

## PRESENT

Food products are received, sorted, weighed in and stocked in our Clackamas Warehouse. Food boxes averaging 44 pounds each are packed with non perishable canned and packaged foods. These boxes are designed for meal preparation and to provide a number of full meals. Donations of bread, pastries, deli items, dairy, produce and meats complement the food boxes.

Beginning April 2012 through December 31, 2023, some 3.8 million pounds of canned, boxed and perishable items distributed equated to 86,365 food boxes. The value was \$6.46 million!

Through the generosity of Gresham Cornerstone Church, we were recently able to purchase a 2007 Isuzu 16 foot diesel box truck and a 2004 Chevrolet cargo van. We now have a 2016 Isuzu 18' refrigerated box truck thanks to Ford Foundation and Grand Ronde Tribes.

A growing segment of our mission is to assist homeless vets through other supporting non-profits such as DO-GOOD-Multnomah. Each week AMEN provides hundreds of pounds of food to approximately 800 area vets in 6 different shelters. Additional food is distributed through VFW Posts, American Legion Posts and service lodges.

## FUTURE

There is an increasing demand on our military. Personnel are called to active duty more frequently, putting greater pressures on military families. We project the need for 400 food boxes monthly in 2024. The need to provide to homeless shelters will continue to grow.



We expect to substantially increase the volume of our assistance. The need is real at every level—vets, active, and families. Our ability to assist is limited only by available funds. AMEN cannot do this alone. We are asking you to consider this ongoing program as an opportunity to partner with us. You will be providing support and service to the Oregon military community, letting them know that assistance is available, now and in the future.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Donating full cases of food is a very efficient means of giving. These items will then be sorted and placed in the food boxes for delivery. When donating, please use fresh supplies, not out of date products.

The Ministry is also pursuing distributors, grocery warehouses, and food processors to donate and/or supply goods at wholesale prices.

Factoring in donated product, the current cost per food box is \$45.00. A donation in that amount on a monthly basis would be an excellent project support.



## HISTORY

The mission all began at Damascus Community Church in 2005. In 2015, a 501(c)(3) non-profit was formed known as “American Military Encouragement Network” (AMEN). We are dedicated to serving active members as well as veterans of all military branches.

From inception AMEN has placed a special emphasis on Air and Army National Guard units throughout Oregon and SW Washington. Personnel and families at Camp Withycombe in Clackamas are an example of this ongoing outreach. AMEN assistance extends to approximately 30 Oregon units at this time. That support level is perhaps 25% of actual need.





## Looking for Volunteers

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## We Welcome Volunteers

1. Pack food boxes in the warehouse.
2. Donate \$45 each month to purchase items for one food box.
3. We have no paid employees.
4. All financial contributions will purchase supplies for veteran and military families.

We currently provide monthly food boxes to military families and veterans of all branches.

We also support military families attending Oregon colleges to upgrade their job skills.

Direct tax deductible gift to:

**AMERICAN MILITARY  
ENCOURAGEMENT  
NETWORK  
PO BOX 1923  
Clackamas OR 97015**

### **Warehouse location**

**16965 SE 115th Ave  
Clackamas**

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**Tax I.D. 47-3718405**

