

September 17, 2020

Board of County Commissioners  
Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

**Presentation regarding Hunger in our Community and  
announcing the results of the 2020 H3S Food Drive**

<b>Purpose/Outcomes</b>	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.
<b>Dollar Amount and Fiscal Impact</b>	\$7,299 raised for 29,196 pounds of food
<b>Funding Source</b>	N/A
<b>Safety Impact</b>	Reduction of food insecurity
<b>Previous Board Action</b>	None
<b>Strategic Plan Alignment</b>	1. H3S – Individuals and families in need are healthy and safe 2. County – Ensure safe, healthy and secure communities
<b>Counsel Review</b>	N/A
<b>Procurement Review</b>	1. Was the item process through Procurement? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. This is an announcement of a presentation
<b>Contact Person</b>	Richard Swift, Director, 503-650-5697
<b>Contract No.</b>	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 80<sup>th</sup> 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

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- Opening 14 new Free Food Markets in the last year, expanding the reach to rural areas within Clackamas County

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

Since our first food drive in 2009, we collected the equivalent of 376,531 pounds of food. This year we collected \$7,299, the equivalent of 29,196 pounds of food, for the Oregon Food Bank.

Last year we combined the Food Drive with the county's Annual Employee Picnic and we were able to draw a larger crowd for both events. This year due to the COVID and the restrictions on large group gatherings we had a virtual event called The Right Now Show. It was an employee talent and variety show showcasing our very own employee's talents.

We had 2 main activities this year. Basket Raffle and the Bake Sale. The always amazing Housing Authority also hosts their own events and brings in significant funds.

- Basket Raffle: \$3,033
- Bake Sale: \$2,146
- Housing Authority: \$2,120
- **TOTAL \$7,299**

The biggest draw was the gift basket raffle, which raised \$3,033. Thank you to the BCC, Oregon Food Bank, Gladstone and Oak Lodge Libraries, Volunteer Connections, Bound to Happen, Finance – Budget, LINCC Library Services, Public Health, Treasurer, Human Resources, and our anonymous basket donors for donating baskets.

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.

Respectfully submitted,



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