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### DID YOU KNOW?

According to the Oregon Food Bank, an estimated 260,000 people receive food from a food pantry in the average month.

### ACTION ALERT: ANTI-HUNGER PROGRAMS IN JEOPARDY

## The Oregon Senate walkout puts funding for vital safety net programs at risk.

We are sharing a plea we received the Oregon Food Bank asking everyone to encourage our law makers to return to work. If Senate Republicans don't return by June 30th, vital safety net programs will be at risk.

You can help by telling your legislator how the lack of funding for anti-hunger programs would affect you and/or your community. The Oregon Food Bank has created an online form to make it easy to voice your opinion.



Last week, the Oregon State Senate Republicans left our state capitol in Salem. They have yet to return to do their job. This means that the work that Oregon Food Bank has done for the last 6 months to make progress on ending hunger is at risk. If the Oregon Senate fails to convene by June 30th, critical anti-hunger programs in Oregon will lose funding.

Those of us experiencing hunger across Oregon should not be the collateral consequence of legislators who walk away from their jobs. Oregonians are depending on a fully funded and functioning safety net of human services to be there when we need it.

<b>Programs that will lose funding:</b>	Oregon Hunger Response Fund (which fund food banks across Oregon), Farm Direct Nutrition for WIC and low-income seniors, Senior Meal Programs, SNAP Double-Up Food Bucks, Farm to School (provides local produce to schools)
<b>Tax Credits that will expire:</b>	Crop Donation Tax Credit (that allows farmers to donate crops to food banks), the Earned Income Tax Credit for low-income Oregonians, and the Agriculture Workforce Housing Tax Credit

[Join me in asking our Oregon Republican Senators to return to Salem.](#)

Sincerely,  
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During the school year thousands kids rely on free and reduced-price meals. Of the nearly 50,000 kids in Portland Public Schools, 1/3 eat breakfast at school and 2/3 eat school lunches. When school lets out, all those daily meals go away.

Here are two things you can do to help:

1. Donate generously to Portland Food Project during the summer months. Our summer collections are often the lightest of the year. Our next pickup is August 10th. If you will be traveling or away that day, contact your Neighborhood Coordinator in advance to arrange a special pickup, so we can get food to the pantries when they need it most.
2. Summer Meals Oregon helps fill in the gap by offering free meals and snack for kids, but only 1 in 8 kids who are eligible for free lunches during the school year participates in the summer meals program. Help spread the word on social media and in organizations you work with.



**Social media**—Post the following message: *“Each Summer, free healthy meals are available to all children and teens 1-18 years old. To find the*

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**Resources**— You can download flyers and other marketing resources to promote the program from the resources page of their website:

<https://www.summerfoodoregon.org/resources/>

## PFP AT UPCOMING EVENTS

Portland Food Project will have a table at the following events this year:

- Sun., July 29th – [Montavilla Street Fair](#)
- Sun., Sept 8th – [Belmont Street Fair](#)
- Sat., Oct. 19th & Sun., Oct. 20th – Portland Nursery Apple Tasting Festival

These are fun neighborhood events. Let us know if you are able to help out with a 2-3 hour shift. 2 people staff the tables. We greet people, answer questions about PFP and sign up new donors. To volunteer or for more information, email us at [info@portlandfoodproject.org](mailto:info@portlandfoodproject.org).

The next Portland Food Project pickup  
is this Saturday, August 10th. See you then!



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