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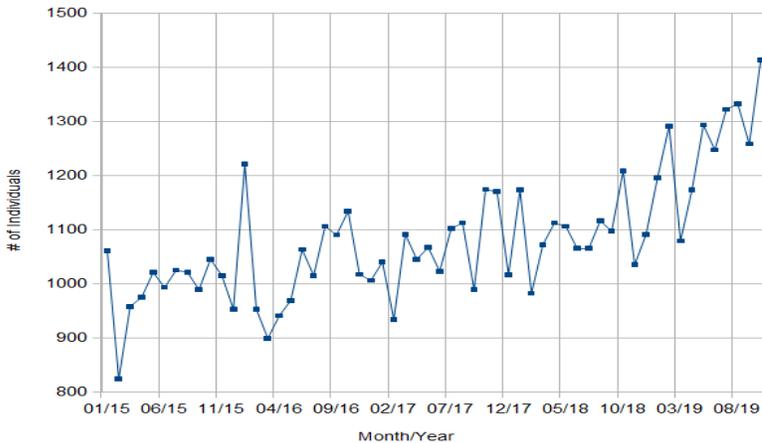
Winter 2019-2020

Community Generosity

The South Corvallis Food Bank has seen an increased demand of about 20% in the past year (see chart below). At the same time, less food has been available through our usual channels, leading to our shelves being emptier than normal. Two of our volunteers, Shelby Sprague and Andrea White, posted this on social media when our shelves were particularly bare in late October. We were amazed by the generosity of the community in responding to these posts with donations of food and money.

Thank you so much!

Individuals Served Per Month



In Memorium

The South Corvallis Food Bank sends thanks to the many people from all over the country who donated to us in memory of Coy Scroggins. Coy was a member of the Grace Lutheran Church crew who help receive and shelve the Wednesday morning deliveries at the food bank. As one note accompanying a check shared, these donations “will assist those in need as Coy did during his life.” Thanks to Coy’s family for suggesting donations in lieu of flowers.

He will be missed—
and remembered!



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Why were our shelves empty?



There are many factors affecting food availability. The biggest is reduced donations from the food industry. This is due to changes such as less processing in Oregon, the rise of discount retailers, and online ordering. Oregon Food Bank was the main conduit for these donations which have almost completely disappeared.

We are a partner agency of Linn Benton Food Share (LBFS) and get most of our food from them. They have been working hard to meet the increased demand from all their partners in the face of this diminishing supply.

How can you help? Donating locally to SCFB and LBFS provides direct service to your neighbors in need with less overhead than via national organizations. In general, cash donations are preferable since we can make a dollar go further by obtaining food from LBFS than you can at the store. There are, however, some things our clients need which we can't usually obtain from LBFS. **We would welcome these items:**

- * hearty soups
- * instant side dishes such as Rice-a-Roni and Hamburger Helper
- * canned corn
- * condiments (mustard, ketchup, salad dressing, salsa, pickles, spices, etc.)
- * toilet paper
- * diapers (particularly large sizes 4, 5, 6)
- * feminine hygiene items



Here are some of our wonderful (and oh-so-dignified) SCFB volunteers on Halloween. New volunteer training occurs at the beginning of every month. Check our website for details.

FOOD STAMPS UNDER THREAT

Recent Trump Administration proposals could cause hundreds of thousands of people to lose SNAP (food stamp) benefits and decrease assistance for millions more. Almost one million children nationwide would lose access to free or reduced lunches. These proposed rule changes would force millions of people to choose between paying for housing and buying food. According to NBC News, each adult who becomes food insecure sees an additional \$2,000 in health care costs.

For Oregon alone, this would mean about 114,000 people losing food stamp benefits.

***This is one reason your local food bank is so important.
Heartfelt thanks for your support!***

Thank you for donating now to help others in need!



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