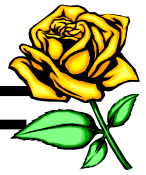


Fish Emergency Service, Inc.

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42 YEARS of SERVICE in the PORTLAND METRO AREA

FOOD DRIVES, RUMMAGE SALES AND MOTIVATING PEOPLE TO GIVE

At Lake Oswego United Methodist Church, Cathy Vause and the Outreach Committee challenged their congregation on the first Sunday of Lent. The plan was to fill 52 boxes with enough food for a family of three or four for a week.

Interested families (sometimes with others) took home a box with a menu and shopping list.

In the five weeks allotted time, they filled 81 boxes (about 1,700 lbs of food), collected enough cash to buy a 2 lb block of cheese for each box, and made a \$142 cash donation to both **Fish** and West Linn Food Pantry, which shared the boxes. **“People felt they were doing something substantial, yet affordable to all,”** said Cathy. Thank you LOUMC!



“For the Rummage Sale, we worked a whole week, organizing donations, pricing them to sell and tagging them,” says Betsy Davis of the Presbyterian Church of Laurelhurst. They put an ad in The Oregonian, designating **Fish** and Habitat for Humanity as co-recipients.

On the first Saturday morning in May, people came, and bought and bought. “We kept reminding customers that they were giving directly to charity,” said Betsy. “Near the end of the day, we dropped our prices 50%. The last hour, people could get a bag full of items for \$2.00. **We thought we did pretty well, having collected \$3,300, since our congregation is a small one, of less than 100.**” Everyone else thought so, too.

“While earning your daily bread, be sure you share a slice with those less fortunate.”
—H. Jackson Brown, Jr.



Group from Lake Oswego United Methodist Church

Many individuals and groups have helped with wonderful donations and by working at **Fish**, and more food drives and solicitations are in the offing. While our cash donations are still down, the lending of many hands shows that the community is aware of the plight of the multitudes that come to **Fish**.
>St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church brought in 150 cans of tuna for our families
>Bi-Mart has placed **Fish** barrels in their stores.
>First Congregational Church is conducting a food drive.

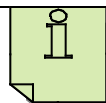


Youth group from Trinity Lutheran in Oregon City



Facebook

From your Facebook account, search for ours, **Fish Emergency Service**, and list yourself as a **fan**.



SHARING EXTRA PRODUCE WITH HUNGRY NEIGHBORS

Thomas Jefferson planted peas, artichokes and 20 kinds of beans in his kitchen garden at Monticello. How is your garden coming along?

At **Fish**, our families who come for food adore fresh fruits and vegetables which they get from our donors. How else could they afford them? Please bring produce donations to **Fish** or call Gary and ask for a driver to pick them up.

Donated onions, bread and plants at Fish

MANY ILLS AND OPPORTUNITIES

A man came in the back door at **Fish** one sunny day, carrying two large bags of clothing. "I have six more in my car which I 'harvested' from my wife's and daughter's closets," he said with a laugh. These garments will be very useable by our clients.



The 30-year-old mother of two teenagers got tears in her eyes as she sat at the interviewer's desk and told of her job and apartment loss. With her sons, she moves from place to place to sleep at homes of her friends each night. **Fish** provided her with food and clothing. But whether she will be able to find a medical clinic, from the list **Fish** provided, which will keep her asthmatic boy supplied with inhalers is another matter. Loss of a job meant the end of health insurance as well as livelihood and home.



Brian answered numerous phone calls from those who needed utility bill help, which is not available now. Rates have increased, the callers say, and their incomes are lower. Many cannot keep up.

"If every U.S. citizen ate just one meal a week (any meal) composed of locally and organically raised meats and produce, we would reduce our country's oil consumption by over 1.1 million barrels of oil *every week*. That's not gallons but barrels."

—Barbara Kingsolver in *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle*



Fish barrel at Bi-Mart Store

THANKS TO DONORS, Jan. 1–June 30, 09

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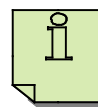
Former Nurse volunteers at Fish with Gloria “THE CARING PROFESSION”

Three former nurses who interview at **Fish** talked together and with **Gloria Colvin**, our Executive Director and former nurse, about how they gravitated here.

Betsy Davis had heard about **Fish** for years from her church, Laurelhurst Presbyterian. After raising her family, she worked for Kaiser for 25 years, then with AIDS patients, and then retired to volunteering at **Fish** 13 years ago. “I like the people I serve here and the people I work with,” Betsy explained.

Sharon Bennett was recruited from an ad in the paper about two years ago. “I feel like I am really helping people at **Fish**,” she says. “Having been a Public Health Nurse and a Nurse Practitioner and a teacher, I know how to get people to open up. We were taught that in nursing.”

Janet Bonafede was recruited by her friend, Sharon. This English-born and educated nurse practiced her profession in Switzerland, Germany, and South Africa when she was single. Since retiring here, she was inspired at St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church to do outreach work: ESL tutoring, visiting shut-ins, and now inter-viewing at **Fish**. “Along the way, I learned to listen,” she says. “And I believe that is one of the most important things we do here, listen to people’s troubles and try to help with them.”



Fish Newsletter via email?

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IN HONOR and MEMORY

The following people are much loved. Gifts were given to Fish in their honor, and we join in the celebration of their lives.

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and Jean Little

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Guy Stanton by Daniel Montag & Kathryn Martinson

Ken Lane by John Freeman and Mary Kisor

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