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NATURE OF STORY: **FOREST WORK CAMP DONATION**

DETAILS:

The Lane County Sheriff's Office Forest Work Camp (FWC) donated over 260 pounds of surplus fresh organic produce to FOOD for Lane County this afternoon. The vegetables consisted of peppers, tomatoes, and cabbage.

Through the use of inmate labor the FWC maintains a two (2) acre garden. Produce grown in the garden is used to supplement meals served to inmates housed in the program.

According to Deb McGeorge, food solicitor for FOOD for Lane County, "Last year one in three kids in Lane County ate food out of an emergency food box at some point during the year."

"We are always looking for fresh, healthy, clean produce to distribute to over 100 agencies throughout Lane County. Produce is expensive, perishable, and we are coming into a season where fresh is not as plentiful as it was in the summer months." said McGeorge.

The FWC is a 100 bed alternative incarceration program in a rural setting for low risk offenders. The majority of the offenders assigned to the FWC are members of work crews. The crews work on Federal forest projects and provide services to governmental and non-profit agencies throughout Lane County.

Those assigned to the kitchen at the Camp take the Food Handlers exam and some receive credit towards certification from the Lane Community College culinary program. They may also be required, depending upon their individual needs, to participate in alcohol and drug treatment or education programs.

If you would like more information on the Sheriff's Forest Work Camp, you can visit the Sheriff's Office web page at the link below:

http://www.lanecounty.org/Sheriff_Corrections_FWC/default.htm

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