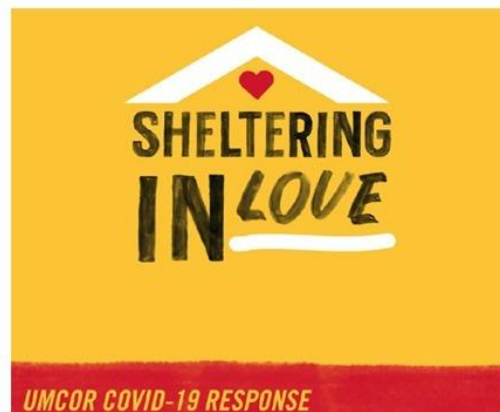


Feeding Redmond School Kids during COVID-19



Kristen Muscott is organizing this fundraiser to benefit Redmond United Methodist Church.

In response to the global pandemic, 216 donors have helped the Redmond School Break Food Box Program fill over 700 boxes with cereal, crackers, pasta, eggs, tortillas, bread, potatoes, bell peppers, onions, carrots, apples (and more!). We are so grateful for your support! About four years ago, six not-so-young ladies started this program, hoping to fill the food gap when school cafeterias closed for school breaks. None of us ever thought our little grassroots effort would be where it is today, as we shop in masks for 150 families, coordinate thousands of pounds of deliveries, manage a space we're outgrowing, frequent stores so much that the managers know us by name, and actually keep stats! Dare I say, we're starting to look like we know what we're doing? We are so grateful for the many people who have reached out to us, offering moral support, coffee, connections, and volunteer time. I've said it before, and I'll say it again and again: Our small, not-so-young, and mighty crew could not do this project without you! Some good news: After stretching ourselves into the world of grant writing, we actually received one!



With our grant from UMCOR Global Ministries, we have been able to shop for shelf-stable food for two Summer Food Box Distribution Days. Yay! But we're not quite there ... we surveyed our 140 families, and the absolute most favorite, highest-rated items in our boxes are, of course, the fresh fruits and vegetables! Our boxes are so colorful, inviting, and nutritious; we think this is what makes these food boxes special!



We were hoping to give our amazingly generous donors a break this summer, but as it stands, our list of families experiencing food insecurity has grown, and the funds needed for each distribution day has increased. So, we come before you again, with humble hearts, stating our need and having faith that the community will provide. Here goes: **In order to provide nutrition and relief to 150 Redmond families this summer, we need help filling 20 more boxes with shelf-stable food and 300 bags with fresh fruits and vegetables.** We realize this is an uncertain time for so many, and this is a huge ask. If you are able to donate to the cause, THANK YOU!! If you would like to donate to the cause but aren't able at this time, THANK YOU for cheering us on!! Whatever you are able to give – money or moral support – you make this little gray-haired team of ours a little mightier ... and that, my friends, is the miracle of community!

September 2022, by Kristen Muscott, Organizer

Hello, Neighbor!

If you are new to the Food Box Neighborhood, WELCOME! If you've been around the block with us, THANK YOU! If you're wondering what the heck the Food Box Neighborhood is, I'll describe it in one simple word: Community. This community, or neighborhood (as I like to call it), consists of the **families, agencies, volunteers, partners, and friends of the Redmond School Break Food Box Program that have both touched and been touched by this little grassroots program of ours in a beautiful way.**

We believe no person should ever go to bed, to school, or to work hungry; we know children learn better when they are fed, families function better when their needs are met, and engaged communities are powerful! The Redmond School Break Food Box program's primary goals are to offer nutrition and hope to families experiencing food insecurity and to create a caring community where *all people feel safe, valued, and important.*

So, WELCOME to the Neighborhood! By reading this, you join Redmond Presbyterian Church, Redmond Methodist Church, the City of Redmond, Nourishing Network Consortium, Redmond Kiwanis Club, LWSD, BizScheduler, Essentials First, Rocks2 Dogs, Franz Foundation, Franz Outlet Bakery, King County, Redmond Costco, Grocery Outlet, Bella Bottega QFC, and hundreds of donors and volunteers in caring for families; **you are now part of a community that provides monthly supplemental food boxes to over 170 families experiencing food insecurity in the Lake Washington School District, and YOU are important!**

What is included in a monthly Food Box? The most important item is the **FULL bag of fresh produce**, with a five-pound bag of potatoes on the side! Recognizing our community's diverse palate, we want to provide fresh food that is both nutritious and versatile; onions, carrots, peppers, garlic, zucchini, broccoli, apples, bananas, eggs and bread (to name a few) can be easily customized to a family's cultural preference. Shelf-stable items such as diced tomatoes, dried and canned beans, canned fruits and vegetables, rice, pasta, various sauces, canned chicken, crackers, and cereal round out the food box, and a treat or two (who can say "no" to Oreos?) are "icing on the cake" (so to speak 😊)!

