

NORTHEAST EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM

of the ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES *of* OREGON



MISSION:

The Northeast Emergency Food Program (NEFP) meets the urgent food and clothing needs of our Portland Metro neighbors while working to develop community solutions to food and economic security, through:

- a. Securing access to adequate and healthy food;
- b. Building a more secure safety net;
- c. Providing job and service leadership training; and
- d. Working for improved job and economic opportunity.

FAQ:

1. We serve one out of every 53 people in Portland.
2. We serve 11,000 unduplicated individuals annually.
3. We provide food or clothing to those in need 40,000 times each year.
4. Following a 40 percent increase in clients between 2008 and 2010, those levels have remained consistent.
5. Who our clients are:
 - a. 9 percent elderly
 - b. 33 percent children
 - c. More than 50 percent of working age adults have jobs (usually minimum wage or part-time)
 - d. 17 percent from East Asia and the Oceania and 13 percent from Eastern Europe
 - e. 12 percent African-American, 11 percent Latino, 4 percent Middle East and North Africa, and 10 percent other nonwhite including mixed race, Native American, African
6. 720,000 pounds of food were distributed in 2013.
7. 50,000 items of clothing are distributed annually.
8. We provide:
 - a. Three to five days' worth of emergency food for each person in need,
 - b. Fresh produce,
 - c. Gently used clothing,
 - d. Signs in eight languages,
 - e. A sense of community for both clients and volunteers, and
 - f. Cooking and food processing classes.
9. We work with other EMO direct services to provide food to:
 - a. Refugees and immigrants through SOAR, ROSS, and SOAR Legal
 - b. Home-bound people with HIV through DBXpress (HIV Day Center)
 - c. Low income residents of Patton Home

10. We provide food to families at seven neighborhood schools each week.
11. We partner with other direct service programs such as Genesis Community Fellowship, Beinestar de la Familia, and the Family Room to provide food for those in need.
12. We do all this with 250 volunteers from ages 8 to 92.
13. Over 300 financial supporters provide the funding for our operations.
14. Thousands of in-kind donors provide food and clothing.
15. Local congregations, hospitals, businesses and others conduct food and clothing drives, particularly through “Stock Our Shelves” and “Christmas in July” campaigns.
16. Community gardens and the Portland Fruit Tree Project bring in fresh fruits and vegetables during the growing season.
17. We partner with more than 40 congregations, businesses, nonprofit agencies and civic associations.
18. With a grant from the Oregon Community Foundation, we provide the following assistance to at least 20 adults per year through our new Service Learner Initiative:
 - a. Job training and workforce internships for the long-term unemployed (Jobs Plus, Work Experience),
 - b. Non-profit leadership training,
 - c. Internships for students (university as well as community service for high school students), and
 - d. Job placement assistance.
19. We partner with others to work for economic development in northeast Portland, especially the Cully neighborhood – Cully Boulevard Alliance and Our 42nd Avenue NPIs, Cully Association of Neighbors.
20. We advocate at state and local levels for:
 - a. A stronger economic safety net for the working poor, elderly, children and others in need, and
 - b. Expanded job opportunities.
21. For over three decades, we have been *neighbors serving neighbors in need*.



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Hours of operation for serving clients:

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m.