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Food Bank Drive Brings Amazing Results

Letter carriers collect 1.3 million pounds in just one day

In just one day, the Letter Carriers Food Drive collected 1.3 million pounds of nonperishable food in Oregon and Clark County, the Oregon Food Bank announced last week. In addition, the drive raised \$74,459.

"What our letter carriers do on this one day is amazing," said Rachel Bristol, Oregon Food Bank executive. "This is truly a community effort involving thousands of volunteers who unload trucks at every post office, box the food and load it onto donated semis for delivery to the Regional Food Banks and food pantries.

Close to 4,000 urban and rural letter carriers throughout Oregon and Clark County, Wash., joined letter carriers throughout the nation to collect food donations from postal customers during the National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive, May 12.

"Oregon Food Bank thanks the 4,000 letter carriers who did the



Volunteer Bill Brandt-Gausen helps unload food donations from a postal carrier during the recent Letter Carriers Food Drive.

heavy lifting and not only delivered mail but also picked up food donations from postal customers. We thank Wells Fargo for providing hundreds of volunteers and providing support for the degradable bags that are critical to the food drive's success. We thank the hundreds of thousands of postal customers who

filled those bags with nutritious food for their letter carriers to pick up, the community volunteers who stepped forward to help, and the trucking companies that donated trucks and their drivers' time to transport the food," Bristol said.

"I continue to be amazed and humbled at the dedication and com-

mitment of our letter carriers to make the largest food drive in the country happen despite the mounting challenges they face," said Maryann Brunner, OFB's partner events coordinator. "It is a pleasure and a profound honor to work with our letter carriers each year to plan this complex food drive with its many

moving parts."

"The Letter Carriers Food Drive brings us together as a community," said Jeff Horne, the Oregon Food Bank's volunteer services manager. "As I watched volunteers working at the post offices and the trailers of food come in to OFB's warehouse at the end of the day, I felt proud to be part of this community."

Oregon Food Bank believes no one should be hungry. With sufficient public will and the support of the entire community, the organization believes it is possible to eliminate hunger and its root causes.

Since 1982, Oregon Food Bank has been leading the fight against hunger in Oregon and southwest Washington by collecting and distributing food through a network of four branches and 16 independent regional food banks.

The group helps nearly 1 in 5 households fend off hunger. The Food Bank also leads statewide efforts to increase resources for hungry families and to eliminate the root causes of hunger through advocacy, nutrition education, garden education and helping communities strengthen local food systems.

For more information, visit oregonfoodbank.org.

Breast Health Clinic Opens in Gresham

Legacy Mount Hood Medical Center opened its doors to patients in a new Breast Health and Imaging Center.

The clinic offers nationally-accredited breast care, comprehensive screening and diagnostic services, and outpatient imaging in a comfortable setting that is convenient and close to home.

A community Open House takes place Wednesday, June 6, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. The center is located in Medical Office Building 3, Suite 100 on the Mount Hood Medical Center Campus at 24988 S.E. Stark Street.

"The development of the center is part of our ongoing commitment to offer essential health care services for people in our community," said Gretchen Nichols, chief administrative officer for Legacy Mount Hood Medical Center.

The 2,000 sq. ft. Breast Health and Imaging Center is designed as a calm and welcoming healing environment that supports women through their journey of breast health care.

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