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A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Thanks to your special generosity, FOOD For Lane County continued to serve a critical role in our community during the past year.

There were signs of a pandemic mostly – but not completely – held in check in many aspects of our work.

Many of our food distribution partners switched back to in-person, shopping-style food selection, giving participants greater choice among available items.

Our Dining Room in downtown Eugene welcomed back dedicated volunteers and resumed the sit-down dining experience that makes this program so unique.

Our Youth Farm and GrassRoots Garden once again engaged individual, corporate and organizational volunteers in the practical and inspiring work of growing food and building community.

We also finished major renovations at our Bailey Hill Road facility, completing the 5-year, \$10 million campaign that has doubled our capacity to receive and distribute food.

Our expanded capacity is already being put to the test, as the rising cost of food, gas and other necessities drives more and more people to seek food assistance.

We and our partners will continue to respond with care and compassion, buoyed by the wonderful generosity of people like you.

A handwritten signature in white ink, reading "Tom Mulhern". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "M".

Tom Mulhern, Executive Director

*This report reflects January 1
through December 31, 2022.*

COMING TOGETHER TO FIGHT HUNGER

BECAUSE TOGETHER WE ACCOMPLISH MORE

FOOD For Lane County has been finding innovative solutions to hunger since 1984, but we have never done this work alone. We work closely with more than 150 community partners to distribute food throughout Lane County. We rely on food and fund donations from all sources. The high costs of groceries, gas and housing are increasing the demand for food assistance in Lane County and across Oregon. Many families are still recovering from the economic disruptions caused by the pandemic. This annual report looks at our work, who we serve and the resources involved. Together we can do more.

A COUNTYWIDE NETWORK DISTRIBUTING FOOD

Collecting and distributing food through a countywide network of more than 150 organizations is at the core of our mission. During 2022, FFLC partner agencies distributed just over 7 million pounds of food to more than 81,000 people at pantries, meal sites and other food programs. We also supported the following targeted food distribution programs.

CEREAL FOR YOUTH In partnership with Attune Foods, GloryBee and Grain Millers Inc., FFLC provides nutritious granola packets to K-12 students throughout Lane County. In 2022, FFLC worked with 58 partners to distribute 98,496 cereal packets.

CHILDREN'S WEEKEND SNACK PACK Volunteers assemble two gallon-sized bags of easy-to-prepare food. These bags are distributed to school-aged children to eat on weekends and school vacations. In 2022, 12,000 bags were distributed to three schools.

SENIOR GROCERY This U.S. Department of Agriculture program provides a monthly food box of healthy staples to seniors living on limited incomes. In 2022, FFLC provided groceries to 423 seniors each month.

EXTRA HELPING FFLC distributed 162,017 pounds of bread and produce to residents at 38 participating low-income housing communities in 2022.

TRILLIUM COMMUNITY HEALTH PLANS' PRODUCE PLUS AND VEGGIE RX In 2022, FFLC distributed 223,872 pounds of produce through these innovative programs designed to increase access to fresh, nutrient-dense produce.



CHILDREN'S WEEKEND
SNACK PACK

A COUNTYWIDE NETWORK OF SUPPORT

WE PARTNER WITH MORE THAN 150 ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT LANE COUNTY TO DISTRIBUTE FOOD

FOOD PANTRIES

Alluvium Church
 The Arc Lane County
 Bethel Food Pantry
 Casa de Luz
 Catholic Community Services Eugene
 Catholic Community Services Springfield
 Coburg Food Pantry
 Community Food For Creswell
 Community Sharing Cottage Grove
 Crossfire Hands of Hope
 Daily Bread
 Dexter Food Pantry
 Eugene Faith Center
 Florence Food Share
 God's Food Box
 God's Storehouse
 Goldson Food Pantry
 Helping Hand
 Hilltop Pantry
 Junction City Local Aid
 Larry Collins Memorial Pantry
 Lowell Food Pantry
 Lower McKenzie Community Resources
 Mapleton Food Share
 McKenzie River Food Pantry
 Mid Lane Love Project
 Noti Pantry
 Oakridge Food Pantry
 PRAY BiG! Food Pantry
 Salvation Army
 The Shepherd's Table at St. John's

