

YOUR GIFT STRENGTHENS A COUNTYWIDE NETWORK OF SUPPORT

When you give to FFLC, you support innovative programs that provide help to people where they are — from our gardens and downtown Dining Room to food recovery programs including Fresh Alliance and Food Rescue Express. Your gift also supports a countywide food distribution network of more than 150 organizations. Thank you.

FOOD PANTRIES

Alluvium Church • The Arc of 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 • The Salvation Army • The Shepherd's Table at St. John the Divine • Triangle Food Box • Up River Pantry

MEAL SITES

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

EMERGENCY SHELTERS

Looking Glass Station 7 • St. Vincent de Paul Dusk 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 • 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 • Plaza • 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 • University of Oregon Student Sustainability Center • Willamette High School



MOBILE PANTRY



#CHEESELUV24! GRILLED CHEESE EXPERIENCE RUNS FEBRUARY 1-29

Join us for the 10th Annual Grilled Cheese Experience, presented by Kendall Auto Group, February 1–29! Participating restaurants will offer a new twist on an old favorite — the grilled cheese sandwich. For each sandwich you purchase, restaurants will donate \$2 to FFLC.

Pick up a Grilled Cheese Experience Passport when you purchase your first sandwich, or scan the QR code below to download one at [foodforlanecounty.org/GCE](https://www.foodforlanecounty.org/GCE). Collect stickers for a chance to win prizes. For every 5 stickers you collect, you will be entered into a drawing to win tickets to Chefs' Night Out on April 8 at the Lane Events Center.

Join the Grilled Cheese Experience FFLC Facebook group, and follow us on Instagram for the latest info and postings about Cheesy Royalty sightings to earn even more stickers!

For all the cheesy details, including a list of participating restaurants and a downloadable passport, go to [foodforlanecounty.org/GCE](https://www.foodforlanecounty.org/GCE) or scan the QR below.



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Post your experience on
Instagram for a chance
to win more prizes!
[#cheeseluv24](https://www.instagram.com/cheeseluv24)

Scan this for all
the cheesy details!



UPCOMING EVENTS

See the other side of this newsletter for a list of upcoming events. For more information, call (541) 343-2822, or visit [foodforlanecounty.org/](https://www.foodforlanecounty.org/) Events.



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WINTER 2024 NEWSLETTER



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NEW ROADS

FOOD FOR LANE COUNTY

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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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BREAKFAST IS SERVED

FOOD For Lane County partners with more than 150 organizations to distribute food. Our partners, located throughout Lane County, are dedicated to serving the most vulnerable among us. Looking Glass New Roads in Eugene helps homeless teens and young adults get their lives back on track and provides the chance to reunite with their families. New Roads provides a range of services from food, clothing and showers to education, counseling and help finding a job.

In 2022, FFLC worked with Albertsons stores in Eugene and Springfield to secure a \$31,701 grant to provide breakfast foods for children and youth at New Roads and St. Vincent de Paul First Place Family Center. This year, with the help of the grant, New Roads has served 3,924 breakfasts to 654 youth.

The grant provided a variety of ready-to-eat foods, including French toast, premade breakfast burritos, single-serving cereals and oatmeal, pre-cooked bacon and sausage, juice boxes, milk, fruit cups, applesauce, shelf-stable dairy and hash browns.

Ashley Kirkhart is program manager for Looking Glass Homeless Youth Services.

“We are so grateful for the breakfast food provided through this grant,” Ashley said. “The ready-to-eat boxed items are amazing. We can only heat food in our kitchen, so any ready-to-heat and eat foods are incredibly helpful and appreciated. Anything that can be heated in a microwave or toaster is perfect. Thank you so much. The youth and our staff are so grateful.”

“Thank you to Albertsons for this generous grant, and thank you to New Roads for all they do for the youth they serve,” FFLC Food Resource Developer Kara Smith said. “We accomplish more when we work together, and this is an excellent example of that.”

Learn more about Looking Glass New Roads at www.lookingglass.us/new-roads.

VOLUNTEER!

FFLC is powered by volunteers! Go to [foodforlanecounty.org/Volunteer](https://www.foodforlanecounty.org/Volunteer) to learn more!



CHEFS' NIGHT OUT TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Join us Monday, April 8, for Chefs' Night Out! Thanks to our generous sponsors, 100% of your ticket purchase directly supports FFLC's mission of creating access to food.

Monday, April 8, 2024
6:30–9:00 p.m.
Lane Events Center
796 W. 13th Ave. Eugene

\$95 General Admission
\$125 VIP Early Entrance (5:30 p.m.) Only 350 available!

TICKETS: foodforlanecounty.org/CNO

Chefs' Night Out is an evening filled with food and beverages created just for you by Lane County's finest restaurants, caterers, wineries, breweries and distilleries. More than 50 purveyors will offer small bites of their creations. Try them all! Select your favorite bite by voting for the People's Choice award. Enjoy music by local artists. All on one level, the spacious Lane Events Center also provides free parking.

Chefs' Night Out



GET YOUR
TICKETS!



MAKE A LEGACY GIFT TODAY

Happy new year! Thank you for helping us alleviate hunger and its root causes. As we welcome 2024, we invite you to look ahead and consider how you can make a difference in our community for years to come.

