



## **BottleDrop Customers Help Support Food Access Around Oregon This Holiday Season**

*November Also Marks the Start of the Sixth Annual Holiday Give*

Clackamas, Ore. -- The [Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative](#) (OBRC), parent organization to [BottleDrop](#), announced a total of \$10,000 in grant donations to help provide food assistance to those in need across Oregon during the holidays. The donations, generated through BottleDrop's Containers for Change program, were awarded to eight organizations with donation amounts ranging between \$1,000 - \$2,500.

"There are heroes across our state helping people avoid hunger every day," said Eric Chambers, OBRC's external relations director. "We're excited to support these organizations as they help their neighbors during the holiday season."

BottleDrop's Containers for Change program provides Oregonians with an easy way to donate their OR 10-cent container refunds to nonprofits operating in communities around the state. BottleDrop customers can participate by simply leaving their bag tag stickers off their Green Bags and dropping them off at any BottleDrop facility.

"Holidays are always rough for people in need. This generous contribution will help us increase the service we provide to the less fortunate in our community," said Cathy Putnam, Board Member for Eastern Oregon Mission – Agape House. "BottleDrop's programs like Containers for Change and BottleDrop Give help us continue our mission while also helping the environment. We feel it's a win for all!"

BottleDrop is also helping make donations go further this holiday season with their Sixth Annual Holiday Give, a matching campaign and social media contest for participating BottleDrop Give Blue Bag fundraisers. Individuals can connect with participating nonprofits to fill their BottleDrop Blue Bags or Green Bag customers can donate from their account balance [online](#), with the nonprofit receiving a 20% match on donations made through December 1<sup>st</sup>. More information about this year's Holiday Give Campaign is available [here](#).

BottleDrop customers can visit [bottledropcenters.com/containersforchange/](http://bottledropcenters.com/containersforchange/) to learn more about this program, and how they can use their beverage containers to support excellent nonprofits, foundations and advocacy organizations year-round.

A full list of featured food providers receiving support is included below:

- [The Bend Food Project](#) and [The Medford Food Project](#) – provide a regular supply of food to hungry neighbors while creating neighborhood connections and strengthening the community

- [Eastern Oregon Mission – Agape House](#) – serves the greater Hermiston area with food and housing options for people in need
- [The Giving Plate](#) – feeds the hungry with compassion and hospitality in Bend
- [The Gleaning Network](#) – works to end hunger in Jackson County
- [Sharing Hands](#) – provides opportunities for Central Linn County citizens to give, receive, and learn
- [Store to Door](#) – supports independent living for Portland area seniors and people with disabilities by providing an affordable, personal, volunteer-based grocery shopping and delivery service
- [Toledo Food Share Pantry](#) – provides food assistance to those in need living in the Toledo, Elk City, and Sawyers Landing areas

### **About OBRC**

*The Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative (OBRC) is the industry steward of Oregon’s nationally recognized beverage container redemption system and operator of the BottleDrop network. Headquartered in Clackamas, Ore., OBRC is a statewide, not-for-profit cooperative, formed by the beverage industry to serve as the operational steward of Oregon’s Bottle Bill. OBRC helps keep Oregon beautiful by providing outstanding services to partners, distributors, retailers and the public for the recovery, reuse, and recycling of beverage containers. Through OBRC’s BottleDrop Redemption Centers and container pickup service for more than 2,000 retail partners, the co-op recycles nearly two billion beverage containers annually, protecting the Oregon we love, supporting the causes we cherish, and inspiring innovation beyond our borders – all without any taxpayer funding. To learn more, visit [bottledropcenters.com](http://bottledropcenters.com) or [obrc.com](http://obrc.com)*