FISH provided the following
assistance with transportation: Gas Vouchers: 7 for \$70.00

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First United Methodist
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Umpqua Unitarian Universalists

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Thursday & Friday
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