



Newberg FISH Emergency Service

Friends in Service to Humanity - Newberg's Food Pantry

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Christmas Food Boxes- All The Pieces Came Together



From the donation of empty boxes to the delivery, it was a month long process to complete the Christmas food boxes. Volunteers sorted over 8,300 pounds from the Boy Scout food drive. Bags of potatoes, fresh vegetables and the delivery of frozen birds, all were carefully added to each box. Thank you for your generosity and support; we could not have done it without all the volunteers and the community that donated this bounty. Together we provided approximately 450 food boxes for families in our area this year.



Our volunteers made the 4 hour event fun for families by dressing in Santa and elf outfits. Festive music was performed by choirs from Veritas School, Zion Lutheran Church and River Street Church.

The Boy Scout Food Drive filled a dozen totes.



Volunteers sorting donations to get ready for the Christmas Boxes



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First Federal Customer Ballot Box Program

First Federal's popular Customer Ballot program will be occurring again in January and February! Ballots will be sent out to First Federal customers the first week of January, with seventy-six Yamhill County charitable organizations included on this year's ballot. First Federal customers, by their votes, will determine who will share \$40,000. The deadline for return of ballots is February 29.

<https://www.firstfedmcm.com/Customer-Ballot.aspx>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Newberg FISH is in need of volunteers to help process clients, answer phones, provide office support and fill in when other volunteers are away. A typical shift is 3 - 5 hours.

You can volunteer one day a week or several days a month.

Volunteers improve people's lives, bringing joy and hope to countless families and individuals who experience hunger.

Training and support are provided. Call our office at 503-538-4444.

Volunteer Today!



Use Amazon Smile and Newberg FISH Can Benefit!

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that allows their customers to enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. However, when customers choose to shop on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers, such as Newberg FISH.

How We Benefit From Community Partnerships

Newberg FISH relies on many different avenues for help. The Yamhill Community Action Partnership (YCAP) is one such resource that provides food and organizational / technical support to a countywide network of partner food agencies including: emergency food pantries, soup kitchens, group meal sites and a gleaner group.

Our partnership with YCAP helps maximize donated monies when we purchase food from them. FISH generally pays 14 cents per pound for any non-USDA food from YCAP. This small fee helps cover shipping and handling. We certainly benefit from YCAP and appreciate them greatly. We are very proud of our ability to provide food for those in our community, with the support of YCAP. We work hard to ensure that boxes/meals are healthy and have a variety of food groups including fresh fruits and vegetables, protein, cereals and grains with their help.

Food donations to YCAP come from:

- Weekly deliveries from the Oregon Food Bank, the United States Department of Agriculture and other federal food plus donations
- Local grocery stores such as Mercado Abastos, Fred Meyer, Roth's IGA, and Walmart.
- Farmers Markets
- Local food drives
- Special donations
- Local farmer overstock

As we all partner together, we can make a difference in the lives of families in Yamhill County.



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Open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday & 4th Saturday

Donations welcome 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Food boxes available 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM