

SUMMER FOOD STARTS JUNE 27

Kids eat free this summer thanks to FFLC's Summer Food Program, which provides free lunches to children and teens 18 and younger. Most sites open June 27 and serve meals through August 26.

This summer will look a little different from the past two years as COVID restrictions have been lifted. Instead of a grab-and-go option for meal service, we will return to a congregate meal site model. That means we'll ask kids to stay at the site to eat their meals.

Each year we hire up to 50 seasonal employees to help us operate the program. These positions include food production in the kitchen and food distribution at local parks in the community. Watch our website for information.

Go to foodforlanecounty.org/summerfood for updates on meals and job openings.



HELPING HAND FOOD PANTRY IN MARCOLA

JUSTICE OF EATING AWARDS HONOR LANE COUNTY HUNGER HEROES

COVID got in the way of this annual celebration of hunger heroes, but we are excited to announce the return of the Justice of Eating Awards and to officially celebrate these 2020 winners. Congratulations!

Burrito Brigade, Group Category
Helping Hand, Partner Agency Category
Cindy Wobbes, Individual Category
King Estate Winery, Donor Category
Karen Edmonds, Award of Excellence

Since 2011, FFLC has presented the Justice of Eating Awards to groups, partner agencies and individuals for their distinguished contributions to hunger relief in Lane County.

2022 NOMINATIONS DUE JUNE 17

We are currently accepting nominations for the 2022 Justice of Eating awards. We encourage anyone to nominate an organization or individual.

Judging criteria and nomination forms in English and Spanish can be found on our website at foodforlanecounty.org/joe or by scanning the QR code below. Nominations will only be accepted using one of the forms listed on our website, and all nominations must be received by 4pm on Friday, June 17.

Email completed applications to Kerry O'Connor at koconnor@foodforlanecounty.org or mail to FFLC, 770 Bailey Hill Rd., Eugene, OR 97402.

Join us Friday, August 5, from 9am to noon at Alton Baker Park in Eugene for the Justice of Eating Awards Ceremony where we will commemorate the 2020 and 2022 winners.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 6
Empty Bowls Sale at the Dining Room

May 14
Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

June 4
Youth Farm Stand Grand Re-Opening

June 6
Chefs' Night Out at Lane Events Center

June 27
Summer Food Program begins at most sites

July 24
FFLC Day at the Lane County Fair

More info online at foodforlanecounty.org/events

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MISSION

To reduce hunger by engaging our community to create access to food

We accomplish our mission by soliciting, collecting, rescuing, growing, preparing and packaging food for distribution through a countywide network of social service agencies and programs, and through public awareness, education and community advocacy.

VISION

To end hunger in Lane County

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GRASSROOTS GARDEN IS WINDERMERE AGENTS' FAVORITE PROPERTY

For one day every year, usually in June, agents from area Windermere Real Estate offices close their doors so they can volunteer at a local nonprofit. Since 2011, that lucky organization has been the GrassRoots Garden.

"I usually get about 80 agents, and from 9 to noon we get as much done as possible," said Scott Weech, Windermere broker and unofficial liaison between Windermere and the garden. Since 2017, agents have also donated funds through the Windermere Foundation.

Scott works closely with long-time GrassRoots Garden Coordinator Merry Bradley to determine what needs to be done, meeting with Merry before the big day, clipboard in hand. Over the years, volunteers have provided labor and funding for a blueberry patch, a kiwi arbor, a walk-in cooler, shade cloth and new wheelbarrows. They also rebuilt a large greenhouse and shade house after severe storm damage.

"Every year, we know our friends at Windermere will help us get over the hump as we transition from early spring crops to our main season plantings," said Merry. "Their generosity has provided us with funds for crucial renovations and infrastructure, as well as expanded what we grow and provide to the community. Their partnership has been invaluable in so many ways."

"For us it's about what we can do that will benefit people right here right now," said Scott. "FOOD For Lane County produces 50,000 pounds of food a year at GrassRoots. That's used immediately right here for people who need it. That really resonates with our people. Giving someone a meal today is just a very valuable thing."

