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## **“HALT. SALUTE. DONATE.”**

### Help Stop Hunger in Central Oregon

The Central Oregon Chapter of the Oregon Dressage Society is hosting a food donation drive for NeighborImpact at the Central Oregon Dressage Classic, being held at the Rim Rock Riders Arena at Brasada Ranch on June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Central Oregon Chapter is asking all members, exhibitors, spectators, volunteers and show staff to bring non-perishable food items or a cash donation to all shows and events this year.

The Central Oregon Dressage Classic is a two day USDF Recognized Show featuring competitors from around the region. This event will also be included in the Hungry All Year Long Food Drive during National Hunger Awareness Month in June.

Some suggestions are soups, canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, cereal, pasta, bottled juices, and boxed meals such as macaroni and cheese. Paper and personal hygiene products are also needed. Please, no glass items!

For more information on the Central Oregon Chapter of the Oregon Dressage Society, or the shows, please visit [www.centraloregondressage.com](http://www.centraloregondressage.com). Please help your neighbors in need. When you ride down that centerline, remember to **“Halt. Salute. Donate.”**

**History/Mission:** NeighborImpact seeks to change the course of each family's future by giving them the tools they need to succeed. NeighborImpact's tool box includes Head Start, weatherization, home repair, energy and rent assistance, financial skills building, savings programs, assisting parents to find child care, tutoring homeless children, providing emergency and transitional housing to homeless families, home buyer education and feeding the hungry. NeighborImpact is part of the Oregon Food Bank network and serves Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson counties. In 2008, an average of more than 2800 emergency food boxes were distributed in the tri-county area. Over 40% of the people who access meals from these emergency food boxes are under the age of 18. NeighborImpact also supplies 75% of the food local agencies provide to their clients#

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