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### MPFS Service Stats – Current Fiscal Year To Date – (July 1- Apr. 30, 2010)

- Have distributed a near record 65,487 emergency food boxes.
- An average of 6,497 local families a month are receiving emergency food boxes.
- Need for emergency food box assistance is at all-time record levels.
- To meet local need, MPFS is distributing an average of 143,000 pounds of food a week.
- Polk County is currently seeing the highest increase in need at 14%.
- The numeric average of the size of families receiving a food box has increased from 3.6 to 3.7 persons per household, and 44% of people eating from food boxes are children.
- An estimated 10,700 children a month are eating out of food boxes.

**Added notes:** 1) MPFS's Salem-Keizer member food pantries are helping 200 to 400 families a month who have never asked for assistance with an emergency food box before.  
2) Over the past two years, need for emergency food assistance increased by 27% (an increase of nearly 1,400 more families a month who are hungry). In this current year, need has remained at all-time record levels, but at least it has not increased further.

### MPFS Service Stats – Last Fiscal Year (7-1-08 to 6-30-09)

- Distributed 77,462 emergency food boxes—7,570 more than the previous year.
- A record average of 6,455 local families a month received emergency food boxes.
- Need for emergency food box assistance was up 11% compared to the previous year.
- The increase meant an average of 631 more hungry families a month from fiscal 2007-'08.
- Need increased most sharply in rural areas, where it was 16% higher than FY '07-'08.
- Meal-provider agencies served 654,276 on-site meals to hungry individuals and children.
- Distributed 5,082,674 pounds of food, worth over \$6.5 million, to our 83 member charities.

**Added note:** During FY 2008-'09, MPFS's Salem-Keizer member food pantries helped 4,500 families who had never asked for assistance with an emergency food box before.

### Marion-Polk Food Share (MPFS) General Information

- MPFS provides the bulk of the emergency food supply for all of Marion and Polk counties. Food is distributed to area hungry through our network of 85 member charities.
- MPFS's 46 member food pantries provide food boxes with at least a 3- to 5-day food supply.
- Typically, food boxes weigh 50 pounds or more.
- The MPFS network of charities also includes 29 on-site meal provider charities such as homeless shelters, soup kitchens, low-income day cares, shelters for victims of abuse, and foster homes for children impacted by the meth crisis.
- MPFS is a charity and depends on both food and cash donations.
  - Portion of budget funded by donors = 80%. Government = 13%.
  - Fundraising & Administration are only 9%: in other words 91% goes to programs.
- Approximate ethnic breakdown of those served: 52% Caucasian, 36% Hispanic, 8% Other, 2% African-American, 1% Asian and 1% Native American.
- A large number—44 percent—of those eating from food boxes last year were children.\*
- On average, a family who is helped receives a food box 3 times in a year.\*
- Average size of a family helped with a food box is 3 to 4 persons.\*

\* Numbers based on actual service figures of Salem/Keizer member charities.