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## Holiday Help Underway at Asante Ashland and Beyond

A seasonal program is underway that should make it possible for all employees at Asante Ashland Community Hospital – even those dealing with financial hardship – to afford a festive meal this holiday season.



Help for the Holidays is a one-time meal assistance program of the Employee Assistance Fund at Asante Ashland. It is intended to help employees through hardship situations by offering food vouchers to local markets, to purchase as much as \$50 worth of groceries.

The program began Nov. 15, and applications must be received by Dec. 15. Those seeking help through the program must [submit confidential applications](#) to the Employee Assistance Fund Committee, describing their employment status, earnings, dependents and hardship situations. Completed forms may be delivered to Asante Ashland's human resources office or to the Ashland Community Hospital Foundation office.

Applicants' names, departments and contact information will not be shared with committee members, who will review all requests for assistance and award vouchers based on need and availability of funding for the program.

The Employee Assistance Fund is supported by employee contributions to the Ashland Community Hospital Foundation.

Asante Rogue Regional and Asante Three Rivers also offer assistance programs for employees in hardship situations.

The Employee Food Pantry – which has replaced Asante Rogue Regional's Employee Angel Team – provides temporary assistance to Asante employees throughout Jackson County who are going through periods of need. Those who need food – or those who want to donate food – can contact the pantry by email at [employeefoodpantry@asante.org](mailto:employeefoodpantry@asante.org), or by phone at (541) 789-5875.

Asante Rogue Regional also has an Emergency Employee Financial Assistance program that offers as much as \$250 for employees with emergency needs ranging from car repairs to evictions. A committee reviews each application for the funds, which come from employee donations. For more information, contact Julie Hale, the hospital's director of support services, at [Julie.Hale@asante.org](mailto:Julie.Hale@asante.org), or by phone at (541) 789-5270.

Asante Three Rivers offers direct assistance for employees in need, and is currently collecting donations of food, clothing, gifts and money for power bills, on behalf of an employee whose family is in a hardship situation. Hospital employees will wrap the gifts that will be given to the family for the holidays. For more information, contact Alicia Lorenz, the hospital's human resources and employee relations manager, at [Alicia.Lorenz@asante.org](mailto:Alicia.Lorenz@asante.org), or by phone at (541) 472-7383.