

# Florence community giveaway last weekend event ruled a success

Three local Florence organizations teamed up last Friday, Oct. 15, for a free Community Giveaway Event. The Florence Food Share, Florence Habitat for Humanity and Spruce Point Assisted Living and Memory Care sponsored this one-of-a-kind Giveaway Event.

The concept of the giveaway was to be able to provide an event where members of the Florence community and surrounding areas could have access to various items free of charge. Hundreds of items including furniture, kitchen items, home furnishings and durable medical equipment were available at this free event.

The event took place in the Food Share/Lutheran Church parking.

The GiveAway event had been planned to run both Friday and Saturday, but all items were claimed on the first day, so the event ended a day early.

“The real purpose of this event was to take items that our organizations had that were not being used and provide an opportunity to get these items directly into the hands of members in our Florence community who could use them,” said DeAnn Hawkins, Community Relations Director at Spruce Point. “The three organizations worked seamlessly together



The planned two-day Community Giveaway was a complete success after just one day.

er in the weeks leading up to the event, with each organization taking on designated responsibilities.” Volunteers from all three organizations joined

forces on the day of the event to load and transport items, set up/clean up the event, and help load large items into vehicles.

“We are very proud of our partnership with Florence Food Share and Spruce Point Assisted Living and Memory Care,” stated Floyd Bidwell, Florence Habitat for Humanity Restore Manager. “When organizations like ours work together to help the community, just think of the good we can do.”

Feedback from the community during and after the event seemed very positive, many stating that these items would make a big difference in their day-to-day lives. Some people planned to use the items to furnish a first apart-

ment, some were able to get a much-needed bed for their child, some were able to get furniture or medical equipment for a senior family member or neighbor, and others just found a fun wall print or lamp to add to their existing space. “The event went better than we could have ever imagined, with about 70% of the items taken within the first 30 minutes,” added Hawkins.

Colin Morgan, Florence Food Share Executive Director, summed up the event up perfectly in saying, “The event was a tremendous success and a real benefit to so many hard-working folks in our community. It was a fantastic example of how, when we work together, we can do great things!”

## Forest Service accepting applications for 1,000+ seasonal positions in Oregon and Washington

PORTLAND — The USDA Forest Service will be accepting applications for more than 1,000 seasonal spring and summer jobs in Oregon and Washington from Nov. 5 to 12, 2021. Positions are available in multiple fields, including fire, recreation, natural resources, timber, engineering, visitor services and archaeology.

Applications must be submitted on [www.usajobs.gov](https://www.usajobs.gov) between Nov. 5 to 12. More information about seasonal employment, available positions, and application instructions can be found at [www.fs.usda.gov/main/r6/jobs](https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/r6/jobs). Interested applicants are encouraged to create a profile on USAJOBS in advance to save time once the hiring process begins.

“We’re looking for talented, diverse applicants to help us manage over 24 million acres of public land in the Pacific Northwest,” said Glenn Casamassa, Pacific Northwest Regional Forester. “If you’re interested in stewarding our national forests and serving local communities, I encourage you to apply.”

The Forest Service will host a Facebook Live session on Tuesday, Oct. 26, to share information and answer questions about the application process. People can visit <https://fb.me/e/48ARkOsux> to register.

The mission of the Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity and productivity of the nation’s forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The agency manages 193 million acres of public land, provides assistance to state and private landowners, and maintains the largest forestry research organization in the world.

The Forest Service Pacific Northwest Region contains 16 National Forests, a National Scenic Area, a National Grassland, and two National Volcanic Monuments, all within the States of Oregon and Washington. These public lands provide timber for people, forage for cattle and wildlife, habitat for fish, plants, and animals, and some of the best recreation opportunities in the country.

## Halloween Safety for Kids & Pets

In all the excitement surrounding Halloween, it can be easy to overlook potential dangers faced by kids and pets each year. Take a moment to review these safety tips to help ensure a fun-filled holiday and prevent any real scares!

### Trick-or-Treat Tips to Keep Li'l Ghouls & Goblins Safe

- Never let kids trick-or-treat alone. Older groups trick-or-treating without adult supervision should make sure a parent knows the planned trick-or-treat route.
- Remind kids to walk, not run, when trick-or-treating. Instruct trick-or-treaters to use crosswalks and caution when crossing streets or driveways, and stay aware of their surroundings at all times.
- Make sure costumes and masks fit well to avoid tripping hazards or difficulty seeing or breathing.
- Use only non-toxic makeup and cosmetic-grade, eye-safe glitter on the skin and face.
- Make sure kids carry a flashlight, and attach reflective tape to costumes and treat bags to enhance visibility.
- Eat only factory-wrapped candy that has not been opened.
- Wearing a cloth mask over the face and nose when trick-or-treating in a group this Halloween can help keep kids healthy.

### HallowWag Safety for Dogs & Cats

- Keep candy out of reach from pets. Xylitol sweeteners and chocolate in particular can be toxic to dogs and cats.
- Keep pets inside and away from the front door for their security and the safety of trick-or-treaters.
- Costume carefully if you're dressing up your pet, taking care not to restrict their movement, vision, hearing or ability to breathe. If your pet is distressed by wearing a costume, remove it immediately.
- Make sure your pet is microchipped and wearing a collar with identification tags to help ensure his or her safe return in the event of a Halloween escape.
- Keep candle-lit jack-o-lanterns and other candles a safe distance from pets who may knock them over or burn themselves.

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