Here's a note from a neighbor currently enrolled in the program:

Beautiful! Thank you so much! My son is always so happy to see the boxes at the front door. He's always so happy to put it away and read the recipes. He wanted me to let you guys know he loves you guys and appreciates everything you do for him. I had explained that you gave us the last gift card for some food and cleaning supplies, and he was so excited to help clean the bathroom! He loves you and says thank you ...

Here's a recent note from a neighbor who has been enrolled in the program since 2016, before COVID, during our early, school-breaks-only-model:

First of all, I want to express my enormous gratitude for your support and for being part of the program. This was a blessing during hard times for my family and I am very thankful for your support. The food box came equipped with useful products and yummy treats; my family and I have enjoyed trying out some of the recipes and even some new food we had never tried. At this time, I would

like to cancel my food box, to allow for another family to receive the support. Thank you very much for everything you do, and I will forever be grateful.

SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED THESE LAST TWO YEARS! Here are just a few examples of how we've grown:

- We're dabbling in grant-writing to diversify our fundraising and to accommodate the growing need
- Soon, you can find us on an official Facebook Page
- We have 2 sandwich board signs – they look so cool (and scarily professional 😊)!
- Our August "Neighborhood Picnic", featuring local food trucks and rock-painting for kids, was a smashing success with over 200 attendees
- Our program tech-team needs 3 tech-whizzes
- We're serving 170 families so far this school year (up from 143 families in September 2021)
- Eighty willing drivers make up our delivery driver list
- Our recipe lady is getting really, REALLY creative!
- The program leadership team accommodates students needing community service hours and individuals fulfilling court-mandated service requirements
- We connect with other non-profit organizations to support each other and maximize our impact **(THREE CHEERS for Essentials First!! WOOT – WOOT – WOOT!!)**
- Our listening skills are getting stronger! Through surveys, emails, and face-to-face conversations, we're hearing instead of assuming what our neighbors want and need.

Who knew three years ago that the Redmond School Break Food Box Program would be where it is today? Our team has learned new skills (I'm a grant writer now!), taken risks (we actually pulled off a summer picnic!), solved problems (Karene manages the inventory like a Jenga puzzle!), gotten creative (oh, the recipes Judy can create with garbanzo beans!), brought down the average age of the team (thank you, Aaliya and Alexandra!), gained an infrastructure (we have certainly outgrown Excel; thank you Kyle Geiger, Tim Muscott and BizScheduler!), organized volunteers (not an easy task, but Linda and Sandee do it so well!), asked important questions (Joanne is good at seeing the gaps), and managed to operate from a place of love (because Fran is our compass).

So ... there you have it – a synopsis of who we are, what we do, and how we are developing. This year, we are proud to announce that we have received a few grants from the City of Redmond, Franz Bakery Foundation, and King County. Like I said, we're diversifying our fundraising 😊. But we still need YOU!

So, here's what we need from our community (AKA our Food Box Neighborhood 😊):

1. **\$30,000 to provide THREE MONTHS of food boxes for nearly 200 families**
2. **Your continued participation, whether as a volunteer, donor, cheerleader or all three!**

Since THREE seems to be the number of the day, I will shout with great exuberance the WORD of the day -- THREE times, of course:

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

Kristen

February 21st, 2022 by Kristen Muscott , Organizer

February 19, 2022 – A Mighty Operation!

This past Saturday, we welcomed two new drivers to our Food Box Delivery Team. Just before Ed drove out of the Redmond Presbyterian Church's parking lot, he said, "This is quite an operation!" And that got me thinking ...

