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.

Tom Mulhern, Executive Director
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.
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)
Ebert 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
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.”

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

MOBILE PANTRY PROVIDES SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION TO HUNGER

FFLC MOBILE PANTRY
**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.

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**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.
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 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

REVENUES
$8,505,000

Government Grants and Contracts 30.3%
FFLC Programs and Misc. 4.5%
Individuals, Foundations and Corporate Grants 65.2%

EXPENSES
$8,807,000

Food and Hunger Programs 91.9%
Resource Development 5.3%
Administration 2.8%

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.
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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