"We want to give back to the community, and at the end of the day we feel like we've really accomplished something that people are going to appreciate," said Scott. "We can go touch those blueberry plants and know that's what our money went to."

GrassRoots Garden is currently looking for people with carpentry skills. If you're interested, contact GrassRoots at (541) 343-2822 or gardens@foodforlanecounty.org.

SWEET DREAMS ARE MADE OF CHEESE

Dove and James Greenwood own Cheese Bliss, serving delicious cheese sandwiches out of their food truck at 110 Madison in Eugene. For them, participating in FFLC's Grilled Cheese Experience is personal.

"We lost our house, so we know struggle," said Dove. "And if you live here, you see the struggle. We're not the richest. We can't give hundreds of dollars, but we wanted to do something."

"IT HELPS FEED THE COMMUNITY"

"Food trucks to me are like celebration food," said Dove, recalling trips to the fair and buying food from vendors there. "The Grilled Cheese Experience is perfect for us because we sell grilled cheese. And it helps feed the community, which makes us really proud."

"The Grilled Cheese Experience is just that — an experience," said Dove. "You have to experience it to really understand what it's about. I feel like it's another link in this community chain of caring. It really helps."

GRILLED CHEESE EXPERIENCE RAISES \$61,000

The 8th Annual Grilled Cheese Experience in February, presented by Kendall Cares, raised more than \$61,000 for hunger relief in Lane County. Those funds — which include sponsorships, sandwich sales and a dollar-for-dollar match from an anonymous donor — allow us to provide up to 183,000 meals for our neighbors in need.



Thank you to everyone for making this event a huge success, including our 24 participating restaurants and food carts and these generous sponsors.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE RESTAURANTS

Hop Valley Eugene
Biggest Cheese! large division, sold the most sandwiches

Fisherman's Market Eugene
Biggest Cheese! small division, sold the most sandwiches

Bacon Nation
People's Choice



BUY A BOWL, FILL A BOWL

Empty Bowls Sale is May 6 at the Dining Room

Join us at the Dining Room on Friday, May 6, from 4:30pm to 7:30pm for our Empty Bowls Sale, presented by Northwest Community Credit Union. Come early for best selection. Bowls are hand-crafted by local artists and start at \$10. Every purchase comes with a coupon for a free bowl of soup at a participating restaurant.

We are still accepting wood, glass, clay and fiber arts bowls. Please bring bowls to 770 Bailey Road in Eugene by 3pm on Wednesday, May 4. Questions? Contact FFLC Events Coordinator Dawn Marie Woodward at dmwoodward@foodforlanecounty.org or (541) 343-2822 x103.



FRIDAY, MAY 6
4:30pm-7:30pm
The Dining Room
270 W. 8th Ave., Eugene



EMPTY BOWLS SALE

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS AND DRIVES

FRIDAY, MAY 6
Empty Bowls Sale at the Dining Room

SATURDAY, MAY 14
Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

SATURDAY, JUNE 4
Youth Farm Stand Grand Re-opening

MONDAY, JUNE 6
Chefs' Night Out at Lane Events Center

SUNDAY, JULY 24
FFLC Day at the Lane County Fair

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14
Empty Bowls Dinner & Auction at Bailey Hill Warehouse



FFLC DAY AT THE LANE COUNTY FAIR

DRIVES KEEP FOOD AND FUNDS MOVING

FFLC relies on food and fund donations from all sources. Thank you to these recent drives for keeping the food and funds moving to our neighbors in need.