We call ourselves a small program, but when I start looking at all the numbers, I am struck by the story they tell. So, here's what it took to get food to 155 families - over 700 people - this month:

- 3 drivers to pick up 165 loaves of bread and 165 bags of hot dog buns from Franz Outlet Bakery in Seattle;
- 4 drivers to do 2 runs to QFC to pick up produce (I can't even begin to guess the pounds!).
- 22 Boy Scouts from 2 different troops to unwrap and move food, break down cardboard, and prepare the room;
- 8 members of Redmond Presbyterian Church to build 320 bankers boxes;
- 15 community volunteers to fill food boxes during Distribution Week;
- 2 tech guys to run the data base that is the brain of the program;
- 480 email and text reminders sent to families throughout the week;
- 38 delivery drivers to cover 131 address;
- 20 families to pick-up their food boxes;
- 5 spunky Young-Life volunteers to load cars on Saturday with the correct number of food boxes (each of which consists of 5 pieces);
- 8,000 donated and granted dollars to feed 155 families in February (or 155 food boxes valued at \$52 each);

And this doesn't include the countless number of hours spent wandering grocery store aisles or websites for the best sales, or the number of cans, jars, boxes, cases ... that have been loaded and unloaded in and out of cars, or the grants that have been written and tracked, or the recipes that have been created, shared, and translated ...

So, to Ed's point, I guess the Redmond School Break Food Box Program IS quite an operation!

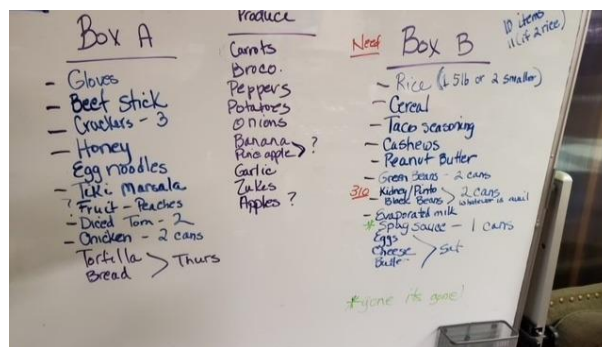
Thank you to the people who drive, unpack, create, organize, lead, share, track and donate in support of this mighty operation!

With appreciation,
Kristen



December 15th, 2021 by Kristen Muscott, Organizer

All we had to do was ask. Thank you, dear Redmond community and generous supporters, for helping us widen our circle to register 35 more families into the program. Food Boxes on doorsteps will brighten the holidays for so many of our neighbors. Thank you for being a part of something GOOD in the world, right here at home :). You are so appreciated! Happy, HAPPY Holidays to you in whatever way you celebrate!





June 10th, 2021 by Kristen Muscott, Organizer

Food Box Distribution Day – May 15, 2020

Okay, so I'm just going to say it: I believe in the old adage, better late than never! Sure, this musing is about three weeks past our last Distribution Day, and we are just days away from our next one, but hey! No one is perfect! And no Distribution Day goes by without some sort of hiccup.

Last Distribution Day certainly had its hiccups! Take, for example, the fact that none of us, for the life of us, could count to 155! We had counted and recounted the brown grocery bags several times that week as we prepped them to fill with onions, green and red peppers, carrots, zucchini, apples and more yummy stuff! On Friday, we filled the bags with beautiful fruits and vegetables, but why did we have so much broccoli leftover?? Did we totally overshoot the number? Wait! Before we divide up the leftover broccoli between the bags, maybe we should count the bags again?!

Of course, there were only 135 bags prepped! How did we not catch that earlier in the week? Well, there's no time to beat ourselves up about it, and as I like to say, better late than never! Everything got recounted yet again, and every family got a beautiful bag of produce delivered to their doorsteps.

I could also tell you about the 155 containers of grape tomatoes that decided to show off their sneaky ability to grow green fuzz overnight, just as our delivery drivers were about to roll in! Ugh! But when there's no time to sit around and complain, you just have to make that hard phone call to the grocery store. Because we've got such great community partnerships, the program was refunded, and the money will go to something even more beautiful this month – maybe some red grapes or sunshine-bright oranges .

I guess what I'm getting at is this: We are learning to ride the wave, roll with the punches, treat the hiccups, not sweat the small stuff, stay graceful when our feet hit the fire ... and we know that no matter what, our families will get their food boxes -- because we always, always figure it out just in time!



April 19th, 2021 by Kristen Muscott, Organizer

Distribution Day – Saturday, April 17th, 2021

Our food boxes looked a little different this month, thanks to the 54 families who responded to the survey we sent out in early March! Yes, 54 families responded to our survey! We are grateful for their trust in us, and we are grateful to YOU for helping us provide the food that is most useful to them.

