

Center collects surplus food for needy

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Food is generally thought of as a simple commodity — something to buy and consume.

But Bruce Boyd of the Eugene Food Recycling Center hopes to get people to think of food as something that can be recycled — or wasted.

The center collects food that would otherwise be thrown away, left unharvested or wasted in other ways. "We give the food to a lot of different agencies — halfway houses, group homes," Boyd said in an interview.

The Ananda Marga Society, a campus yoga organization that follows the teachings of Yogi Anandamurti, started the project. Boyd said the society got into the food recycling business because "one of our major principles is that everyone should be fed."

Although the center was conceived about six months ago, it has only been in active operation about two months, when Boyd took over its direction.

"We hope to get brand new, fresh produce out of the ground," said Boyd. "Farmers have contracts with the canneries for so many tons of a certain product, say rhubarb. The farmer starts trucking the rhubarb over to the cannery and when they get so many tons, they say 'that's it.' The farmer just leaves the rest of his crop in the ground and eventually plows it under. So we're hoping the farmer will let us get out there and harvest the rhubarb and strawberries, the crops now being harvested."

Boyd said that not all farmers are willing to give their excess



Drawing by JoAnne Fatigren

crops away. They don't want people to stop buying their crops in the grocery stores and bring down the market price. It is up to Boyd's

group to convince the farmers the food will only go to people who can't afford to buy it.

Boyd talked about the possibility of getting food from bakeries, dairies, frozen food businesses, and other sources.

"A dairy could have a big keg of milk that would be too old to sell by the time it's put into cartons and distributed to the stores. We could have it distributed and drunk in a

matter of hours. The Eugene Mission could take it all by themselves.

"Frozen food plants are another possibility. The Portland Food

Landsman, who is coordinating the community gardens for the Eugene Parks and Recreation Department, is going to be helping the center with the planting of this land.

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Bank (another food recycling group in the state) gets literally tons of frozen food, because it's mislabeled, crunched, or just surplus," said Boyd.

The Food Recycling Center is also going to do some gardening and farming of its own. The county agent, Duane Hatch, gave a half-acre of county land to the center to grow produce on. Marshall

"We're looking for an assistant coordinator for this project," said Boyd. "He would be in charge of managing the garden and coordinating volunteers. We need lots of volunteers to help with the garden and with harvesting crops."

Anyone interested in helping the Food Recycling Center should contact Boyd at 686-4999 in Room 228 Straub Hall.

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