6-Pack Give Back • Aesthetic Surgical Arts • Alpha Kappa Psi • Business Law Centre • Dutch Luv • EWEB • Fortnightly Club of Eugene • The Footwise Heart & Sole Event • Ice Bowl • KVAL Can Do • League of Women Voters • Neighbors Helping Neighbors • Oregon Medical Group • Reliable Credit • Thurston Middle School • Governor's State Employees Food Drive • Oregon Duck Offensive Linemen • UO Spring Game and Food Drive

WAYS TO DONATE

- DONATE ONLINE**
foodforlanecounty.org/donate
- MAIL GIFTS**
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- CALL**
(541) 343-2822

LETTER TO READERS



I'm thrilled to report that, thanks to you, we have now received \$10.1 million in gifts and pledges for both phases of our Building To Serve capital campaign.

Based on current estimates, this should be enough to cover both the already completed West Broadway purchase and renovation work and

the in-progress Bailey Hill Road renovation work.

We are still accepting donations for the campaign so that we have a small reserve for unexpected additional costs as we complete the work at Bailey Hill.

Renovation is in full swing at our Bailey Hill Road facility, with the majority of the work scheduled to be completed by mid-summer.

As a result of both phases of the Building To Serve campaign, our food storage and distribution capacity (both dry storage and cold storage) will be more than double what it was before the campaign. We will serve more low-income children and isolated seniors, add new community agency partners to our food distribution network, increase our ability to distribute food in the event of local and regional disasters and emergencies and continue to develop innovative strategies that use food to reduce hunger and help families become more self-supporting.

Because of the far-sighted and generous support of people like you, FOOD For Lane County will have significantly greater capacity to pursue our critical mission — reducing hunger by engaging our community to create access to food.

Thank you for helping this community dream become a reality.

Tom Mulhern, Executive Director



19th Annual
EMPTY BOWLS DINNER AND AUCTION



Friday, October 14, 2022
770 Bailey Hill Rd., Eugene
In person (and from home)
More details coming this summer!



Receive email updates on how your support is making a difference in our community. Email development@foodforlanecounty.org and ask us to add your address to our email mailing list.



YOUTH FARM STAND

CHEFS' NIGHT OUT IS BACK AND AT A NEW LOCATION

We are looking forward to finally bringing back Chefs' Night Out, because fighting hunger is what this event is all about. Join us Monday, June 6, at the spacious Lane Events Center. We are working closely with restaurants and the Lane Events Center to ensure your safety.

Chefs' Night Out typically raises enough money to provide 400,000 meals for people experiencing food insecurity in Lane County while showcasing the talents of Lane County's best chefs, winemakers and brewmasters.

Their generosity, along with your ticket purchase and sponsorships, make Chefs' Night Out more than a fun night out on the town.

CREATE YOUR WILL FOR FREE WITH FREEWILL

This spring, make an even bigger impact on Lane County and for the people and causes you care about. FFLC has partnered with FreeWill to help you create your estate plan securely and free of charge.

The process can be completed in as little as 20 minutes. It's an easy way to protect what's most important and create a legacy that provides access to food in Lane County. Go to foodforlanecounty.org/april2022news to get started.

Questions? Contact FFLC Development Director Sally Dougherty at (541) 343-2822 x143 or sallyd@foodforlanecounty.org.

ON THE HOOK WITH RYAN ROGERS

Fisherman's Market owner Ryan Rogers has participated in the event since its inception 30 years ago. He's glad it's back.

"For my staff it's an honor to do Chefs' Night Out," said Ryan. "It's a lot of fun. There's a lot of camaraderie between the vendors, and we love the competition to show off our food and hopefully win a prize."

"I love to eat, but I'm not a cook," said Ryan, a former commercial fisherman. "Chefs' Night Out is an opportunity for my cooks to get creative."

"We should all feel blessed about what we have and for the work that FOOD For Lane County is doing. I think it's good for my staff to consider what they're going to this event for. I'm just



FISHERMAN'S MARKET OWNER RYAN ROGERS

really happy to have an outlet to give back to our community. In our busy lives it's often hard to recognize that we need to do that sort of thing."

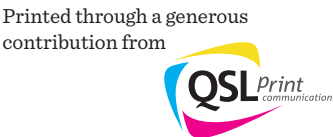


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