Based on the feedback we received, we added fresh apples and took out canned peas this month. Our hope for the summer months is to replace all canned fruits and vegetables with fresh produce. Apples, oranges, and grapes are top on the wish list for our families. 95% of the respondents noted that the fresh produce we deliver is very important or extremely important to their families.

Along with the fresh produce, what do our families most enjoy getting in their boxes? The answers may surprise you!

- 95% eggs
- 87% butter
- 85% cooking oil
- 80% broccoli and zucchini (even more than potatoes!)
- 70% pancake mix
- 70% nuts

Our goal is to provide food that can be customized to cultural preferences, and with the

families' feedback, we are getting closer!

Some other interesting information the survey revealed: 93% of the respondents said that delivery is very important or extremely important to their family. We are so grateful for the 35 committed drivers who make delivery happen each month!

Many of the families opted to write a comment in the survey comment box. Here are some of them:

*We really appreciate all the kindness you are pouring during these tough times. Appreciate every bit you do.

*My kids love the fresh fruits when they come and the recipes with different ways to prepare the fresh vegetables. It helps to encourage my kids to eat a variety of vegetables. Thank you.

*We all love the fresh vegetables very much. They all come so perfect. My family very much enjoys all the vegetables. We just want to say thank you!

*They have been put to good use in soups, side dishes, sauces, and even stuffed peppers once.

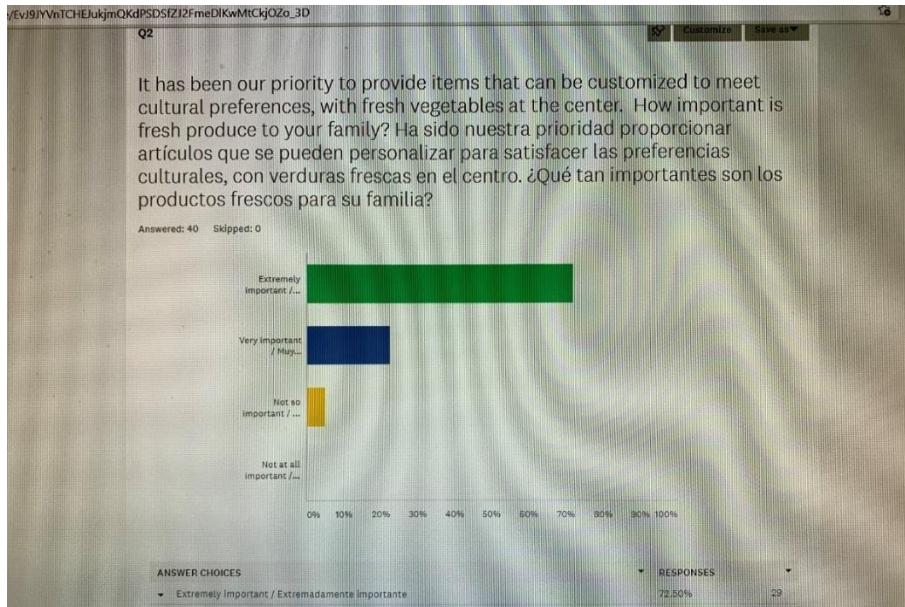
*Muchas gracias por su ayuda a todas las personas ir hacen posible que nosotros tengamos comida en casa más en en esta pandemia .ustedes son para mi como unos ángeles. Que donan su tiempo y su ayudan. gracias Que Dios me les mandé muchas bendiciones. Salud. Para todos y sus familias..

(Translation: Thank you so much for your help and to all the people who make it possible for us to have more food at home during this pandemic – you are like angels to me. You donate your time and help. I thank God and send them many blessings. Bless you, all of you and your families.)

*Just wanted to say thank you for all the food!! And we/I appreciate all that you do for us! And thank you for the great job you guys all do!

In a nutshell, we are learning! Thank you for being a part of this journey and learning alongside us!

The Redmond School Break Food Box Program Team
Kristen, Karene, Linda, Fran, Sandee, Joanne, and Judy



March 21st, 2021 by Kristen Muscott, Organizer

Distribution Day – Saturday, March 20, 2021

Not a month goes without me learning something new between distribution days. This month, I learned the versatility of canned chicken!

