

Newberg FISH Emergency Service

Friends in Service to Humanity - Newberg's Food Pantry

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October 2015 Newsletter

"Feed the Need" 2015

Love INC. along with local churches throughout the greater Newberg area are organizing this year's "Feed the Need" to benefit Newberg FISH. This is one of two annual food drives that are critical in keeping FISH shelves adequately stocked.

The organizers are taking a new approach from years past: to get FISH the food it needs while encouraging the people of God throughout the Newberg area to interact with their neighbors and family around a service project.

Love INC. and the Newberg Ministerial Association will promote the food drive to the churches in our area. The goal is for churches to

promote the food drive to their members. Members are encouraged to promote the food drive to their friends, neighbors and family.



Food is being collected now and during the weeks before the delivery day of Sunday, October 18th. Individuals may want to collect food and then drop it off at FISH themselves on Sunday October 18th between 11:00 and 4:00. Or come by during the week (Monday/Tuesday/Thursday from 9 to 2), and indicate this is for "Feed the Need" food drive. Churches may take this opportunity to make the food drive a church-wide event. Cash donations are also welcome.

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE Friday, October 9th 10:00 to 1:00

We're continuing all year to celebrate 45 years of service to our neighbors and yours!

Please join us at our Community Open House on Friday, October 9th. This is our opportunity as FISH volunteers to thank *you* – our community supporters – for your role in the success of the past 45 years in serving families in need.

At the open house, you will observe a food pantry at work. Take a walk down 'memory lane' and see if you recognize people and special moments in FISH history. Newberg School District schools are closed that day, so bring the children! We're offering pumpkin carving, painting and drawing.

A free barbecue lunch – courtesy of Slicks BBQ, Zenner's Quality Meats, Nap's Thriftway, Franz Bakery, Fred Meyer and Jem 100 – will be served starting at 11:00 a.m.

FISH would not be here without the contributions of food, funds and commitment that our generous community has provided all these years. *Come by and allow us to thank you!*

"Back to the Future"
Series of 3 full--length movies
October 20, 21, 22 at 7:00 p.m.
Newberg Public Library

Includes display about Newberg FISH

Volunteer Spotlight MATT GOODWIN

Following a 30-year public service career with the State of California, Matt and his family recently relocated to Newberg. It didn't take long for him to begin searching for an avenue to apply his skills in research, computer technology and critical thinking. We welcome Matt as our organization's Statistician. He has streamlined our ability to track everything from regular reports to the Oregon



Food Bank to the "interesting facts" about FISH history you will see displayed at our up-coming Community Open House.

Matt just started a second career as a Disaster Preparedness

Specialist with the State Office of Emergency Management. How will your volunteer work fit into a full-time job schedule? Matt pointed out that FISH is open on Tuesday evenings and there is often staff here at off-hours. "There will never be a 'right time' to volunteer," he said. "We can all think of reasons not to, but if you're thinking about volunteering, as the ad says... just do it!"

As of October 31, FISH will no longer be recycling cardboard, newspaper and glass. The market for cardboard has dropped very low, and our partner, Waste Management, can no longer help us to recycle these items. We are disappointed that such a long-standing opportunity for raising operating funds has now ended. Donations of returnable bottles and aluminum beverage cans are still welcome at the FISH facility.

QUILT RAFFLE DRAWING WILL BE AT FISH OPEN HOUSE

The Chehalem Quilters Club has donated a quilt each year for the past 12 years, and it is raffled off with proceeds to benefit Newberg FISH. Raffle tickets were sold weekly this summer at "Tunes on Tuesday" and the quilt displayed at three banks in the Newberg area. FISH has raised over \$ 1,100.

The Chehalem Quilters club is sponsored by Chehalem Park and Recreation and meets once a week. It is open to individuals who are interested



in working on handcrafted items. Members have their personal projects and also do group projects, such as the quilts donated to FISH each year. A member from the group uses a long-arm quilting machine to quilt the piece after members decide the pattern and sew the pieces together.

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to the Chehalem Quilters group for all their hard work on these beautiful quilts, and for supporting FISH and families in our community.

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