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COMMUNITY FOOD BANK TO CHANGE MANAGEMENT

RIGBY, ID, April 13, 2018 – The Jefferson County Community Food Bank is taking on a new name and new management.

In the coming weeks, the food bank will be known as “the Giving Cupboard,” and will be operated by a newly-formed non-profit organization. As a non-profit, the Giving Cupboard will have access to grants and programs currently not available to the food bank as a county-operated entity.

“We see the food bank as a vital service to our community,” Jefferson County Clerk Colleen Poole said. “However, there are several programs, including the Idaho Food Bank that we cannot use because we are a county.”

Poole and her staff have been investigating ways to improve the offerings of the food bank, which serves about 60 families each month. Currently, the food bank relies solely on private donations, and does not have access to refrigeration for fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy or meat. When the limitations of a county-operated food pantry were discovered, Poole began looking at other options. Members of the community stepped up to form the non-profit, and Jefferson County began the process to ensure a smooth transition for the food bank.

“The food bank has been a labor of love for the Social Services Directors and the entire Clerk’s Office for many years,” Poole said. “We care deeply about this service, and look forward to watching it grow as the Giving Cupboard.”

The Jefferson County food bank has been operated by the Jefferson County Clerk’s Office for more than 20 years, and is the only county-owned food bank in the state, according to Poole. Located in a rented space at the Rigby City Library, the food bank is open one day per month, and staffed by volunteers.

More about the Giving Cupboard may be found at: www.facebook.com/thegivingcupboardfoodpantry/.

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