

44 YEARS of SERVICE in the PORTLAND METRO AREA

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SPRINGTIME

“It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.”

-Charles Dickens

I sat and reflected on the hope that is represented by springtime. Like all Oregonians, I hope for an economic recovery which will add revenue for our schools, infrastructure and health care. But, closer to home, I long for more and better jobs which will help the struggling, underemployed families who come to **Fish's** door every day. Such jobs would stabilize their probability of having enough food to put on the table for dinner each night.

Yes, the job picture is improving. KGW.com reports that as of March 1, our unemployment rate is 10%. That is down from the 11% of a year ago, and a cause for hope.

Meanwhile, I believe strongly in “the gift of the small.” When a few people each donate some food, a check or some personal products, the additive effect is quite startling. You have been here for us before; keep on giving. Our cupboards are moderately stocked with canned goods. At least they are not bare.

So please, keep up the food drives, the individual and club giving, and the corporate grants which will keep **Fish** open for its neighbors.

Thank you in the name of the grateful families we serve,

Gloria

FOOD DRIVES GODSEND FOR FISH



Ruth Smith, volunteer from **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**, checks out food for a family of five. The church collected over 1,000 lbs. food or cash equivalents for **Fish** in January and February, 2011. Thanks to St. Andrew's!

Recognition is also due Matthew's Galleries for donations of funds and food for **Fish** in conjunction with a gallery show.

Congressman Earl Blumenauer delivered several computers and a fax machine to **Fish** recently, which are greatly appreciated.

Fish needs:

Staple items: Tuna, peanut butter, chili, stew, mac & cheese, cereals, baby formula
canned fruits and vegetables

Personal products: **TOILET PAPER**, feminine hygiene items, bar soap, deodorant, tooth care

Kitchen needs: soap, laundry detergent, Lysol

Clothing: Men's pants (jeans, Dockers), belts, socks

Misc: office chairs with wheels.



Jim needs drivers for the Fish van. Hours and days are negotiable. Call 503-233-5533.



Small visitor

Fish served an average of 1,423 people per month last year with food, clothing and information. Of these, 30% were children.



Fish friend and Rep. Earl Blumenauer with Kathleen Butler and Gloria Colvin

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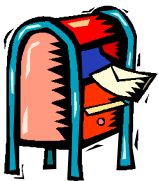
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A letter in response to
**St. Michael's Episcopal Church
Quilters who brought some of their
beautiful work to Fish:**

Dear Quilters:

I went to **Fish** in search of a warm blanket and was presented with a beautiful hand-made quilt instead. I was so touched and moved. I put clean sheets on my bed, which I had also got from **Fish**, and topped it off with the quilt.

Thank you so much for making me feel loved and cared for and special. I could feel the love you put into that quilt and was so moved by your care and concern, it made me cry.

I wanted to tell you how much I appreciate your donation.

Sincerely,

A friend and my little dog "Miles," too

"And now Faith, Hope and Love abide,
these three;
and the greatest of these is love."

—I Corinthians 13:13 NRSVersion

HOME HEATING BILL ASSISTANCE

Kathleen Butler, **Fish** Program Coordinator, interviews clients for utility bill assistance. Most of the families have been struggling for months. They juggle bills, trying to catch up, by paying partial amounts on rent, credit card debt and utility bills. Finally comes the dreaded "Shut-off Notice," indicating that in 48 hours, they will lose power.

Just today, Kathleen met with a grandmother seeking help for her daughter Jennifer, who was at work. Jennifer, the single mother of a young family, had been unemployed for a time, but was now back at work, trying to pay off her accumulated debt. She had just received the past-due notice.

Jennifer is typical of those who have been or are unemployed or those with health issues. Based on Jennifer's income and payments, she was given the minimum amount need to pay the utility bill off.

Fish, in partnership with Oregon Heat, helps low-income Oregonians. This win-win situation is one that **Fish** is proud to be a part of—helping families get back on their feet after a bad spell, thanks to money donated by the community to Oregon Heat.

**Please give us your e-mail address so
that we may send the Newsletter to you
and save postage and paper.**



Portland Mennonite workers did many jobs

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.

In Memory

Harry Dubay by Barbara Dubay

Anne Horvath by Ella Leszar

Ralph Scheidt, Dr. Raymond Koch, Larry Ward & Diane Meyer by Barbara Wagner

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Wilbur Scott and Sue Shackelford by Carolyn Call

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Michael Arcidiacono by Laura Arcidiacono

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Betty Lou (Grandma) Shores by Robert Shores

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Jean Higgenbotham by John & Sara Aierstuck

In Honor

Mike & Genie's anniversary by Ella Leszar

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