



**FRIENDS IN SERVICE  
TO HUMANITY**

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**FISH OPERATES AS A  
PHONE-REQUEST  
STYLE FOOD PANTRY**



**FISH HAS NEVER HAD  
A PAID EMPLOYEE**



**FISH PROVIDES  
EMERGENCY  
SERVICES**

# FISH NEWS



## Fresh Vegetable Donors Provide Excellent Nutrition for Clients

It is time for us to produce some gratitude for the produce our produce production friends produced for us. So, thanks to:

- Newberg First United Methodist Church for 1897 lbs.
- Providence Newberg Med Center garden for 1102 lbs.
- Mustard Seed Farm for 545 lbs.

**Clients choose as many fresh vegetables as they want while waiting for their order**

And then there are a whole bunch of individuals who shared their abundance of cucumbers, tomatoes, squash, apples, potatoes, green beans and other fruits as their produce matured at the appropriate times during the growing season.

With such abundance, we put open boxes containing extra produce out on the covered patio portion of the building. Anyone was welcome to fill a sack with their choices. They did not have to be registered with us. They could freely pick out what they wanted. A number of households were served in this way.

Additionally, \$500 was contributed by anonymous donors. The money allowed us to purchase supplemental produce to put in with their usual food boxes via their phone orders.

FISH offers a big shout out, hurrah, and THANK YOU to everyone who contributed.

## High Prices and Inflation Cause Challenges for Clients

During 2023 we have seen the effects of inflation on the ability of Newberg citizens to purchase food since prices have increased and resources have diminished. This has especially been evident since March 2023 when the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) allotments returned to normal. SNAP emergency allotments were a temporary strategy authorized by Congress to help low-income individuals and families deal with the hardships of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Consolidated Appropriations Act passed by Congress in 2023 ended the emergency allotments after the February 2023 issuance.

Our food buyer does an excellent job networking with Newberg businesses for food donations and purchasing food. Through good relations with local stores their donations keep our shelves full.



*Can and bottle donations make it possible to purchase more food*



From January 2020 through September 2023 people have donated 177,974 cans and bottles, providing nearly \$18,000 to Newberg FISH.



Cans are stored on site in a large container until full. Then volunteers take them to be processed in exchange for money.