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I always had a great job with excellent pay and benefits. I never needed assistance or had to rely on food programs, I was the one helping others. I filled freezers, picked up food from food banks for families with small children and the elderly, and did what I could to support those in need. Then, everything changed in an instant. I was rear-ended, and that day altered my life forever. Since then, finances have become a struggle. For the first time, I found myself on the other side needing help instead of giving it. It is hard to ask for help when you were always the one providing it. These past few months, the Oregon Food Bank has been a lifeline for my family of six. It's not easy to ask for help, but I'm incredibly grateful these programs exist. I may never be able to work again; I lost my career and livelihood that day. But thanks to the Oregon Food Bank, my family isn't going hungry.