Triangle Food Box
 Up River Pantry

MEAL SITES

Community Food for Creswell Kitchen
 Crossfire Field of Dreams
 The Dining Room (FFLC)
 Ebbert Memorial UMC Meals Ministry
 Eugene Catholic Worker
 Fern Ridge Community Services
 Free People!
 Hearth & Table at Central Lutheran
 Helping Hands Coalition
 Interfaith Food Hub
 Looking Glass New Roads
 OASIS
 St. Mary's Kitchen
 St. Vincent de Paul Service Station

EMERGENCY SHELTERS

Looking Glass Station 7
 St. Vincent de Paul Dawn To Dawn
 St. Vincent de Paul Egan Warming Center
 St. Vincent de Paul First Place Family Center

SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAMS

Aquarius Apartments
 Bethel School District
 Boys & Girls Clubs of Emerald Valley
 Cascade Middle School

Centro Latino Americano
 The Child Center
 Child's Way Charter School
 Churchill High School
 Community Supported Shelters
 Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
 Cornerstone Community Housing (7 sites)
 East Blair Housing Cooperative
 ECM Student Pantry
 Economic Justice League Food Pantry
 Extra Helping Program (38 sites, 11 partners)
 Gleaners - Fern Ridge Connection
 Hamlin Middle School
 Head Start of Lane County
 HIV Alliance
 Homes For Good (7 sites)
 Hope and Safety Alliance
 Hosea Youth Services
 Janet Smith Cooperative
 Kalapuya High School
 Karios (2 sites)
 Laurel Hill Center
 Looking Glass Center Point School
 Looking Glass Pathways/PRD Program
 Lorax Manner
 Mainstream Housing
 Mobile Towne West
 NAACP
 NAMI Lane County
 Network Charter School (3 sites)
 Norsemen Village
 NW Medical Homes

Oakridge School District
Orchid Health (3 sites)
Oregon Family Support Network
Oregon Supported Living Program
(17 sites)
PeaceHealth Senior Health
& Wellness Center
Pearl Buck Center
PNW Adult & Teen Challenge
Positive Community Kitchen
Rainy Day Pantry
Relief Nursery
River Road Medical Group
St. Vincent de Paul (16 Sites)
Southtowne Rotary
Sponsors
Square One (3 Sites)
St. Vincent de Paul Resident Services
Tempo Program
TransPonder
Trillium Produce Plus Program
(15 sites, 11 partners)
Twin Rivers Charter School
Unitarian Universalist Church
UO Student Sustainability Center
Willamette High School



FFLC MOBILE PANTRY

MOBILE PANTRY PROVIDES SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION TO HUNGER

When COVID struck, we quickly found new and innovative ways to meet the increased demand for food. One way was to take to the road, setting up contact-free mobile pantries that provided a safe and flexible way to distribute food where people live.

FFLC's Mobile Pantry Program now operates several times per week, partnering with agencies that are already providing services in their communities — Eugene Community Court, Centro Latino Americano and Eugene School District 4J for example.

“Some of our partners are already providing food,” said FFLC Mobile Pantry Coordinator Damien Mojarro. “We help them increase their capacity to serve more people.”

Vanessa Vasquez is Instruction Operations Coordinator for Eugene School District 4J Wrap-around Services and Family Welcome Center.

“We’ve had really good feedback from the families we’re serving,” said Vanessa. “We’re currently providing food to about 240 households, and our numbers continue to grow. During the pandemic and with prices of food going up, we’re continuing to see people struggling. By taking the Mobile Pantry to their neighborhood, it makes it easier for families to obtain food. I’m just happy that we’re able to support them.”

FFLC RELIES ON FOOD FROM ALL SOURCES

MOST OF THE 7.3 MILLION POUNDS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED IN 2022 WAS DONATED

FFLC relies on a variety of sources for food. These include individuals, local businesses, Oregon Food Bank, the USDA, purchased food, food drives and FFLC gardens.

FOOD RESCUE EXPRESS (FREX) picks up prepared and perishable food donations from a variety of food producers and brings it to the FFLC kitchen. Volunteers portion, package and label this food for our partner agencies. We also receive dry bulk food that is packaged into smaller units for individuals and families in our community.

FOOD DRIVES Hundreds of food drives, large and small, help stock pantry shelves across the county with nonperishable food throughout the year. By donating to a food drive, our community can engage in efforts to reduce hunger and share food with those in need. FFLC depends on drives to help enhance the variety of food we provide to pantries — roughly 150,000 pounds each year.

FRESH ALLIANCE Grocery stores and other local food businesses donate approximately one million pounds of unsold food every year.