For years, I thought canned chicken was for making a quick chicken salad: Stir in some mayo, maybe a little sour cream, some green onions, grapes, and cashews, and wham-o! You’ve got yourself a scrumptious chicken salad! This is what my mom used to do when I was growing up under the Southern California sun.

But here in Redmond, Washington, the days are so often rainy and cold, and sometimes a girl just needs some heat in the old bones (especially after loading and unloading heavy cases of food in and out of cars on one such day)!

“Karene,” I said slowly, gearing up the question, “What do you think about heating up the chicken and putting it in the Tikka Masala sauce?”

Rather confidently, Karene answered, “Well, Faylyn does that all the time! She just drains it first, then throws it in the pan to cook out some of the water.”

Karene and I decided at that moment that we would give heating up the canned chicken a try.

That night, my mission was to make a delicious dinner using ONLY ingredients I knew would be going into our April Food Boxes (yes, we think a month in advance, and we think about

cooking food – not just heating it up!)

I sautéed some onion, garlic, and red peppers, added the drained, canned chicken and some garbanzo beans, poured in the jarred Tikka Masala sauce, and let that all simmer for about 10 minutes. Meanwhile, I cooked up some rice, and 20 minutes later – wham-o!! – Tim was raving about our scrumptious dinner!

The next day I went to Costco and bought a case of canned chicken. It's in my pantry, ready for this week's mission: To make some rave-worthy chicken tacos!

Do you have a favorite way to use canned chicken? DO SHARE! We may add it to our "Ways To Use This Box" recipe page in our next Food Box Distribution .



February 24th, 2021 by Kristen Muscott, Organizer

Distribution Day – Saturday, February 20th

One day in the life of the Redmond School Break Food Box Program

7:00am: Final text and email reminders go out to families (THANK YOU, Kyle Geiger and BizScheduler! THANK YOU, Tim Muscott!)

8:30am: Redmond Presbyterian Church doors open (THANK YOU, RPC!), and snacks for volunteers are laid out: Homemade banana bread and chocolate chip cookies, and coffee donated from Starbucks (THANK YOU, Redmond Way Starbucks!)

9:00am – 10:00am: Less than 10 masked volunteers get busy: They raise two canopies to shield from unpredicted rain; add a dozen eggs and **Ways to Use This Box recipe ideas to each "A

Box”; set up tables outside and load them with A and B Boxes and grocery bags full of fresh produce; discuss nuances like which drivers take vegetarian boxes, delivery route changes, driver Attestations that need verbal signatures.

10:00am – 2:00pm, Distribution Time Frame: Redmond Kiwanis Club members and our friends old and new -- about 35 drivers per distribution – come when they can; volunteers load cars with 2 to 6 Food Boxes; our delivery team delivers Food Boxes to 150 doorsteps. (THANK YOU, Delivery Team!)

11:45am: Lunch arrives (THANK YOU, Colleen Nakamura and Julie Schare, for providing so many lunches for us and staving off hangriness!)

2:00pm: Time to clean up! Canopy and tables come down, paperwork gets securely stowed, floor is vacuumed, leftover snacks are divided up. Another smooth Distribution Day is on the books! (THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS, for your energy, strength, and willingness to stand in the cold!)

**THANK YOU, dear donors, for providing the ingredients for this recipe from The Wanderlust Kitchen:

Paradise Fried Rice

4 cups cold cooked rice
2 Tbsp. Peanut or vegetable oil
1/4 cup cashew pieces
1/2 cup chopped onion
1/4 cup golden raisins
1 Egg, beaten
1/2 cup pineapple tidbits
1/4 cup chopped scallions, divided
2 Tbsp. sauce of choice, e.g. teriyaki sauce, sweet and sour sauce
1 tsp. sugar or less
Cilantro for garnish (optional)

DIRECTIONS (for Paradise Fried Rice)

1. Use your fingers to crumble up the cold rice and break up any clumps.
2. Heat the oil in a large wok or skillet over medium-high heat.
3. Once hot, add the cashews, onions, and raisins. Let cook for 1 minute.
4. Add the beaten egg and cook for 1 minute while stirring to scramble the egg.
5. Add the pineapple pieces, followed by half of the chopped scallions. Add the rice, sauce, and sugar, and cook, stirring often, for 3 to 4 minutes or until the rice is warm.
6. Mound the rice on a serving platter and garnish with the leftover scallions (and cilantro if desired).

