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1. Nearly 7,000 nonprofits across Oregon raise more than \$5 million each year by collecting and recycling more than 50 million bottles and cans with Bottle Drop Give.
2. Oregon nonprofits are facing major challenges. Between inflation, the pandemic, and job cutbacks and losses every dime counts for purchasing/obtaining foods for our low income members. This money is critical for our small group.
3. Fundraising with Bottle Drop helps us to connect with our community.
4. Bottle Drop Give supporters take great pride in being able to give back to their favorite nonprofits by donating their bottles and cans.
5. Losing funds raised through Bottle Drop would severely reduce many nonprofits' abilities to offer vital programs and services to Oregonians and their communities.
6. This funding is essential to keep families being able to feed their families. We are all low income working members. Families helping families feed their families is our motto.
7. We are able to keep thousands of pounds of food out of the landfill and feeding our members. There are 14 Gleaning groups in Linn and Benton Counties with several thousand members. This funding is essential for us to continue the good work that happens when we work together to feed our families.