



Newsletter

Summer 2019

SCFB CONTINUES YEARLY GROWTH WITH 15% INCREASE

The Local Option Levy was approved by Corvallis voters in May, providing a stable financial baseline for the Food Bank. This, along with ongoing support from our generous donors, enables us to fill our shelves and provide for our increasing numbers of clients. And thankfully, proposed cuts in federal grants have not yet occurred.

Parallel to this good news, we are witnessing a steady increase in the number of people needing access to the Food Bank mainly due to the high cost of living in Corvallis. In 2019 year-to-date we are serving an average of **355 households** a month, a **15% increase** over last year. This means about **1,200 people, 40% of them children, in one month**. Multiply this by 12 and you get a sense of how many people we help with food, clothing, and hygiene supplies over a year's time.

Our thanks go out to everyone who donates to the Food Bank, whether in time, money, or goods. You are greatly appreciated! Please know how very much your donations contribute to improving the lives of many people, and how you are helping build a better community for all of us.



CHILDREN'S BOOKS GO FAST

Our rack of free children's books is constantly being replenished. Children may choose any books they wish, and take them home to keep. Since many households have few if any books, this encourages reading for the whole family. Parents have commented on how much their children's reading interest and skills have improved by having their own books.

With this large turnover, book donations are especially appreciated. Keep an eye out for gently-used children's books at yard sales, library sales racks, yearly book sales, and in your own home. Bring them to the food bank and know they will be picked up by eager little hands and taken home as treasures.



** THANK-YOU CORNER **

HOOVER ELEMENTARY KINDERGARTEN CORVALLIS FRIENDS
SAGE/GARDEN FOR EDUCATION CHURCH OF CHRIST LINCOLN SCHOOL

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

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Thank You Henderer!

The Food Bank now has a nicely remodeled bathroom thanks to Henderer Design and Build. Their cheerful and skilled crew applied fresh paint, a new floor and fixtures, and even a baby-changing station to transform what had been merely a serviceable space into an attractive facility.



HOME GARDENERS

Share the bounty of your garden or orchard with the Food Bank! Our clients *love* fresh produce and are so appreciative of the wonderful variety that grows in our area. We are open four days a week, and clients may come in weekly, so the fruits and veggies on our shelves are taken home very soon after being brought in during open hours. (FYI: Health regulations require that tree fruit be picked from the tree, not off the ground.)

Now that the new school year is about to begin, we want to recognize the **two leadership classes from Cheldelin Middle School** under the direction of **Jasmin Bethel** who conducted a food drive for 3 weeks before Thanksgiving last year. They collected over **1,000 pounds of food** for the SCFB, then several teachers and staff delivered it on their day off. The food drive was one of several “service learning” projects run by the students, who are to be commended for this achievement which helped so many people.

HOW YOU CAN HELP THE FOOD BANK

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

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Thank you for donating now to help others in need!



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