Paradise Fried Rice - The Wanderlust Kitchen

If you want the nutshell version of it all, here goes: There are a whole lot of people to thank for making our Distribution Day successful! TOGETHER, we are making a difference in our community! Thank you for being an important part of this program :)!!



January 18th, 2021 by Kristen Muscott, Organizer

Happy New Year, dear Supporters!

Here's last year's TOP 10 LIST (in no particular order because there's no way to rank AWESOME!)

10. Frank, the produce manager at QFC, who places special orders, gives us great deals, loads our cars with thousands of pounds of vegetables, and never runs away when he sees us coming. Clay and Paul are awesome, too, always so cheerful and willing to help
9. John, the manager at Crossroads Grocery Outlet, who is excited to partner with us and answers our emails
8. The Redmond Kiwanis Club, for their support from the very beginning, gifting us with grant money and being such willing delivery drivers
7. Kyle Geiger, owner of Biz Scheduler, for providing the infrastructure for us to grow, for lessening our mental and physical stress, for his compassion, dedication, and generosity!
6. 13-year-old Rushaan Mahajan's donation of 140 dozen eggs, paid for by the money he earned teaching chess.
5. Shivani Anand and friends for providing treats for 150 families
4. The Redmond United Methodist Church Finance Team – You guys ROCK!!
3. Redmond Presbyterian Church, our generous host – we couldn't do this without your

sacrifice! Thank you for providing the space inside and outside your building

2. Our dedicated and faithful delivery fleet who never complain about the weight or size of the food boxes, even if they have to climb 3 flights of stairs to deliver them!
1. YOU, the community – the people who have answered the call and provided school supplies, flour, Oreos, Oatmeal, and the funding for February's Food Box. YOU are so important to this work!!

We've said it before, and we'll say it again: Community Power makes miracles happen! THANK YOU, all, for helping us feed 150 families on Saturday, January 16th.

From one of our families:

Happy New Year. Thanks for the food box, it has a lot of great food & my kids love it.



December 20th, 2020 by Kristen Muscott, Organizer

Distribution Day - December 19th

Happy Holidays, everyone! Yesterday was another successful distribution, thanks to our amazing supporters and friends! A special thank you to Kits for Peace who supplied Household and Hygiene products, and a hearty HO HO HO to Santa's sleigh of reindeer who delivered fresh pineapple and oranges, onions and peppers, hot chocolate and candy canes, grocery cards and more to 146 families while battling wind and rain. We are so grateful! Merry, Merry Holiday to ALL!!!



December 8th, 2020 by Kristen Muscott, Organizer

Dear friends,

Next Saturday, December 19th, is our next Food Box Distribution Day. Serving our community with you has been such a gift! Many of you have asked how you can help beyond donating money. The greatest holiday gift you can give our program right now is to **ADVOCATE** for us and **SHARE** this Gofundme link with everyone you know. This gift, given by each of you, will help us provide another distribution day beyond January. Each distribution day costs \$10,000 and serves 160 families. We are operating month to month and need all of the advocacy and support we can muster. **THANK YOU** for sharing our Gofundme campaign with your network!

November 23rd, 2020 by Kristen Muscott, Organizer

Thanksgiving Food Box Distribution, November 21, 2020

To our supporters who helped make this Thanksgiving holiday special for families, these notes of gratitude are for you:

- Hello, thank you very much for the help you have given me and ask if I received it, God bless everyone who makes this great help possible.
- Thank you so very much for your kindness!
- Thank you very much GOD BLESS YOU
- Hello good afternoon I get it yesters and food box . my childen is so happy and thank you so much . thank you for support us .
- Hi dear Yes I received food box thanks for that & have a happy Thanksgiving all of u can help me and my kids bey

We echo the families' gratitude: **THANK YOU** for your kindness and support! You made kids smile, and that, in itself, makes our hearts leap with thanksgiving joy!

Wishing you the happiest of Thanksgiving,
Kristen, Karene, Fran, Sandee, Joanne, Linda, and Judy





November 13th, 2020 by Kristen Muscott, Organizer

This may surprise you: I'm going to keep this short .

Your donation this month will help us buy \$25 Kroger Grocery Cards for 150 families, with the intention of providing the dignity of CHOICE during the holidays.

Thank you for your support. We are so very grateful for you!!

