Dear Friends of SHEM,

Spring greetings to each of you from the SHEM Community! We have been especially busy the past few weeks with annual site visits at the food pantry and meal site, community presentations, grant proposal writing, as well as Civil Rights and Food Safety training for each volunteer. Some of the latest blessings and upcoming news happenings are listed below.

* The Scouting for Food event held on Sunday, March 24th, brought in 309 # of food, as well as a cash donation to purchase additional food.
* The new and organized shelves at the Manna meal site (see picture below).
* The “rescued” food from Sweet Home School District which supplements the Manna meals and the cooperative effort between local churches in serving the meals.
* The Evangelical Church for blessing SHEM clients with 86 boxes of tissue.
* 120 Hunger Bags purchased by the community during the Safeway/KGW Food Drive
* Two new commercial refrigerators purchased with the grant from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund (see picture below)
* We are thankful for dedicated Volunteers who faithfully show up each day and perform countless hours of service at the food pantry and meal site.
* SHHS student Volunteers, who have been helping with shipments every other Friday.
* Strategic Planning for the future: Thanks, Jo Ann McQueary, for facilitating the process!

We also have several current and upcoming events.

* During March and April, SHEM participates in the Feinstein Matching Grant program for food pantries across the nation. Please let us know if you’d like your monetary or in-kind donation to be applied to the “Feinstein Campaign.”
* Upcoming on May 11, the Postal Carrier’s Food Drive in Sweet Home. Extra hands will be needed to help with sorting and shelving the donations from 1:30 to 5:30 pm.
* May 2, the National Day of Prayer hosted by the Evangelical Church. Attendees are asked to bring a can of food to for SHEM.

Thank you for keeping SHEM in your prayers.