SUCCESSFUL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN INCREASES OUR CAPACITY TO SERVE

In the fall of 2022, we completed a five-year \$10 million Building to Serve capital campaign. The work doubled our capacity to receive, process, store and distribute food and improved our ability to respond to emergencies. The two-phase campaign began in the fall of 2017 with the purchase and renovation of our West Broadway Distribution Center. The second phase was completed in September 2022 and included renovation and upgrades at our Bailey Hill facility.

With twice the amount of dry, refrigerated and frozen food storage capacity and upgraded resources to support volunteers and partner agencies, FFLC is well-positioned to meet the need for food assistance now and in the future.





LETTER CARRIERS'
FOOD DRIVE

FOOD AND FUND DRIVES ENGAGE OUR COMMUNITY IN HUNGER RELIEF

The number and variety of food and fund drives that happen every year are truly inspiring. Food and fund drives are locally organized efforts to collect donated food for those in need.

Many food and fund drives also give people the opportunity to make a financial donation in lieu of or in addition to a food donation.

Local food drives are more important than ever right now. Our inventory levels are at a three-year low, the result of more people seeking food assistance at a time when there is less food available from the USDA than during the height of the pandemic.

It takes food, volunteers, willing partners and financial donors to make this happen. Thank you for being part of this inspiring and important collaboration.

FFLC PROVIDES DIRECT SERVICES THROUGH THESE PROGRAMS

MEETING PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE

The reasons people ask for help are as unique and varied as the people who rely on FFLC and its countywide network. That's why we offer a variety of programs to meet people where they are, from mobile pantries to work experience. Like everything we do, these programs are heavily supported by volunteers. We couldn't do what we do without them.

THE DINING ROOM FFLC's restaurant-style meal site located in downtown Eugene serves free meals with dignity and respect four days every week. In 2022, staff and volunteers provided 42,558 meals to 2,797 diners. Volunteers donated 1,465 hours of labor.

THE GRASSROOTS GARDEN & THE YOUTH FARM With tremendous help from volunteers and Youth Farmers, FFLC's two gardens grew 145,250 pounds of produce in 2022. Food is sold directly to the public and made available for distribution by partner agencies. Volunteers donated 19,641 hours of labor.

WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM Through a 14-week, hands-on program at our Bailey Hill and West Broadway warehouses, participants learn warehouse and other job skills that help them overcome barriers to employment. Nine people participated in and graduated from the program in 2022.

MEALS ON WHEELS EUGENE Five days a week, friendly volunteers deliver freshly prepared, nutritiously balanced meals to seniors and conduct a safety check during their visits. In 2022, volunteers delivered 111,114 meals to 455 individuals. Volunteers donated 12,757 hours of labor in 2022.

MOBILE PANTRY This new initiative evolved from Lane County's experiences with COVID-19 and the wildfires of 2020. In 2022, FFLC's mobile pantry partnered with 56 host sites on 90 distributions and provided 232,731 pounds of food.

NUTRITION EDUCATION Participants learn nutrition education, basic cooking skills and tips on how to stretch limited food budgets. Classes are offered in English and Spanish. In 2022, FFLC provided 136 nutrition education sessions.

SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM During the summer, when the National School Lunch Program is unavailable, FFLC serves free meals five days a week to children and teens 18 and younger throughout Lane County. The program provided 34,644 meals in the summer of 2022.





DINING ROOM

DINING ROOM WELCOMES BACK DINERS AND VOLUNTEERS

After almost two and a half years serving meals to go because of the pandemic, the Dining Room resumed inside meal service in October. Staff and volunteers will continue to serve to-go meals for those who prefer that option.

“Since the reopening in October, it has been wonderful to see more guests dining inside each week,” said Mary Beth Pattyn, a Dining Room volunteer. “It is so nice to see many faces we know and meet many new guests who are dining for the first time. All the guests express how wonderful it is to be inside in a warm, friendly atmosphere and to be served a delicious meal created by Chef Ryan [Josef-Maier].”

The Dining Room serves free meals inside from noon to 1:45pm Monday through Thursday with to-go service from 2 to 2:45pm.

