

## Woodstock Pantry ENews Brief

9 September 2023

We served 274 people this week...a 29% increase over last week!! Thankfully, we had 39 volunteers ready and willing to get food into people's cars! And everyone proudly wore their new t-shirts! We looked so cool out there!

### STRESSORS & RELIEF

We had a big jump in demand this week. This is disconcerting as people have just received their SNAP benefits. But it's not surprising as we've heard that some people get as little as \$15/month. And the stressors continue to build on us all, making feeding our families more and more difficult. So, we lean into our commitment to bring relief to our neighbors, one bag of food at a time...every week. And I'm happy to see that Oregon is also taking steps to relieve some of the stressors.

### CHILDCARE SUPPORT ENDING

On Sept. 30 the Child Care Stabilization Program expired. The loss of childcare programs is expected to have ripple effects across the economy as more parents cut their working hours or quit their jobs entirely to care for their children.

### OREGON HEALTH PLAN

Oregon is endeavoring to leverage Medicaid benefits to prevent homelessness, support behavioral health services and mitigate the impacts of climate change...pending federal approval.

### DUJEA, INC. T-SHIRTS DONATED

One for every pantry volunteer! Be sure to get yours!



### PANTRY BUILD

As part of our [Lowes Hometown Grant](#), Lowes is sending volunteers to the pantry for the Lowes' Red Vest Day! On September 26, they will landscape the hill on Knight Street (opposite the pantry). This is our first volunteer project related to the pantry build. More are coming as we move forward with the pantry build! Many thanks to Lowes!

### SIGN UP FOR SEPTEMBER SHIFTS

Remember to sign up for the weekend by Thursday so we can plan. And if you can't come, please contact me right away so I can get others to fill your position.

[WP Sign Up Sheet September](#)

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### **WELCOME BACK STUDENTS!**

As K-12 and universities gear up, we are welcoming back our young adults! We are excited to see you all again and soooo appreciate your help!

### **CROSSTRAIN TO BE A WOODSTOCK HOT MEALS VOLUNTEER**

Crosstrain as pantry and hot meals volunteer. It gives you options about how you want to contribute, and it gives us more flexibility to keep our programs running!

### **COVID & CARING FOR EACH OTHER**

COVID is surging. Please remember that we all have different susceptibility and risk associated with COVID. Practice an abundance of caution. Thank you!

**Celebrate...**

**It Takes a Community, And We Are It!**