

Assisting those in need in our Community.

Free Hot Meals Mon-Wed-Fri

11 AM - 2 PM

HELPING HANDS COALITION

4590 HIGHWAY 101, FLORENCE
LOCATED AT THE COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH



Call 541-997-5057 to Volunteer
helpinghandsflorence.org

✓ **Things we are in desperate need of:**

- Tents- 2+ man size**
- Sleeping Bags- warm to below 30 degrees**
- Tarps- 10x12**
- Toothpaste**
- Warm Socks**
- Foot Care Products**
- Canned Food Items**
- Toilet Paper**

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MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

Our mission is to assist the homeless, destitute and needy in our community. We don't replicate what other organizations are doing in our area; instead we operate a drop-in day center and referral system. The center offers, those in need, a safe place where they find out about services available in the community and get advice on how to apply for assistance locally, statewide and nationwide. Helping Hands Coalition provides direct and practical help as well as hot meals on days other groups are not providing food; vouchers for laundry, bus tickets, prescriptions, utilities, warm clothing, tents, sleeping bags, and other camping equipment, etc., articles of hygiene, and items for pets; a place for them to collect phone messages and receive their mail; as well as a place to just catch their breath and figure out what and where to go next without judgement of any kind.

*The center treats all visitors with respect,
dignity and compassion,
AND WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION OR JUDGEMENT
OF ANY KIND.*



**These Kids Deserve An Encore...
Become An Encore Member Today And
Keep These Young Stars In The Spotlight!**



Your ongoing financial support makes a well-rounded arts education accessible for local youth. C.R.O.W. is a 501(c)(3), and our non-profit relies on donations, grants, and fundraisers to keep flying. **CONTACT US:** (541) 999-8641 or crowtheatrekids@yahoo.com **MAIL TO:** PO Box 184, Florence, OR 97439
Thank you for 8+ years of theatre magic so far, Florence. Please help us keep going. #theartsreallydomatter

**End of Year Giving
December 11, 2019**

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Charitable giving and taxes

Many people donate to nonprofit organizations and other philanthropic groups out of a personal desire to do good for others. Such charitable giving can improve the lives of others and may make donors eligible for tax deductions.

According to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, donors may deduct charitable contributions of money or prop-

erty made to qualified organizations. These generally include religious organizations, veterans organizations, nonprofit groups qualified under section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, and some other groups as well. The Canada Revenue Agency lists registered charities, registered low-cost housing corporations, national arts service organizations, registered Canadian amateur athletic associations, and some educational universities among the organizations that may qualify donors for tax deductions.

Canadian individuals and businesses generally can claim deductions and gifts of up to 75 percent of net income. In the United States, the IRS states one generally may deduct up to 50 percent of adjusted gross income, but 20 percent and 30 percent limitations apply in some cases.

Giving can constitute cash and non-cash donations, advises the charity watchdog organization Charity Navigator. For example, deductions for donations of clothing and household items that are in "good condition or better" may qualify donors for tax deductions. Donors are advised to bring

items to reputable charities that will issue a receipt for their value. An appraisal may be requested for more expensive items.

All donations require a paper trail and proof of charitable contribution. The Government of Canada states that official donation receipts from registered charities and other qualified organizations should be kept in a safe place. While these receipts need not be submitted at the time of filing (whether on paper returns or electronic filings), they should be kept for five years in the event they are subjected to review.

Timing donations properly is key. The IRS says that contributions made in cash or other property must be made before the close of the tax year to be deductible.

A tax treaty between the United States and Canada allows for some deduction of donations made to charities across the border. Again, it is best to consult with a tax professional in these matters as some contributions to foreign organizations are not deductible.

Charitable giving has many benefits, including feeling good about oneself, helping the less fortunate and the financial reward of qualifying for some tax breaks.



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541-997-9110**

Grace and gratitude share the same origin and that is so demonstrated here at the Florence Food Share. Gifts flow so generously in the forms of time and money and food items it is immeasurable. The pantry serves over 3000+ individuals and families every month. The grace that is shown is so great that gratitude does not cover it. The pantry distributes over 50,000 pounds of food each month. Some we received from Food for Lane County for pennies on pound. A single dollar stretches a long way. Staff is very bare bones, but the pantry is always a hustling hub of eager volunteers.

Gratitude does not stop with a "Thank you" and a content family. It is also amazing how often last month's recipient becomes this month's donor or volunteer.

Need is a personal thing. Family needs are different then travelers' needs. There are youth that are displaced by family issues or recently lost their job. Most needed are peanut butter, canned meat and soup (pull top cans make these easy for travelers.) Things like canned vegetables and tomatoes, mac and cheese, flour, oats, potatoes, onions, milk and eggs are greatly appreciated by folks with homes and stoves.

While we are very grateful for the recent outpouring of generosity, please clip this "Thank you" and place in on your refrigerator and think of us from time-to-time next spring and summer because the need is not seasonal.