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Unitus Community Credit Union Pledges \$30,000 to Clackamas Service Center’s New Food Hub Expansion

Unitus has committed \$30,000 over three years to expand Clackamas Service Center’s food hub warehouse, services, and capabilities

Portland, Ore., November 3, 2021 –Unitus Community Credit Union has pledged \$30,000 to Clackamas Service Center’s Food Hub expansion project, a multi-year project that will expand its food storing, sorting, distribution, and expansion abilities, offering more assistance and aid to Portlanders in need.

Clackamas Service Center’s new Clackamas County Food Hub will serve as a central resource for food aid providers in East Multnomah and Clackamas counties. This 8,000 square foot warehouse and campus will be a logistics hub for food aid receiving, storage, packaging, and distribution to east Portland and Clackamas County residents experiencing food insecurity.

“We’re incredibly grateful for Unitus’ support of our expansion project,” said Debra Mason, Clackamas Service Center Executive Director. “This project will accommodate capacity growth that will allow us to meet a deeper level of need and enact meaningful, sustainable change in our community.”

Clackamas Service Center (CSC) is a nearly 50-year-old food aid agency with deep roots in Clackamas County. The new Food Hub, which will be managed and operated by CSC, will help the agency meet the dramatic increase in requests for food aid while also providing a scalable, plug-and-play logistics and distribution resource for startup food pantries and mutual aid organizations. This project represents the first step in a planned multi-phase capital campaign, which will also include improvements to the CSC campus that will increase community impact.

The pandemic has been especially challenging for low-income, working class, unhoused, and BIPOC communities. As a result of these challenges, CSC has observed a significant increase in the number of requests for food aid, which it is currently striving to meet via a home delivery model to accommodate social distancing best practices. Unitus’ sponsorship will span three years, providing direct funds and volunteerism to CSC as it plans, builds, and launches the new Food Hub space.

“We’re deeply thankful for the considerate and impactful work Clackamas Service Center is providing for our community at a time we need it more than ever,” said Steven Stapp, Unitus President and CEO. “Supporting this project is the kind of critical, impactful work we aim to provide to our community.”

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