

Local Teens Fighting Hunger group helps Oregon Food Bank

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Helping to bring relief to some of the nearly 13 million hungry and food insecure children in America¹, Teens Fighting Hunger Monday presented a check for \$10,000 to Rachel Bristol, Oregon Food Bank executive director/CEO.

This contribution will allow the collection and distribution of more than 50,000 pounds of nutritious food through OFB's food distribution programs.

"We're very thankful for this gift and applaud these teens for actively working to improve the lives of others," Bristol said. "This is an excellent example of how youth can make a positive difference in society."

Teens Fighting Hunger was founded in May 2007 by Amy Carlton, now a high school sophomore at Lake Oswego High School. Appalled by the state of childhood hunger and malnutrition in such a wealthy nation, Carlton came up with the idea of harnessing the artistic talents of teens and channeling these abilities toward hunger relief in the U.S.A. To date the organization has raised funds through sales of handmade arts and crafts, including earrings, hats, scarves, and cards as well as through events and donations.

"I believe Teens Fighting Hunger is the only organization of its kind in the United States and we're extremely proud to have created and accomplished so much in less than one year," said Carlton.

"It's mainly due to a combination of caring, dedication, entrepreneurship, hard work and the generous support of donors, sponsors and customers."

Through the exclusive use of volunteers and by carefully managing expenses to a minimum, nearly every dollar raised so far by Teens Fighting Hunger is able to go directly to combat childhood hunger.

Carlton said Teens Fighting Hunger is "multi-faceted and we don't have 'members' per se. Everyone involved is a Teen Hunger Fighter of sorts."

She added, "Our core 'business' is creating and selling handmade arts and crafts at public markets and other events. We've had about 30 kids involved so far in these endeavors (some create, some sell, etc.). While most are from LO, we have artists in Portland, Tualatin, and Bellevue, Wash., too."

For more information, visit www.teensfight

inghunger.org or leave a message with Teens Fighting Hunger at 503-701-4886. Contributions may be sent to Teens Fighting Hunger, 3 Monroe Parkway, Suite P PMB-410, Lake Oswego, OR., 97035.



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