

September 30, 2021

Board of County Commissioners
Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

**Presentation regarding Hunger in our Community and
announcing the results of the 2021 H3S Food Drive**

Purpose/Outcomes	Every year, Clackamas County Health, Housing and Human Services holds a food drive to help support the Oregon Food Bank and the many organizations here in Clackamas County that rely on donations.
Dollar Amount and Fiscal Impact	\$6,844 raised for 27,376 pounds of food
Funding Source	N/A
Safety Impact	Reduction of food insecurity
Previous Board Action	None
Strategic Plan Alignment	1. H3S – Individuals and families in need are healthy and safe 2. County – Ensure safe, healthy and secure communities
Counsel Review	N/A
Contact Person	Rodney A. Cook, H3S Director, 503-650-5697
Contract No.	N/A

Background:

Hunger is a serious problem in Oregon. In an average month, an estimated 265,000 people – over 82,000 of them children - are receiving food from a food pantry.

Food provided by the Oregon Food Bank is extremely important for people in need in Clackamas County. Donations are what keeps places like Clackamas Service Center on Southeast 80th Avenue, Sandy Community Action Center, Estacada Area Food Bank, and Colton Helping Hands running and able to feed the hungry.

Additionally, the Oregon Food Bank works to eliminate the root causes of hunger through other avenues, including:

- Garden education; taught to more than 1,000 low-income adults, including those from immigrant/refugee populations
- Successful passage of the Student Success Act, which doubled the number of schools that can opt into providing free breakfast and lunch for students
- Partnering with health professionals to screen 1.6 million people annually at clinical visits for hunger
- Participation from over 1600 adults and children in nutrition education to learn how to prepare nutritious food with limited resources
- Quadrupling the number of School Pantries to 40, resulting in more than 72,000 households provided produce and staples
- Opening 14 new Free Food Markets in the last year, expanding the reach to rural areas within Clackamas County

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Each year, Clackamas County Health, Housing and Human Services hosts a food drive to help support the Oregon Food Bank, which supports many organizations in Clackamas County that rely on donations.

Since our first food drive in 2009, we collected the equivalent of 406,311 pounds of food. This year we collected \$5,844, the equivalent of 27,376 pounds of food, for the Oregon Food Bank.

Last year due to COVID and the restrictions on large group gatherings, we hosted a virtual fundraiser. This year we decided to continue the virtual fundraiser. We had two main fundraising activities this year, the Basket Raffle and the Bake Sale, which is lead and run by Jeanne Weber.

Basket Raffle:	\$5,568
Bake Sale:	\$1,125
Food Trucks	\$151
TOTAL	\$6,844

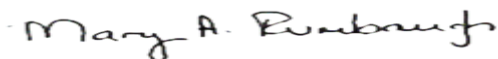
First a sincere thank you to all those who donated to support this great cause. Thank you to the A-team for all your support, thank you to Tamale Boy and Café de Crepe for selling their delicious food on campus and donating 10% of their earnings, and thank you to the following groups for creating and donating the amazing raffle baskets:

- Business and Community Services/Libraries in Clackamas County - Library Services Team
- Behavioral Health and The Sunshine Committee
- Behavioral Health Division Admin Team
- Behavioral Health Division Clackamas MHC
- Behavioral Health Division Staff Team
- Community Development
- Children, Family & Community Connections
- Finance Team Accounts Receivable and Friends
- Gladstone and Oak Grove Libraries
- Health Centers
- Human Resources
- North Clackamas Parks and Recreation Department (NCPRD)
- Oregon Food Bank
- Public Health
- The Timbers
- The Blazers
- Technology Services
- Water Environment Services (WES)
- Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

On behalf of H3S, I want to thank all of the staff who participated, along with the coordinators in each division, who helped to make the food drive a success. We know that in difficult times, it is important for communities to come together to help each other. The H3S Food Drive is a great example of this, and we look forward to coming together again next year.

Recommendation:

No action needed.



For Rodney A. Cook
Rodney A. Cook, Director
Health, Housing & Human Services