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This report reflects January 1 through December 31, 2024.

NOURISHING COMMUNITY TOGETHER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



At FOOD For Lane County, we know that food is more than just sustenance — it is connection, resilience and community. This year's annual report highlights the interconnection of our local food system and the ways in which partnerships across farms, food businesses and donors help to ensure that everyone in Lane County has access to nourishing food.

From Lane County farmers growing crops for emergency food assistance, to local food businesses stepping up with generous contributions, our work is possible because of a shared commitment to feeding our neighbors. These partnerships strengthen our food supply and our entire community by creating a system where everyone has a role to play in fighting hunger.

Equally vital is the generosity of donors and volunteers who give their time, energy and resources to make this work happen. Whether sorting food, tending gardens or making financial contributions, their dedication fuels our ability to distribute food — more than 8 million pounds in 2024.

FOOD For Lane County began in 1984 because members of this community recognized the good that could be accomplished by creating a regional food bank here. Today, 40 years later, your continued support ensures that we and our partners will be right here, getting food to those in need as long as they need it.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn Stein". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Carolyn Stein
FOOD For Lane County Executive Director



We're at a place in our lives where everything is just hard. This is just a little bit of relief and a little bit of extra food.

MOTHER OF FOUR, UPRIVER FOOD PANTRY RECIPIENT, DORENA

TINY PANTRY MAKES BIG DIFFERENCE IN COBURG

Small, rural pantries play a big role in the communities they serve. Coburg Food Pantry welcomes shoppers twice a month for two hours. Pantry shelves, freezers and fridges are stocked with food from FFLC. Produce is neatly displayed in baskets on a small table in the center of the room. A few toiletries — items you can't purchase with food stamps — sit by the door.

Linda has volunteered for 10 years, Tanna for 17. On that day in January, they served 46 families in two hours.

"Nobody should go hungry," Linda said. "We have wonderful people who come here. A lot of them are seniors. Some of these people have been coming for years. Most weeks you see familiar faces, but half the people here today I've never seen before," Linda said.

Many people in Lane County are living paycheck to paycheck. They worry about not having enough money to cover their basic needs. According to United Way of Lane County, almost 47% of our neighbors don't make enough to get by.

"I grew up in a single-parent household, so I totally get it," Tanna said.

There are also happy stories.

"We had a family that came in for months," Tanna said. "They were struggling, and then they stopped coming. They started doing better and gave us a \$500 donation and a thank you card."

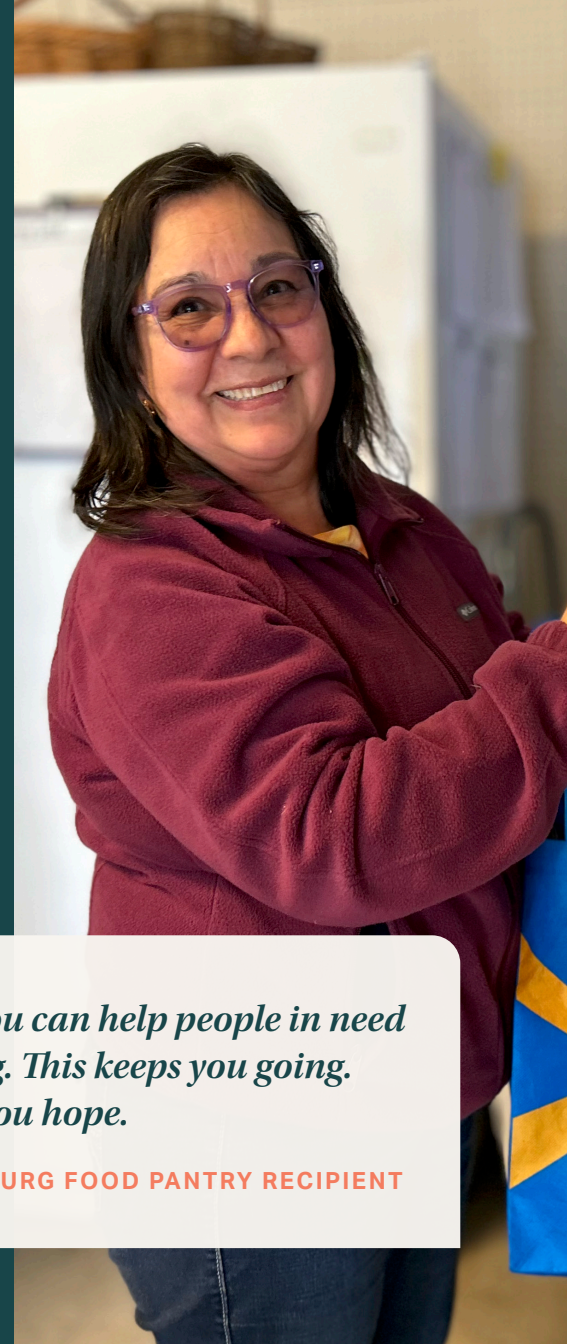
"We used to see 10 to 15 families," Tanna said. "Now we'll see 30, sometimes 40 households in two hours. It's shocking to me the number of people. I had one lady say, 'I'm in my seventies and never did I think I'd be here. My benefits have been cut. I don't know what I'm supposed to do.' They're relying on this extra food."