This year, we hope you'll consider making a legacy gift. Also known as a planned gift or bequest, a legacy gift is a donation that you designate in your will or trust. These gifts enable you to support FFLC long into the future.

Why now? The transition to a new year serves as a powerful reminder that legacies are built every day through the choices we make and the commitments we honor. 2024 is a new chapter. Make it a chapter of positive impact.

Estate planning can feel complicated, which is why we partner with FreeWill — a tool that can help you create your estate plan for free in just 20 minutes.

To create or update your estate plan and make your legacy gift, visit FreeWill.com/FFLC or scan the QR code below. Questions? Contact FFLC Development Director Rebecca Sprinson at (541) 343-2822 x143 or rsprinson@foodforlanecounty.org.



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to get started!



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OUR PARTNERS



FOOD AND FUND DRIVES PROVIDE
CRITICAL SUPPORT

Food drives keep pantry shelves stocked and provide needed variety to the food FFLC distributes, while funds keep our trucks on the road and so much more. Thank you to these recent drives and to all those drives not listed here.

5th Street Public Market's Haunted Market • Abcam • Associated Heating and Air Conditioning • Bulk Handling Systems • Cascade Chorus Christmas Concert • Crescent Park Senior Living • Downtown Athletic Club • Dr. Robert Rust, Jr., DMD General Dentistry • Elements at Oakway • Eugene Saturday Market's Holiday Market • Fortnightly Club of Eugene's Silver Offering • Jefferson Westside Neighbors • KDUK and US 101 Country Stuff The Bus • KVAL Take A Bite Out Of Hunger • League of Women Voters • Level 32 Racing Turkey Trot • Lube It USA • National Association of Letter Carriers' Fall Drive • Phresh Start • University of Oregon Army ROTC • University of Oregon Delta Sigma • University of Oregon Pi Beta Phi • US Foods CHEF'STORE Eugene and Springfield

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE
UPCOMING EVENTS

For more info, visit foodforlanecounty.org/Events or call (541) 343-2822.

Grilled Cheese Experience, February 1-29 • Governor's State Employees Food Drive, February 1-29 • Dutch Luv, February 1-18, Dutch Bros will donate \$1 from every Dutch Luv featured drink • Eugene Neighborhood Associations Food Drive, March 2 • Lane County Spring Home & Garden Show Food Drive, March 8-10 • Chef's Night Out, April 8 • Empty Bowl's Sale, May 3 • Letter Carrier's Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, May 11 • KVAL Can Do Food Drive, June 5



WAYS TO DONATE



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YOUTH FARM

BECOME A SUSTAINING
DONOR TODAY

Sustaining donors are steadfast partners in FFLC's work to relieve hunger in Lane County. You can choose to make an automatic donation monthly, quarterly or yearly. Whatever the amount, your gift ensures that those who need help in Lane County have uninterrupted access to the programs and services FFLC provides.

Every dollar you donate allows us to provide two meals for someone in need. Ninety-two cents of every dollar goes directly to programs that help fight hunger and its root causes.

It's easy to get started. Simply go to foodforlanecounty.org/sustaining-contribution to sign up, or call (541) 343-2822.

NOURISHING OUR COMMUNITY
A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



In all corners of our community, a growing challenge demands our attention — the escalating rates of food insecurity.

And in the face of this challenge, so many of YOU have proven that when we work together we can make a profound difference. The increase in

hunger in our community has not gone unnoticed, and your generosity gives hope to so many.

From heartfelt donations to the precious gift of time volunteered, your efforts have created ripples of change. FOOD For Lane County stands as a testament to this collective spirit, reaching across Lane County to create access to nourishment.

FFLC's commitment to eradicating hunger extends beyond traditional food banking. Through innovative programs,

community gardens and mobile food pantries, FFLC has become a lifeline for those in need. From urban hubs to rural landscapes, FFLC's network addresses the unique challenges faced by our diverse community.

As we navigate these challenging times, let us continue to work together ensuring that no one in our community goes without the food they need to live a healthy life. Your support is not just a response to hunger; it demonstrates the strength of our community and the profound impact we can have when we work together.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Stein, Executive Director

HOW FAR DOES A DONATED DOLLAR GO?

Every dollar you give to FFLC allows us to provide two meals through a countywide food distribution network. Go to foodforlanecounty.org/Donate to make a gift today!

CALLING ALL BOWL ARTISTS!
WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING BOWLS FOR
THE EMPTY BOWLS SALE ON MAY 3

The Empty Bowls Sale is Friday, May 3, at The Market Alley at 5th Street Public Market, 550 Pearl Street, Eugene. You'll find an assortment of clay, glass, metal, wood and fiber bowls — all donated by local artists. Prices begin at \$10 per bowl, and proceeds benefit FFLC's hunger relief efforts in Lane County.

We are now accepting donations of bowls. Please wrap your bowls, put them in a box with a lid and take them to 770 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The submission deadline is May 1.

If you have questions, please contact FFLC Events Coordinator Dawn Marie Woodward at (541) 343-2822 or dmwoodward@foodforlanecounty.org.

