

# UO tops its goal for food charity

The business college led the campaign, raising 4,590 of 131,101 pounds

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Cookies, chocolates, checks and cans were all part of a University effort to raise 125,000 pounds of food for the governor's 25th-annual food drive this year.

The University departments participating in the food drive set a goal of 125,000, which is 20,000 pounds higher than last year's total. Despite doubts, the University surpassed its goal and raised a total of 131,101 pounds of food for FOOD for Lane County. As of Wednesday, a few barrels containing at least 1,000 pounds of food had not yet been collected.

"We did it. I am really tickled about it," food-drive coordinator Karen Scheeland said.

The total raised includes the money donated, with every dollar buying six pounds of food.

Deb Buchanan, the food solicitor at FOOD for Lane County, said the average adult eats six pounds of food a day. That includes three meals, healthy beverages and a healthy snack. Three pounds feeds a child for a day, she said.

The food the University raised will feed 21,850 adults for a day, or 43,700 children.

"We are very excited," Buchanan said. "We don't know what we would do without all of you."

The best foods to donate are high-protein items and items that don't need anything added to them, such as non-condensed soups and pastas.

"A lot of people who come for assistance at the end of the month don't have the things you add like oil, eggs and butter," Buchanan said.

Money raised came through an auction, the sale of snickerdoodles and chocolates and checks from faculty.

Brian Stanley, the assistant director of admissions, spent hours in the kitchen making 153 dozen, or 1,836, snickerdoodles to sell. Stanley has sold the cookies in the past, and, after taking a cookie-making hiatus last year, he returned in full force this year.

"I only make them on the weekends," Stanley said. "The last weekend of the food drive I made 42 dozen cookies, and it took me eight hours."

Stanley donates his time and the

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