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Sodexo Foundation and **Canby School District** present **Canby Center** with Grant for Backpack Food Program

Funding will help to provide free weekend meals to over 200 students in the Canby School District area

Canby, Or. 11/17/2011 – The backpack program, at the Canby Center, started in 2009-2010 School Year.

The Canby Center and an area church adopt schools and provide meals each Friday to students at Carus, Eccles, Trost, 91, and new this year, Lee. This program runs from October through June. Canby School District school counselors help to identify the students in need.

The goal of the Backpack Food Program is to eliminate hunger on weekends, for students in school communities, by providing the students with non-perishable food in backpacks. This is accomplished by providing backpacks filled with nutritious, easy-to-prepare, ready-to-eat food for students who are at risk for hunger when free or reduced-price school meals are not available. Bags of food are discreetly distributed to selected students backpacks on the last school day prior to a weekend or holiday vacation.

Volunteers shop for the food, and put together the meals each week. Last year, approximately 214 students were provided with meals each weekend. This summer, I was able to meet with Darin Sanchez, who is the interim director of the Canby Center. Knowing that grant money was available through Sodexo, I wanted to help the program and be an active partner, because it is about feeding hungry children.

An application was submitted to the Sodexo Foundation to see if we could receive a grant for the Backpack Food Program. This month, I was happy to receive notification that the Canby Center is the recipient of a three year grant which totals $4,500. We are the only school district in Oregon to receive the grant this school year. The award represents the 1st round of funding. This year, the amount is $2,000, 2nd year to receive $1,500, the 3rd year to receive $1,000. Along with this grant, our Nutrition Services department is also helping to order food and help in any way we can to make this program successful.

“More than 16 million children in the U.S. are food insecure, and local statistics put the number well over 200 in the Canby School District who are uncertain about the availability of nutritious meals outside of school hours. This funding, from the Sodexo Foundation, this year is supporting 56 different Backpack Food Programs nationwide totaling $81,500 in funds and will allow Canby Center to eliminate some of that uncertainty for area children.

Support of the Backpack Food Program is in line with Sodexo's commitment to end hunger and malnutrition, as outlined in Sodexo's *Better Tomorrow Plan*, its global roadmap to sustainability. Funding provided by the Sodexo Foundation in 2010 made it possible to distribute nearly 186,000 backpacks and accounted for more than 745,000 free weekend meals nationally.

The Sodexo Foundation works to ensure that every child in the United States, especially those most at risk, grow up with dependable access to enough nutritious food to enable them to lead a healthy, productive life. In addition to its support for initiatives like the Backpack Food Program, it also engages Sodexo employees to fight hunger in their local communities. It recognizes similar efforts by students in Kindergarten through graduate school with its Stephen J. Brady STOP Hunger Scholarships, which is currently taking applications for 2012 scholarships.

"Research shows that malnourished children are at greater risk of struggling and failing academically and underperforming later in life. Funding like this from the Sodexo Foundation goes a long way to see that we are giving the children of Canby School District every opportunity to succeed, in school and later in life."

For more information about the Sodexo Foundation visit www.SodexoFoundation.org.

With that, on behalf of Sodexo, I am proud to present this check to the Canby Center in the amount of $2,000

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Key Figures (as of August 31, 2010)

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34,000 sites
50 million consumers served daily
80 countries
22st largest employer worldwide

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120,000 employees
10 million consumers served daily
6,000 clients
700 facilities management sites