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(L-to-R) Treana Storie, Lois Shelton (CAP), Jim Rice and Shari Tomasli stand in front of a portion of the eight tons of food recently contributed by PUD employees to CAP's Help Warehouse. Photo courtesy of Michael Torres/CAP.

Cowlitz PUD Employees Donate Over Eight Tons of Food to CAP Help Warehouse

Thanks to the efforts and generosity of Cowlitz PUD employees, the shelves at Lower Columbia CAP's Help Warehouse are stocked with an additional 16,307 pounds of food and household items.

This past spring the PUD's 160 employees were split into two teams that waged a friendly, six-week competition to see which group could raise the most cash and food to donate to Help Warehouse, which is the central food collection and distribution center for Cowlitz and Wahkiakum food banks.

Besides food donations, the PUD teams also raised \$3,761—which was given to CAP to make purchases at reduced costs through food discount buying services. Combined, the PUD's gifts of food and cash resulted in over eight tons of food for area food banks.

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“I am amazed by the enthusiasm of the PUD employees,” said Lois Shelton, Help Warehouse Program Manager. “They really produce results. Because of their efforts we are better able to address hunger in our community.”

This was the fourth PUD employee-sponsored food drive since 2007, which has now resulted in 18 tons of food to Help Warehouse in that time. “Our employees take a lot of pride in being able to help others in the community,” said PUD Community Relations Assistant Treana Storie.

“The PUD food drive is our largest by any one company in the area,” Shelton said. “Only the Walk n’ Knock and Postal Carriers community food drives are bigger.”

In 2010, Help Warehouse staff and volunteers distributed more than 1.5 million pounds of food.

For more information about how to organize a food drive, call Shelton at Help Warehouse at 360-425-3430, ext 281.

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