

Community News

Dutch Bros Foundation supports Florence Food Share

Florence Food Share, a nonprofit dedicated to alleviating food insecurity throughout the Siuslaw region, and Dutch Bros Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Dutch Bros Coffee, are providing much-needed assistance to those impacted by the economic fallout of the coronavirus pandemic. The foundation's gift of \$693 can help address increasing need for food security as the numbers of unemployment and furloughed workers grow.

The gift is part of a larger \$1 million commitment made by the Dutch Bros Foundation to assist organizations in its seven operating states. Partnering with local food banks allows the donation to make an immediate impact in areas hit hardest by COVID-19.

"Dutch Bros has always been about people first, and we feel fortunate to be working with our longtime partners in meeting community needs," said Katie Hutchinson, vice president of philan-

thropy at Dutch Bros Coffee.

Through the Dutch Bros Foundation, coupled with our annual "Dutch Luv" day give-back in February, we hope to ease the hardship many face in

in Lane County. They are an emergency food pantry offering free food in a shopping style experience for people with low incomes. They provide a three to five day supply of food per household to about 4,000 people a year. Supplemental perishable foods are also available in the lobby, serving an average of 100 people daily. Florence Food Share also grows nearly 10,000 pounds of food yearly in their production garden.

The Dutch Bros Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Dutch Bros Coffee, supports programs and projects in three core areas: youth, health, and origins (sources of its coffee bean). Each year since its inception in 2016 as the Love Abounds Foundation, it has given several million dollars to local, state and national causes.

Learn more about the foundation at www.dutchbros.com/dutch-bros-foundation.



simply putting food on the table. This gift is one more way we can show up and make a difference.

The mission of the Florence Food Share is to alleviate hunger and enhance the health and dignity of people

Oregon to provide 351,000+ children with meal replacement benefits

The Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) announced today that Oregon families with children who are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals will get cash benefits for the meals they would have received at school even if they have been accessing meals from schools during the closure.

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) authorized DHS to provide Oregon P-EBT Pandemic School Meal Replacement Benefits to more than 351,000 students receiving free or reduced-price school meals in Oregon, including almost 147,000 students already receiving Nutrition Assistance. Households will receive benefits equivalent to one free lunch and one free breakfast for each eligible child - \$5.70 per normal school day for the months of March, April, May and June.

"Together, DHS and ODE are working to ensure no child in Oregon goes hungry during the COVID-19 pandemic," said Dan Haun, DHS Self-Sufficiency Programs Director. "This resource is the result of our strong collaboration and will provide additional support for child nutrition and expand families' options for healthy food."

"The approval of this program highlights the tremendous partnership between ODE and DHS and our shared desire to strengthen our communities," added Dustin Melton, Director of ODE's Child Nutrition Programs. "The P-EBT program will support student's nutritional needs during a time of crisis and uncertainty."

Eligible Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) households will have their March, April and May benefits automat-

ically deposited to their existing Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) accounts in late May. Students who get free or reduced-price school meals Oregon Department of Human Services Safety-Health-Independence but do not receive SNAP benefits will automatically receive an Oregon Trail Card in the mail.

Families who have experienced significant income loss may have become eligible for free or reduced-price school meals, and there is still time to apply. Apply online at <https://www.ode.state.or.us/apps/FRLApp/Default> or contact your local school.

Benefits will be retroactive to March 16 for students who received free and reduced-price meals when schools closed. For newly eligible free or reduced-price meals or SNAP households, benefits will start at the beginning of the month they

become eligible. Eligible families will receive the following for each child:

- \$69 for March
- \$126 in April
- \$120 in May
- \$69 in June

Additional options to strengthen food security among Oregonians, include the ability for households to:

- Use their EBT card to include online food purchases through Amazon and Walmart (delivery fees not included).
- Take advantage of the double up food bucks program, which matches every \$1 of EBT funds spent — up to \$10 — on fresh fruit and vegetables at participating local farmers markets.

DHS will continue to work with federal partners to provide greater assistance to Oregonians in need. To apply for Nutrition Assistance, visit needfood.oregon.gov or call 2-1-1.

Annual Lane County Fair canceled in light of state guidelines

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown has announced that all large gatherings will be prohibited through September. As a result of that announcement, the Lane County Fair, which was slated to take place July 22 to 26, will not be held this year.

"We understand and support the need to protect the health of our community and know that hard deci-

sions are being made all across the state," said Rachel Bivens, Lane Events Center marketing manager and assistant fair organizer. "Safety is always our top priority for our fairgoers, exhibitors, vendors and others, but that doesn't make it any less devastating to cancel an event to every summer, and that many vendors depend on

for income." Fair organizers are working now to contact vendors and provide them with information about the cancellation. Tickets had not yet gone on sale to the general public.

"We will look for creative and safe ways to welcome the community to the Lane County Fairgrounds over the summer, and begin

planning to welcome fairgoers back for a spectacular Lane County Fair in 2021," said Bivens.

The Lane County Fair has been held annually in one form or another since the 1800s. There have been no previous cancellations of the Fair in recent memory.

For more information on the Lane County Fair, go to www.atthefair.com.

Florence Habitat for Humanity ReStore now accepting household paints

Florence Habitat for Humanity ReStore is a Paint-Care drop-off location. All brands of house

paint, stain and varnish are accepted, in any age or condition. Paint must be in its original container, with the original manufacturer's label and secured lid.

Florence ReStore also sells a variety of paints. Questions?

Call Florence Restore at 541-997-5837, visit 2016 Highway 101 or go to www.florencehabitat.org.

florencehabitat.org.

For more information about the Oregon PaintCare program, visit www.paintcare.org.

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Light Rain	Showers	AM Showers	Rain	Rain	Rain	AM Showers
56°F 48°F	57°F 49°F	61°F 50°F	61°F 49°F	55°F 47°F	56°F 47°F	68°F 47°F

Health is our #1 Priority!

At Shervin's we are taking extra precaution in order to ensure that our customers and staff are kept safe and healthy during this quickly changing situation.

1 Car Sanitation - All cars are wiped down with a sanitizer before and after the service. We wipe down any areas in the interior where employees have touched, such as door handles, the steering wheel, keys, shifters and power window panels.

2 Hand Sanitation - Our staff will continue to wash their hands throughout the day and change gloves after each car they service.

3 Give Customers Options - We will pick up and deliver your vehicle to your home. You may also drop your key in our secure mailbox for drop-offs to avoid or minimize contact.

4 Employee Illness is Serious - We are encouraging employees not to shake hands. We are practicing "personal distancing" and encouraging employees to stay home if they feel under the weather.

5 Wipe Down High Touch Points - We wipe/spray counters, credit card machines, door handles, phone handles, kitchen areas, and chair arms and tables in waiting area multiple times a day. We continue to be focused and committed to working with each of you to ensure we continue to meet and exceed your expectations. We are here for you. We thank you for your business and more importantly, your friendship. Please be safe and exercise extra precaution during this challenging time.

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