



Community Warehouse (Portland metro area)

Furnish Hope (Bend)

Salem Alliance Church Furniture Bank (Salem-Keizer)



An empty room with light-colored walls and a dark wood-look plank floor. On the left, there are two windows with white horizontal blinds. On the right, there are two white doors with silver handles. The ceiling has a central cylindrical light fixture and several recessed spotlights. A teal rectangular box is overlaid in the center of the room.

“Furniture Poverty”

Furniture Banks

A sustainable and
affordable community
response.





*A home is more than the walls and
the floor and a door that locks.*

THE FURNITURE BANK CYCLE

STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE, SORT, AND STOCK DONATED ITEMS

COMMUNITY MEMBERS DONATE FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS



CASE MANAGERS MAKE APPOINTMENTS FOR THEIR CLIENTS TO SELECT ITEMS



CLIENTS SELECT FURNISHINGS; WAREHOUSES REQUIRE MORE DONATIONS





FURNITURE BANK

- **37** referring social service agencies
- **28** homes furnished per month
- *Service gap: **70+** families per month*

Salem Alliance Church Furniture Bank (Salem and Keizer)



- **60** referring social service agencies
- **50** homes furnished per month
- *Service gap: 14 rural counties need services*

Furnish Hope (Bend and Central Oregon)



- **160** referring social service agencies
- **220** homes furnished per month
- *Service gap: **170+** families per month*

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Increased Demand for Furniture Banks

85%

**increase in demand from
2020-2023** (35% in 2022-2023)

\$4,250

**cost savings to furnish a
1-bedroom home through
a furniture bank** rather
than purchasing items

300,000

**estimated # of Oregonians
annually who are living
without most or all of the
furniture they need**

Furniture Bank Limitations:

- Funding
- Awareness
- Warehouse space
- Dignity-condition furnishings, especially mattresses, bedding, and dressers



The difference furniture makes....

“People will not stay housed if they do not have items inside their dwelling that truly make a home, a home. If we want people to be housed safely and with dignity, we must invest in ensuring everyone has access to furniture and household essentials.”

**—Molly, Executive Director of
Welcome Home Coalition**

Let's end
furniture
poverty in
Oregon
together.





I've spent time in the military.



Furniture Bank

Q&A