

Community stepping up for Kiwanis food drive

This is the season of giving, and the Sisters community is stepping up in a big way to make sure that everyone in the community is well-fed through this holiday season and on into winter.

Food drives to support the Sisters Kiwanis Food Bank have been successful. *The Nugget* will continue its month-long campaign through Friday, November 23. Drop off food or cash donations at *The Nugget Newspaper* office, 442 E. Main Avenue.

Tom Hesper of Sisters Kiwanis told *The Nugget* that Coldwell Banker Reed Bros. Realty, located at the corner of Cascade Avenue and Oak Street, will pick up the food drive through Christmas.

"That'll give us a Monday-Saturday drop-off for people," Hesper said.

The Food Bank, located at 328 W. Main Ave. in Sisters, is only open on Thursdays. They will be closed, however, on Thanksgiving Day, as they are each year.

Essentials Skin Care & Spa is donating 10 percent of their proceeds for the month of November to the Kiwanis Food Bank.

Sisters Vacation Rentals has started "Project Feed." Renters of properties they manage are invited to leave any unused nonperishable food items in a bag provided to them, and Sisters Vacation Rentals will donate them to the

Kiwanis Food Bank.

Washington Federal in Sisters has also agreed to be a drop-off point, Hesper said, and Aspen Lakes Golf Course is conducting a holiday food drive.

The Food Bank provides a vital service to many families in Sisters — families who are struggling to get by in a high-cost town; families who need help getting through a crisis; families who don't have a home. The club annually conducts a Christmas Food Share program to ensure that everyone in Sisters has the opportunity for a festive holiday dinner.

The generosity of the Sisters community is making up for a significant deficit in the Food Bank's coffers.

The volunteers who operate the Food Bank reported in October that donations have declined year-over-year by 30 percent and some major cash donors have moved out of the area. Donations of cash money are especially useful, as they allow volunteers to be more flexible in obtaining the types of food required by Food Bank clientele. Donations may be mailed to P.O. Box 1296, Sisters, OR 97759.

"We've noticed a definite increase in those donations (after word got out of Kiwanis' need)," Hesper told *The Nugget*. "From our standpoint, it's been a huge success."

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