



FRIENDS IN SERVICE TO HUMANITY

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PETE & DARLA DELIVER BREAD DONATED BY SAFEWAY



BOB DELIVERS EGGS & MILK PURCHASED AT NAP'S MARKET



RAY DELIVERS FOOD PURCHASED & DONATED AT GROCERY OUTLET

# FISH NEWS



Monday Office and Warehouse Workers



Tuesday Office and Warehouse Workers

## A Week at FISH: January 18-24, 2025

During this week 297 individuals received food from FISH. In order to serve that many people Vivian Townsend, FISH Executive Director, consults with Lois Walton, Warehouse Coordinator, as to the foods available from donations and food needed to be purchased for the week ahead. With that information Vivian orders food that will be picked up and delivered by FISH volunteers.

**Saturday** — On January 18, FISH launched a new opportunity for people to order and collect food. FISH is now be open from 10-1 on the third Saturday of each month. A crew of volunteers distributed food to 12 individuals from 4 households.

**Monday** — The day begins at 8:30 with volunteers arriving to stock shelves with the food items for the day. Bob Knowles delivers eggs and milk purchased from Nap's Market. Pete and Darla Petrillo deliver bread and pastries donated by Safeway. Shortly after, Harry Potts arrives with the first of several deliveries of produce, meat, and deli items donated by Safeway. The warehouse crew unload these deliveries to the appropriate places. Starting at 9:00 office volunteers begin taking calls from people who make selections from the available food list. Around 9:45, Lois leads the volunteers on a walk through the warehouse so that everyone knows what will be available for delivery that

Sundays, Mark Grier mops floors, defrosts freezers, and picks up cardboard.



day. About 10:00, Ray Boehm brings a truckload of food from Grocery Outlet that has been purchased and donated. From 10-1, volunteers stay busy taking orders, distributing food, restocking shelves, and unloading donations. About 12:15 Bob arrives with several boxes of bread purchased at the Franz Bakery outlet in Tigard. Due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday the YCAP order that normally arrives at 1:30 was postponed to the next day. At the end of the day, inventory is taken and food is selected for the next day's offerings. This crew distributed food to 101 individuals from 26 households.

**Tuesday** — Like the previous day volunteers arrived early to prepare for the day which follows a similar pattern to the previous day. Since there was no YCAP delivery on Monday, Chuck Church and Ray Boehm, drove their pickups to YCAP in McMinnville and picked up and delivered the food that was ordered. This crew distributed food to 76 people from 20 households.



Thursday Office & Warehouse Workers

**Thursday** — Volunteers followed a similar pattern of the previous days and distributed food to 108 individuals from 35 households.

*Harry Potts has served FISH for the past 5 1/2 years!*



Harry (on the right) and Chuck unload one of several loads delivered Monday, January 20.

Harry picks up several loads of bread and pastries, meat, deli items, and produce on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from Safeway in Newberg. His tireless work and Safeway's generosity contributes greatly to the success of the FISH food pantry.

## 2024 Community Impacts

- **12,796** individuals served
- **3,930** households served
- **1,125** new clients received services from our pantry
- **22,454** pounds of food was shared with other organizations in our area to support their client's needs
- **212,348** pounds of food donated by individuals, businesses, and the US Department of Agriculture
- **138,190** pounds of food purchased from Yamhill Community Action Program (YCAP), Nap's Grocery, & Grocery Outlet
- **\$163,834** spent on food purchases
- **35 cents** per pound of total purchased and donated food
- **191** individuals served and over **\$12,000** distributed through our special assistance partnerships with Newberg
- An average of **46** volunteers per month totaled **11,418**