October 22nd, 2020 by Kristen Muscott, Organizer

Saturday, October 17th, 2020: The Story Behind the Oreos

About a month ago, I was drifting in and out of an early morning sleep and listening to NPR, when a story came on about food insecurity in the time of Covid. Of course I was nowhere near awake, and the exact details are fuzzy, but the one thing that I remember with great clarity was a comment a young mom made about one of the greatest hardships of food insecurity in the these times: She doesn't have the money to buy treats for her kids to brighten their day.

I don't know about you, but I've gone through an awful lot of ice cream these last few months. Does it brighten my day? It's hard to say, because I take my nightly treat for granted. How lucky and spoiled I am!

I hope when our 140 families lifted their box lid to find a package of Oreo cookies, they were delighted and felt treated, because everyone's day deserves some brightening. Spoil yourself today, somehow, some way! You deserve it.



September 28th, 2020 by Kristen Muscott, Organizer

The 2020-2021 School Year Has Begun!

You haven't heard from me in a while! That's because we've been busy planning for the new school year and getting ourselves kinda professional; believe me, that has taken some time . After watching me struggle with technology and administration duties, my dear husband finally wrestled the mouse away from me and is working on a simple data base that will allow us to filter data, and even more exciting, keep count! Do you know how many times I've counted families and boxes off of my crazy spread sheets? Ah ... I'm finally coming to a point where I can say, I love technology! We have an email address now, an updated logo, and a website under construction. So, as you can see, we haven't been sitting around eating bon-bons all day . One thing that remains the same is our commitment to the 160 families we serve. Just before each school break, our families receive a box of supplemental food to support them when access to free and reduced-cost school lunches may be limited. During this time of remote learning due to the pandemic, families experiencing food insecurity have the additional stress of managing their children's education at home. Our hope is to alleviate some of that stress by providing a few extra food boxes along the way. Our first distribution for the 2020-2021 school year is Saturday, October 17th. We have walked up and down Costco aisles, placed special orders at local grocery stores, and put a lot of miles on our cars and sneakers! THANK YOU to this amazing community that has made it possible for us to continue serving our neighbors! You are so important to the work we do and the inspiration behind our newly crafted mission statement: We believe no person should ever go to bed, to school, or to work hungry; we know children learn better when they are fed, families function better when their needs are met, and engaged communities are powerful! Therefore, the Redmond School Break Food Box Program's primary goals are to offer nutrition and hope to families experiencing food insecurity and to create a caring community where all people feel safe, valued, and important.

THANK YOU!!!

Kristen and the Redmond School Break Food Box Program Team



August 21st, 2020 by Kristen Muscott, Organizer

Distribution #7

Last Thursday, August 13th, was our 7th Food Box distribution since March 20th! THANK YOU for your support! It has been impossible for me to keep up on the many personal thank yous I would like to write -- the support has been so tremendous! Please know your donations are so appreciated! Every dollar is spent on feeding families, and we couldn't do it without you!

Whenever anyone doubts our ability to continue, I say, "the miracle of community provides!" YOU have proved that time and time again, and I am so proud to be a part of this generous, compassionate, can-do and will-do community.

Over the 2019-2020 school year and summer, we delivered 1,128 food boxes to Redmond families; 979 of those boxes were provided between March and August. What a miraculous community effort! But we are not done :):

Our Food Box team is regrouping and getting ready for the 2020-2021 school year. Be on the lookout; soon you will see our new logo, website, and Facebook page. We're getting serious now :)!

THANK YOU!!

The Redmond School Break Food Box Team

July 24th, 2020 by Kristen Muscott, Organizer

1st Summer Distribution - July 16, 2020

Hello, friends!

THANK YOU for your support throughout the summer! YOU provided three colors of peppers, bananas, potatoes, carrots, onions, garlic, and eggs to 160 families last week -- that's more than 700 people!

Yes, our numbers have grown since our first COVID-19 Response on March 20th, when we distributed Food Boxes to 127 Redmond families. Last week, 8 people "dropped in", hoping to collect food for their families; three of them were ladies on their way to work to clean houses on Education Hill; one was a para-educator in LWSD with a teenage son. You are truly helping your neighbors navigate difficult times, and our community is stronger because of it.

With the schools moving to an all on-line format for the fall, we hope to continue serving families, making food assessible, and building community. Stick with us, and be a part of the miracle of community :)!

THANK YOU for your support!

The Redmond Food Box Team