



Press Release

Baker County is a great community to live in due to the wonderful people who live here. We have heard many reports of neighbors helping neighbors, support for local businesses and extra kindness being extended to our front line workers throughout the COVID-19 event. Many community members are looking for ways to help others as we work through this together. Here are some ideas:

- Call up a friend or neighbor who might be lonely.
- Pick up groceries or medications for a friend or neighbor who is at a higher risk or has challenges getting to the store.
- Offer to help with yard work or dog walking for those unable to leave the house.
- Support your local food banks. Cash donations are the most helpful, so food banks can buy in bulk or access good deals. Checks can be sent to these local food banks:

Halfway Lions Club Foodbank P.O. Box 892 Halfway, OR 97834 Liz McCullough 541-742-7892	NE Oregon Compassion Center 1250 Hughes Lane Baker City, OR 97814 Cliff Cole 541-523-9845	Baker County Salvation Army 2505 Broadway St. Baker City, OR 97814 Susan Bland or Holly Diamond 541-523-5853
Huntington Chamber of Commerce Food Bank 110 E Fulton St. Huntington, OR 97907 Thomas Trujillo 208-475-4761	North Powder Food Bank P.O. Box 344 North Powder, OR 97867 Linda Dixon 541-709-1045	Bread of Life Food Bank % Baker City Christian Church 675 Hwy 7 Baker City, OR 97814

- Donate to the Baker City Backpack Program. This program helps provide food for the weekend to children in the Baker School District who face food insecurity. Donations can be sent to:

Baker City Backpack Program-First Presbyterian Church
 1995 4th St
 Baker City, OR 97814



- Contact your favorite local non-profit and ask if they have any projects you can help with, or check out justserve.org
- Make face masks and donate them at Community Connection (in the drop box) so they can be distributed to those who need them.
- Add food to the Sharing Pantry located on the corner of H and 11th Streets.



- Give blood on June 15th at the Nazarene Church. Schedule an appointment by calling Myrna Evans at 541-523-5368 or 1-800- RED CROSS (733-2767) or check out americanredcross.org. The Red Cross follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and volunteer donors are the only source of blood for those in need.

- Support a local business



- Buy gift certificates or order a meal to go
- Order items online from your favorite local business. Baker County Chamber of Commerce has a Facebook page with local business information.
- Share their Facebook post and give a positive review
- The Trailhead webpage has "[spend & save](#)" deals for supporting local businesses.



- Follow recommendations to protect the community



- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds each time.
- Stay home whenever possible and leave only to obtain essential services (groceries, medical, work).
- Purchase reasonable amounts of basic products and leave enough for others.

Let us know other ways we can support our community by emailing pio@bakercounty.org. We're all in this together!