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Roxy's Paws of Hope Supports Saving Grace Humane Society through Food Drive and Fundraiser

Roseburg, OR — February 5, 2026 — A Douglas County H.O.P.E. Drug Court graduate phase participant is giving back to the community through Roxy's Paws of Hope, a community project benefiting Saving Grace Humane Society.

Roxy's Paws of Hope is focused on collecting cans of wet dog and cat food and regular pet food to help restock Saving Grace's mobile pet food bank, which serves local families by parking at Stewart Park twice each month and participating in the First Thursday community events. The mobile food bank plays a critical role in helping pet owners keep their animals fed during times of financial hardship. "We're incredibly grateful to be part of a community that shows up for animals in so many ways," said Cyn Demers of Saving Grace Humane Society. "When people choose to support shelter pets through efforts like this, it strengthens our work and makes a lasting difference for the animals who are counting on us every day."

In addition to physical donations, Saving Grace Humane Society has added an online donation page to allow community members to contribute financially to support the project. "When I lost my dog Roxy I realized my life needed to change," said Zach Smith, H.O.P.E. Drug Court graduate phase participant. "Saving Grace helped me when I was at my lowest. This is my way of trying to give back to them and honor Roxy."

As part of the fundraising effort, Panda Express will host a community give-back event on Tuesday, February 11, 2026. The fundraiser will run all day, and 20 percent of proceeds from both online and in-person orders will be donated directly to Saving Grace Humane Society.

Roxy's Paws of Hope is being completed as part of a graduate community project, one of the highlights of the Douglas County H.O.P.E. Drug Court program. The Drug Court is preparing to celebrate its 112th graduation on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at 5:15 p.m., at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, Cascade Hall.

Presided over by the Honorable Judge Robert B. Johnson, H.O.P.E. Drug Court operates under the Douglas County Circuit Court and is designed to reduce recidivism, address substance use

disorders and encourage participants to reflect on their lives beyond their criminal actions. The program emphasizes personal responsibility, transformation, and long-term success.

Graduate community projects allow participants in the final phase of the program to demonstrate personal growth, social development, and internal motivation through meaningful service. Poster boards highlighting each graduate's community project will be displayed in the lobby prior to the graduation ceremony.

Graduate flyers and additional information about the H.O.P.E. Drug Court program are available through the Douglas County website via the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC) at: <https://douglascountyor.gov/851/HOPE-Drug-Court>

Community members are encouraged to support Roxy's Paws of Hope by donating pet food, participating in the Panda Express fundraiser, or contributing online through Saving Grace Humane Society.

Saving Grace, Inc. is a 501(c)3 private, non-profit organization dedicated to the direct care of homeless, abandoned or neglected animals in Douglas County, Oregon. They are the county's only full-service animal shelter, providing shelter, food and medical care to thousands of animals each year. Beyond the basics, each animal receives compassionate care from staff and volunteers while they wait to be reunited with their families or to find a new home. Warm blankets, toys and treats, time spent socializing with caring people; all are a part of the animals' experience at Saving Grace. With your help, we can make Douglas County a more humane place for people and pets. To learn more, visit savinggracehumane.org.

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