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Yakima Federal Savings and Loan donates \$100,000 to local food bank

FISH Community Food Bank will be able to begin renovating the recently purchased Rodeo City BBQ building in Ellensburg thanks to a donation of \$100,000 from Yakima Federal Savings and Loan.

The new facility will be used to house the Open Table program which provides meals for anyone sixty or older who is eligible for the SE Washington Aging and Long Term Care (ALTC) Senior Nutrition program and Meals on Wheels, the home delivered meal program.

In addition to meals for the community, Open Table prepares and serves the Community Thanksgiving meal each November and provides meals for the Ellensburg Cold Weather Shelter during the winter shelter season. FISH also gives free lunch to anyone who is hungry and does not qualify for the ALTC programs.

“Yakima Federal is pleased that we can provide funds to support Open Table meal service.” Stated Leanne Antonio, President and CEO of Yakima Federal, “Their goal for the new site is to become a hub of nutrition related services that will benefit many Kittitas County residents. We believe in the mission and vision of FISH and are excited to be their partner.”

The donation is spread out over 5 years with the first \$50,000 being donated immediately and \$10,000 per year through 2026.

“The generous support from Yakima Federal Savings and Loan will allow us to make changes to the kitchen to increase efficiency for our production-style cooking.” Said Peggy Morache, Executive Director of FISH. “Best of all, it gives us the opportunity to redecorate the dining area to be more accessible for those who enjoy lunch with us.”

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