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## **A ‘Shot in the Arm’: 25,500 lbs. of Food Collected From Free Ski Day**

**Thousands of pounds of food were collected today**, at **Mt. Bachelor**, as the resort generously donated its facilities and staff time for the **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Free Ski Day**. The opportunity for Central Oregonians to ski ‘free’ in exchange for just three non-perishable food items that went to NeighborImpact attracted **over 7,700 people** to the mountain.

The loads of non-perishable food items were collected and transported by the **Oregon National Guard** and the **Deschutes County Juvenile Center. Knott Road Landfill** also supported the food drive efforts by volunteering their scales to weigh the trucks - both before and after they were filled with food.

Free Ski Day – in association with the NeighborImpact - has increasingly become an important tradition for Central Oregon. All of the donated food is distributed to agencies in Crook, Jefferson, and Deschutes Counties that are part of NeighborImpact’s local food distribution network. The network serves, on average, 6,470 meals per month to meet the emergency food needs of Central Oregon’s growing population.

“At a time when we’re seeing shortages from the USDA Emergency Food Program as well as a complete drop off of Emergency Food Funds for Deschutes County, the 25,500 lbs. of food collected today is definitely a shot in the arm,” said NeighborImpact Food Program Coordinator Steve Murray.

**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.

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