



Oregon Food Bank gets deposit

Contractors donate tons of food, thousands of dollars to nonprofit organization

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Construction workers from the Portland Mall light-rail and Interstate 205 light-rail projects donated thousands of pounds of food and thousands of dollars to the Oregon Food Bank on Thursday. General Contractor Stacy & Witbeck Inc. and their joint venture partners, Kiewit Pacific Co., Granite Construction and Wildish companies, led the effort and matched any cash donations to double the total. The \$7,072 check to the food bank was so big that it took two Stacy & Witbeck employees to make it official; Project Manager Mark Bodyfelt held it while Portland Office General Manager Rick Tortorello signed it.

According to the Oregon Food Bank, each dollar raised equals five pounds of food and in essence means the contractors' monetary contribution was equal to 35,000 pounds of food.

The organization also said that requests for food have gone up 13 percent in the past few months over the same time period last year. Also, a recent U.S. Department of Agriculture report shows that 12.4 percent of Oregonians live in households that have struggled with hunger during the past three years.

"Our contractors, subcontractors and crews really dug deeper to help the growing number of people in need in our community," said Stacy & Witbeck Chief Operating Officer John Bollier.

"This is a great team effort for a great cause and organization."

The I-205/Portland Mall project is a partnership between the city of Portland, Metro, TriMet, Clackamas County and the Oregon Department of Transportation.