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We volunteer at the NEFP - Northeast Emergency Food Program - part of EMO - Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and the Food Bank. We see first hand just how important it is that everyone get the food they need, and how deeply grateful these folks are to receive the food ... and just how much EXTRA food there is to give away. Someone who comes weekly and fills up their cart receives the equivalent of \$250 each time -- that's \$1,000 extra dollars they'll have to spend on shelter, clothing, energy, and other necessities that month. It's critical that EVERYONE be allowed this opportunity.