



FACT SHEET

1. **Program Description:** FORK is an informal collaboration between local groups that are committed to providing food assistance for children experiencing food insecurity. The target audience is children who have a need for additional food during non-school days.
2. **Who's Involved?** The following groups have been represented in meetings: Three Rivers School District, Grants Pass School District 7, Grants Pass Rotary Groups, The Redwood Foundation & the Josephine County Food Bank.
3. **What are we purchasing initially with the 15K Rotary Grant?** Food packages similar to the ones described on the back of this page received positive feedback in the workgroup. Keeping pre-package foods in a drawer or cabinet at each school seemed to be a much more manageable project, and require less labor. Children with food insecurities over the weekend can self-select their own food from the drawer.
4. **The Josephine County Food Bank** has committed to partner in maximizing purchasing power for food during the year, as well as provide a space for storage and packing for distribution.
5. **The Rotary groups** involved are committed to this as part of a wider service project that will include but not be limited to food drives, fund raising, sorting and transportation of food items to the schools.
6. **The Redwood Foundation** has committed to being one of the fiscal agents for the FORK program and is setting up separate accounts for each school district where teachers, students and the public can make donations to FORK on line. An Allcare grant application will come through RF.

