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MPFS Service Stats – Fiscal Year 7-1-09 to 6-30-10

- MPFS Network charities gave out a record **77,587** emergency food boxes.
- An average of **6,466** local families a month are receiving emergency food boxes.
- Need for emergency food box assistance is holding at all-time record levels.
- MPFS meal-provider agencies prepared and served **588,563** on-site meals.
- This year, to meet local need, MPFS distributed an average of **132,692** lbs of food a week.
- Polk County is currently seeing the highest increase in need at 15%.
- 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 **10,500** children a month are eating out of food boxes.
- Distributed over **6.9 million pounds**—valued at more than \$8.9 million—to meet local need.

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 three years, need for emergency food assistance increased **by 27%** (an increase of nearly 1,400 more families a month who are hungry). This past year, need has remained at all-time record levels, but at least it has not increased further. Still, **1 of every 5 households ate from a food box at least once in 2009**.

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 nonprofit charity and depends on both food and cash donations.
 - Portion of budget funded by donors = 85%. 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.