

Souper Bowl of Caring kicks off Super Bowl weekend to benefit food bank, Habitat

One-in-6 kids in Oregon are unsure where their next meal will come from. One-in-7 families spend 50 percent or more of their income on housing.

Florence Food Share and Florence Habitat for Humanity are teaming up to help fight childhood hunger and housing instability.

The Souper Bowl of Caring started in 1990

when a South Carolina Sunday school teacher used Super Bowl parties as a modern-day example of gluttony when fans eat wings, pizza and chips they don't need — while at the same time someone in the same town goes hungry.

The class asked everyone leaving church on Super Bowl Sunday to donate \$1 from their Super Bowl party budget to

fight hunger. What started as a small movement has grown to a national effort to give back on a day of plenty.

Several years ago, Florence resident Lori Janowski suggested to St. Mary Our Lady of the Dunes parish to join in this effort. Each year, St. Mary's has asked its congregation to donate non-perishable food to Food Share and monetary

donations to Florence Habitat for Humanity at the Saturday 5:30 evening and Sunday 11 a.m. Masses on Superbowl weekend.

Several other groups from the local faith community have joined with St. Mary's to participate in Souper Bowl of Caring.

This year, the entire community is being encouraged to join together Super Bowl weekend to

help fight childhood hunger and housing instability.

How Can You Participate?

Donate to via their websites:

- Florencefoodshare.org/donate.html
- Florencehabitat.org/donate-index-impact
- Deliver non-perishable food to your church, Florene Food Share or Florence Habitat ReStore

• Monetary donations can be delivered to Florence Habitat for Humanity Office or ReStore both located in the Grocery Outlet Shopping Center or by mail PO Box 3302 Florence, Ore. 97439

The Florence community is invited to set aside a bit of its Super Bowl party budget to help continue to fight hunger and housing instability for those less fortunate.

Community invited to ‘Dinner @ Your Place’ fundraising event for Humane Society

It may sound presumptuous for someone to invite themselves to dinner at your.

Charles Brown, executive director of the Oregon Coast Humane Society, says not for this event.

“Dinner @ Your Place” will be the Oregon Coast Humane Society’s 2021 signature fundraising event. OCHS has teamed up with Hello Fresh, America’s most popular home delivery meal kit, to create a fun and interactive experience that

takes place in the safety and comfort of your home.

“You limit who comes to your home, but there’s no limit to who all can join the fun online,” explains Brown.

Dinner @ Your Place will take place Feb. 14 at 6 p.m. Guests will connect via video conference to other animal lovers who support OCHS’s mission of giving care and comfort to the unwanted, neglected, and abandoned pets of the community.

“Dinner @ Your Place

guests will receive a Hello Fresh meal kit,” says Brown. “Menus are diverse and can accommodate any dietary restrictions and tastes. Guests are encouraged to start cooking at the designated time and share live photos and videos of their process.

“We will keep everyone entertained and engaged with video presentations and interactive games and prizes,” added Brown. After dinner, OCHS will conduct live and silent auctions.

Brown added that the event will be giving sneak peeks at auction items in the weeks leading up to Dinner @ Your Place.

“This will be the most unique, fun, and safe way to support your Oregon Coast Humane Society,” said Brown.

The video conference is free to join for those who register in advance, and dinner “tickets” are \$120 for two guests or \$70 for one. Dinners must be purchased before Feb. 1 and will arrive before the event.

To participate, or get more information, call OCHS at 541-997-4277 or email exec.director@oregoncoasthumanesociety.org for a link to the online registration.

OCHS is a local non-profit, no-kill, community that promotes a lifetime commitment to pets.

“We hope many people will join the fun of Dinner @ Your Place and help us raise funds to support the work of OCHS,” said Brown.

In 2020, OCHS found

homes for more than 600 dogs and cats, provided more than 400 spay/neuter surgeries, distributed nearly two tons of pet food to pets in need, and saved more than 1000 animals.

“We are grateful for any and all support from the community, whether it be food, bedding, toys, cat litter, bleach and cleaning supplies, or cash, so we hope the community will join us for this unique event,” Brown said.

Art from 1B

Northern Shoveler in its natural habitat setting. See contest rules and entry form.

Upland Game Bird Stamp Contest:

All entries must feature the Chukar partridge in its natural habitat setting. See contest rules and entry form for more information.

Entries will be accepted between Aug. 27 and Sept. 24, 2021 by 5 p.m., at ODFW headquarters, 4034

Fairview Industrial Dr., SE, Salem, OR 97302.

Artwork can be mailed or hand delivered. Packaging tips can be found on the final page of the contest rules. We welcome all ages and skill levels to participate.

A panel will judge artwork based on artistic composition, anatomical accuracy of the species and general appeal. All artwork submitted will be showcased at a free art show open to the public.

Collector’s stamps, art

prints and other promotional materials are produced from first-place artwork.

Proceeds from product sales are used for wildlife habitat improvement, research projects and conservation efforts.

Interested artists are encouraged to visit ODFW’s stamp art competition webpage for more information on the contests and to view entries from previous years.

Hike from 1B

2:30 p.m. on Jan. 22 and Feb. 10, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Visitors are invited to learn about the amazing life cycle of crabs, their importance to the local economy and discover the various techniques for capturing this delectable Crustacean. Dress for the weather and meet at the Charleston Visitors Center.

Registration is required, and the event is limited to six participants. Register at www.southsloughstuary.org.

A week or so prior to the event attendees will receive an email containing further information about the Reserve’s new safety guidelines and efforts to help combat the spread of COVID-19.

Visitors’ health and wellbeing are the Reserve’s top priority. Among other things visitors will need to wear a mask when social distancing of six feet cannot be maintained.

A temperature check using a no-touch digital forehead thermometer will be performed at the beginning of the program. Any participants with a temperature greater than 100.4 F may not participate.

For more information, contact South Slough Reserve at 541-888-5558 ext. 121.

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