In April, the Dining Room changed the way it prepares food for diners. Previously, meals were prepared by staff and volunteers in the Bailey Hill kitchen, cooled and then delivered to the Dining Room where they were reheated. Chef Ryan wanted to improve the freshness of the meal offerings at the Dining Room, so he worked with FFLC staff across several departments to make it possible to prepare meals fresh every morning at the Dining Room, using fresh produce from FFLC’s GrassRoots Garden as well as ingredients available to all partner agencies.

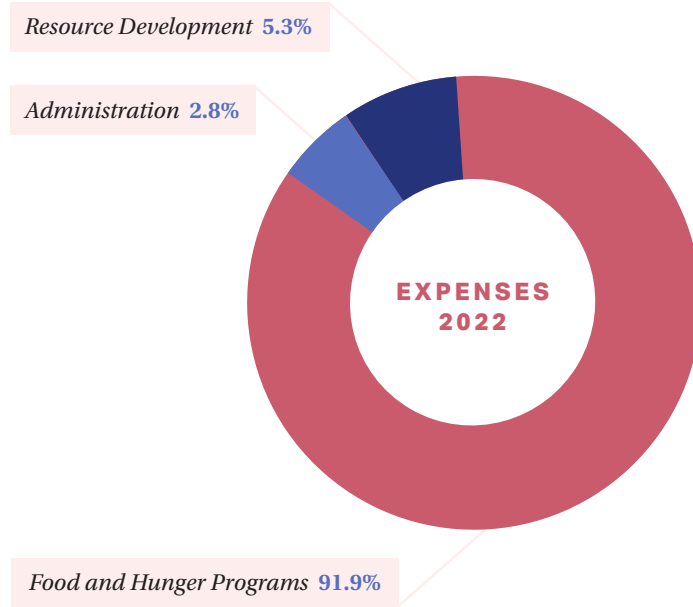
“It takes the collaboration of many staffers and volunteers to make this new system work,” Dining Room Program Manager Josie McCarthy said. “Ryan’s goal is to offer meals that one could find in a mid-range to high-end restaurant. The project has built and strengthened relationships across departments, and the diners have been effusive in their praise and appreciation of the quality of the food.”

DEDICATED TO HUNGER RELIEF

JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2022 FINANCIALS

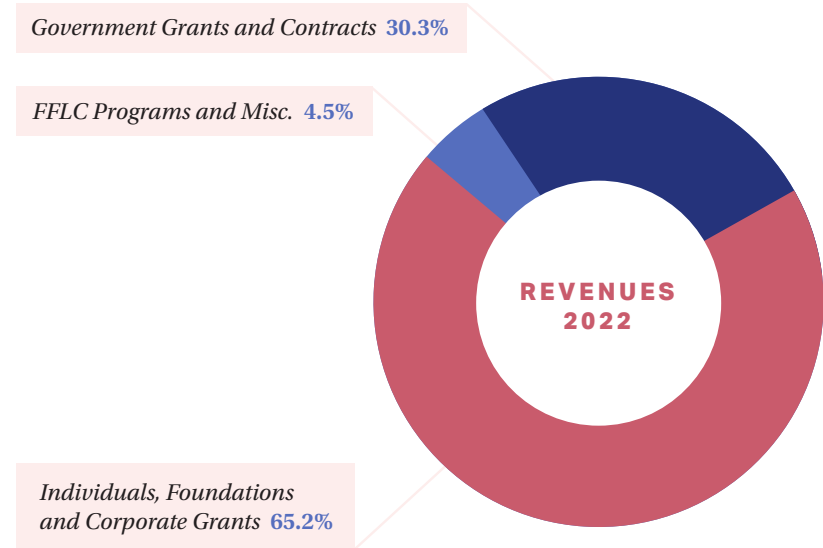
EXPENSES

\$8,807,000



REVENUES

\$8,505,000



JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2022

Total expenses: \$8,807,000. Total revenues: \$8,505,000.

Expenses covered by previous year carryover: \$302,000.

Distributed 7,163,000 pounds of food valued at \$16,418,000. Expenses and revenues do not include donated food, capital campaign, investments or in-kind donations. Complete financial statements available at www.foodforlanecounty.org.



THE YOUTH FARM

OUR MISSION

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

OUR VISION

To end hunger in Lane County

OUR VALUES

Compassion • Inclusion • Collaboration

FOOD For Lane County is a nonprofit food bank serving all of Lane County, Oregon. We are a 501(c)3 organization and an equal opportunity provider. We are a partner of United Way of Lane County and the Oregon Food Bank Statewide Network and a distribution partner of Feeding America.



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