

COOS FOOD CUPBOARD

In 2021 Coos Food Cupboard provided 2197 household food allocations to feed 6447 individuals. The Cupboard distributed 137,857 pounds of food received from the South Coast Food Share plus 15,800 pounds of community food donations and almost \$3,500 of additional purchased food.

The Cupboard undertook several special projects in 2021 in addition to regular food distribution:

- The Cupboard has been fortunate enough to receive two grants from the Coos Bay Elks Lodge that are being used to purchase food gift cards from downtown sandwich shops to distribute to the clients as a special treat.
- A donation from the local League of Women Voters has allowed the Cupboard to purchase taxi vouchers to share with clients when they have no transportation to get their food back to their home.
- With the help of Rev. Patti Hale, the Cupboard teamed up with Coos Bay Village Starbucks to distribute pastries, snacks, and sandwiches to the clients. In just the six months of participation, the Cupboard was able to distribute 925 pound of Starbucks donations.
- This year, the Cupboard decided to purchase extra food to provide clients with the makings for holiday meals. A special distribution before Thanksgiving provided 107 households with the ingredients for turkey dinners. In December, clients were offered the ingredients for a ham or turkey holiday meal in addition to their regular food allocation. Many of the hams were donated in the memory of Grace Svatos, a long-time Coos Food Cupboard volunteer.

The Food Cupboard is very fortunate to have the support of our community. In 2021 the Cupboard received many generous food donations, including 8181 pounds of food from individuals, local churches, and food drives, 6600 pounds of groceries from local businesses, more than 700 pounds of fresh produce from the Ladybug Community Garden, and 294 pounds of food plus \$1,300 was donated as proceeds of a food drive sponsored by Northwest Martial Arts.

The Cupboard also received significant financial support from members of the community: corporations and their employee/client benefit programs, grants, and individual donations. With the generous support of the community in 2021, the Coos Food Cupboard wants to acknowledge and thank the Cupboard's supporters: Local churches, corporate donors, countless individual community donors, and the team of twenty plus volunteers who keep the Cupboard running smoothly!

~Submitted by Brian Sullivan and Diana Schab, Coos Food Cupboard Board Members