



# Newsletter

Winter 2018-2019

## THE TREND CONTINUES IN 2018

Federal grant money is declining, the need in Corvallis is rising.

Please help us maintain the level of support we currently give our clients.

You can donate online, or by mail to 1800 SW 3rd St. Suite 110, Corvallis, OR 97333.

### Volunteer Profile: Max Patel



Max is a Crescent Valley High School sophomore who has been volunteering at the SCFB for two years. While participating in the Youth Volunteer Corps one summer, the group visited the food bank, and Max realized he wanted to meet the people he was trying to help. He now comes every week to man the intake desk, take clients around for their shopping, restock, or do whatever else is needed. "Max is a wonderful young man," says Sheila O'Keefe, Executive Director of the SCFB. "He is friendly and dependable and a real mainstay of our

Thursday crew." Max feels it is important to know what is going on outside of one's own circle, and that we need to shed more light on the problem of hunger in our communities.

### URBAN RENEWAL IN SOUTH CORVALLIS

*In March, a ballot measure will ask all Corvallis residents to vote on an urban renewal plan for South Corvallis. This is not an additional tax, but a change in how tax money is allocated. The Urban Renewal Fund would support affordable housing, improve streetscapes and transportation, and remove barriers for developers in South Corvallis.*



Volunteer

Chris Newsham sews fleece neck warmers in a riot of colors and patterns. Our clients love them!

### \*\* THANK-YOU CORNER \*\*

HEARTLAND HUMANE SOCIETY    YOUTH HOUSE GARDEN  
EVERGREEN HOUSE    OSU THRIFT STORE    CVHS/CONNECT 7

THESE ARE A FEW OF THE ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING THE SCFB. WE WILL LIST MORE IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS.

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# *An Overview of the South Corvallis Food Bank*

The South Corvallis Food Bank was begun by Judy Hecht in 2001 and at first served fewer than 100 people per month. That number has now increased ten-fold, to more than 1,000 people per month in 2018. **Over 40% are children.** Some clients shop just one time to tide them over a tight spot, others several times a year, and some have been regular shoppers for a number of years. For those who can't physically come to the Food Bank, home deliveries are available.



The SCFB is one of a network of food banks located throughout Benton and Linn counties (8 in Benton and 14 in Linn.) Each serves a different geographic area. When clients arrive at the SCFB, they are asked to sign in, give their address, and attest to income eligibility based on a scale set by the USDA. Each client is then given a cart and is taken around by a volunteer who helps them shop. The amount of food a client can take is based on the number of people in the household.

Food comes into the SCFB from various sources. Linn-Benton Food Share, a program of the Community Services Consortium and the Oregon Food Bank network, distributes food to all area food banks. In addition, the SCFB receives excess produce and processed food from the Corvallis Farmers Markets, grocery stores, and restaurants. Local food drives, individual donations, and gardens that grow produce specifically for the food bank are also a great help.

## **HOW YOU CAN HELP THE FOOD BANK**

- ⇒ **VOLUNTEER!** *See website for more details*
- ⇒ **DONATE:** *Money, canned and packaged food, dish soap, toothpaste, children's books*
- ⇒ **BRING:** *Extra garden or orchard produce to the SCFB (during open hours only, please)*

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*Are you a food bank volunteer? Or are you interested in learning about volunteering?  
Join us on **Sunday, February 10th from 2-4** in Ronnencamp Hall at  
Grace Lutheran Church for our **Volunteer Appreciation Event!***

***Thank you for donating now to help others in need!***



**ADDRESS:** 1800 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Suite 110, Corvallis OR 97333  
(at the end of the driveway to the right of Corvallis Furniture)  
**OPEN HOURS:** Monday & Wednesday 1-3, Thursday 5-7,  
Saturday 10-12  
**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Phone: 541-753-4263  
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