

Fish Emergency Service, Inc.

neighbor helping neighbor



42 YEARS of SERVICE in the PORTLAND METRO AREA

THE FLIP SIDE: TWO STORIES OF NEED INTERSECT AT FISH

What Stan keeps thinking of is the “very nice grandmother whose world was coming down on her.” Vera’s daughter had lost her job and moved with her own daughter, into Vera’s home. Vera came to **Fish** for help.

Vera was trying to support them all on her Social Security check. Her credit card, was “maxed out,” and she could see no way to pay off the balance. Stan said, “This good lady was overextending herself and was coming to the end of her rope. You could see it in her eyes.”



Mark remembers the time he was in **Fish’s** parking lot and “A guy pulls up in a really old car. He came up to me and said, ‘I came here 20 years ago when I had my young family with children. I was out on the street looking for work. I came here, and **Fish** helped me.’ With that, the man pulled out some money from his wallet.” Mark sent him inside to donate. “When he came out again, he said, ‘I wanted to give back. **Fish** saved my life and that of my family all those years ago. Thanks again!’”



“I feel that we are all islands in a common sea.”
—Anne Morrow Lindbergh



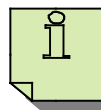
Young family at Fish

UNEMPLOYMENT AT 12% IN OREGON

While our sputtering economy slowly comes back to life, too many families are caught without enough resources, due to job loss or a cut-back on their hours. Many come to **Fish** for help. We especially need food for them.

Many thanks to all of our donors who have brought food, personal products, checks, produce and more to our back door.

Fish honors its donors and volunteers who keep our old house humming with purpose.



To our Donors who are Federal Employees: Fish's Combined Federal Campaign # is 30364.



Joel wraps cookies for snacks for visiting kids.

HAPPENINGS AT FISH

One Tuesday, when the fall rains had just begun, **Fish** volunteers sat at their desks and prepared to help clients. They thought of other, similar days.

Stan regularly sees

- Immigrant families in which the husband has either lost his job or had his hours cut.
- Disabled persons with a small monthly stipend. When unexpected expenses, like a rent hike happen, they are desperate and come to **Fish**.
- Under-educated or over-age people, whose jobs are the first to go in an economic downturn.
- Those without computer skills who cannot find job listings, which are often only available online.

Jim Arnold noted that Community Garden donations have been especially bounteous this summer. Today, Brentwood Gardens brought in 79 pounds of tomatoes, apples and, of course, zucchini.

Mark helped a man from Sauvie Island unload a huge box of apples.

Deborah is struck by well-educated people who are out of work and must come to **Fish** for help. "These are people in their 30s or above, who ought to be well-established by now but are not. The saddest ones are near retirement age."

SHARING WITH YOUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS

Deborah, who is a volunteer on Tuesdays at **Fish**, has this message:

Donate canned goods

Fruit and vegetables, soups, tuna

Donate boxed goods

Mac & cheese, cereals, ramen, powdered milk

Bring in produce from your garden

Cabbage, carrots, zucchini?

We need wearable winter clothing

Especially men's

Blankets are in demand

Donate some of your time – volunteer!

THANKS!



RBC Wealth Management Execs Alex Sabo and Richard Sorensen donate check to Fish Director Gloria Colvin

THANKS TO DONORS, July 1 – October 15

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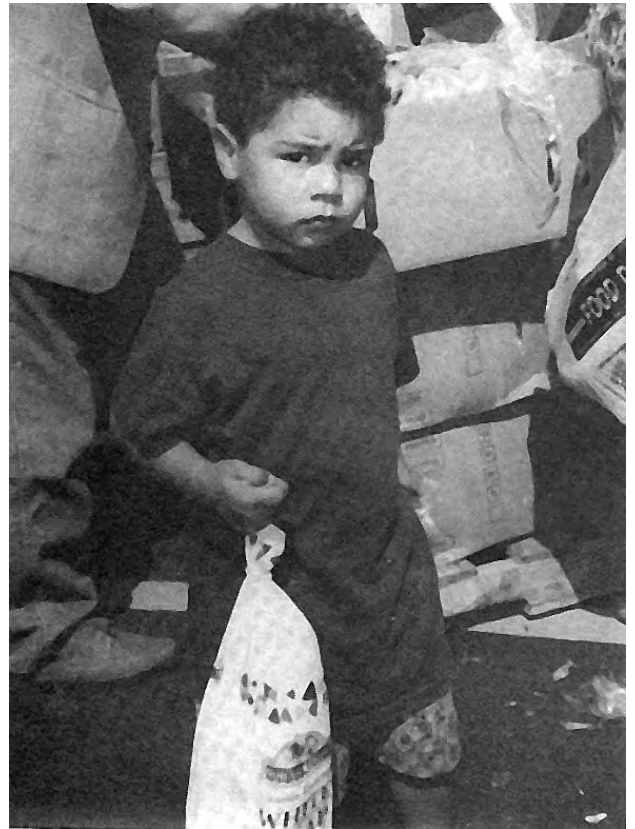
OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Col. Summers, Brentwood, Buckman, Sewallcrest, Lents, Clinton St., and Woodlawn Community Gardens

Creston Park	Change Takes Action	BK of PEO
Beta Rho of Delta Chi Sigma	Port. Fruit Tree Project	
Fleet/Columbia Mgmt. Grp.	Peet’s Coffee	Safeway
Optimists Club of Central Port.	Port. Folk Music Soc.	
Portland Parks Bureau	SW Portland Fuschia Club.	
Organics to You	Portland Adventist Community Svcs.	

Thanks to Cait Burke and her friends for painting.

Fish has a NEW Power Point Presentation available for showing at your club, church or business, called “Fish On.” It received a rave review at its first showing. Call for information.



“FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD”—Matt. 25:35

“It’s October, and as the dog days of summer fade into memory and the deciduous trees begin to don their patchwork autumn coats of crimson, gold and orange, thoughts turn to the rapidly approaching holidays—a time of feasting and celebration.

...(Yet,) 35 million “have not” Americans are food-insecure, hungry or at risk of being hungry every day, whether a holiday or not.”
-Bob Nye

Consider these facts when you watch that turkey get sliced on Nov. 26 or Dec. 25 this year:

***-One in four in Oregon whose families apply for food boxes at places like Fish are children.**

***-12.4% of Oregonians lived in food-insecure house holds (those struggling to afford enough food) as of a year ago.**

***-What is worrisome is that this year, wages have not kept up with basics like food and utility costs. Unemployment is high.**

***-Requests for food boxes and food stamps are rising.**

-Now, the call for food is very high, and more donations are needed.

* Oregon Hunger Relief Taskforce statistics

IN MEMORY/IN HONOR

The following people are much loved.
Gifts have been given to Fish in their honor. We join in the celebration of their lives.

In Honor

June Support by Grace Baptist Mission Fund
Jean's birthday by Ella Leszar
Lorraine's birthday by Ella Leszar
Suzanne Norquist by Barbara Wagner
Edith Pate by George Leon & Lois Gogi
Pastor Ty & Sharon Miles by Richard Pabst
Robert Fletcher and Barbara Hearon by Kathleen Fisher

In Memory

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