

February 6, 2020

Board of County Commissioners
Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

**Presentation regarding Hunger in our Community and
announcing the results of the 2019 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	45,049 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	Richard Swift, 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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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 331,482 pounds of food. This year, on our 10th anniversary of the annual food drive, we collected the equivalent of 45,049 pounds of food for the Oregon Food Bank.

This was the first year that we combined the Food Drive with the county's Annual Employee Picnic. Thanks to the support of the A Team, we were able to draw a bigger crowd to the carnival. As always, staff provided creative games and activities to raise money for this important organization.

The biggest draw was the gift basket raffle, which raised \$2060. Thank you to the BC C, County Administration, Business and Community Services, The Sheriff's Office, Health, Housing & Human Services, Records Management, Technology Services and Water Environment Services for donating baskets. We also want to thank Human Resources, Public and Government Affairs, Department of Transportation and Development, and the Juvenile Department for their participation in the food drive.

Several department directors volunteered their time to sit in a dunk tank. Employees paid for the chance to dunk directors. We want to thank Assistant Director of DTD, Mike Bezner, Health Centers Medical Director, Andrew Suchocki, Water Environment Services Department Director, Greg Geist and Assistant Director, Chris Story, and H3S Director Richard Swift, in for 45 minutes, for their willingness to brave the cold water to help make a difference in the lives of Clackamas County residents.

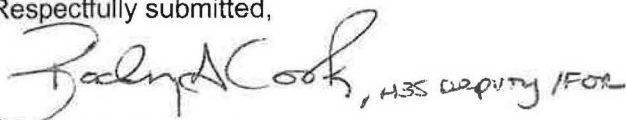
We also want to thank the following food trucks who were on campus throughout the summer and donated a portion of their sales to the food drive: Tamale Boy, Café de Crepe, Pepe Caliente, Koi Fusion, Retrolicious, Home Platers Sliders, Slicks Big Time BBQ, Killer Burger, and Chop Chop Chicken Sundaes.

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,

Handwritten signature of Richard Swift, H3S Deputy / FOR

Richard Swift, Director
Health, Housing & Human Services