Alyssa and Cory have two young children, 9 and 11. Alyssa works full-time. Cory is a stay-at-home dad. They are number 32 in line today. Their biggest expenses are rent, gas and food. They share one car. They receive food stamps but not enough to buy groceries for the month. Today they hope to pick up a few things their kids will like — fruit, mac 'n cheese, peanut butter, granola bars.



Any time you can help people in need is a blessing. This keeps you going. This gives you hope.

GEORGE, COBURG FOOD PANTRY RECIPIENT





Another shopper, Phil, owned the Sears store in Cottage Grove until it closed. Now retired, he drives from Cottage Grove to Coburg to get a few groceries for himself and his wife. He likes this pantry. The volunteers are friendly. He doesn't come every month, just when they need a little extra help.

"Money's tough to come by when you're retired," he said. "I appreciate your donors' service to the food bank so that not just me, but other people can come here and get what they need in life."

John is 56 and lives in Eugene. He has two kids, 13 and 16. The \$23 he gets in food stamps each month is not enough to cover groceries for the three of them.

"These people help us out a lot," John said. What he can't get at the pantry, he buys at the grocery store.

"I only buy what's on sale," he said. "I use apps — Safeway, Albertsons, Fred Meyer. I clip coupons and save wherever I can. Yesterday I only paid \$8 for a ham! So that's cool. But that's what I have to do. I have to look for bargains."

Linda, 71, and Carol, 68, are sisters. Both retired, they share an apartment to save on rent. Living together is the only way they can afford housing.

George is 76 and lives in Eugene. He's been coming to the pantry for a couple months. It's just him and his cat. Sometimes he's able to get cat food at the pantry, which is helpful because he can't use his food stamps to purchase that.

"Any time you can help people in need is a blessing," George said. "You might be living on the streets, but you can always still come to a food pantry. This keeps you going. This gives you hope."

Of the more than 8 million pounds of food FFLC provided in 2024, 5.6 million pounds was distributed to clients by 33 partner pantries. Thirteen pantries serve the Eugene/Springfield area. Another 20 serve rural communities from Florence to Oakridge.

FOOD BUSINESS DONORS

THANK YOU TO THESE FOOD BUSINESS DONORS FOR EACH DONATING 5,000 OR MORE POUNDS OF FOOD IN 2024. TOGETHER, THESE BUSINESSES DONATED MORE THAN 2.5 MILLION POUNDS OF FOOD IN 2024.

10 Stars Farm
 Albertsons
 Attune Foods
 Bi-Mart
 Cosmic Bliss
 Costco
 Eugene School District 4J
 Franz Bakery
 Fred Meyer
 Garden of Eden
 GloryBee Foods
 gopuff
 Grain Millers
 Groundwork Organics
 Lochmead Dairy

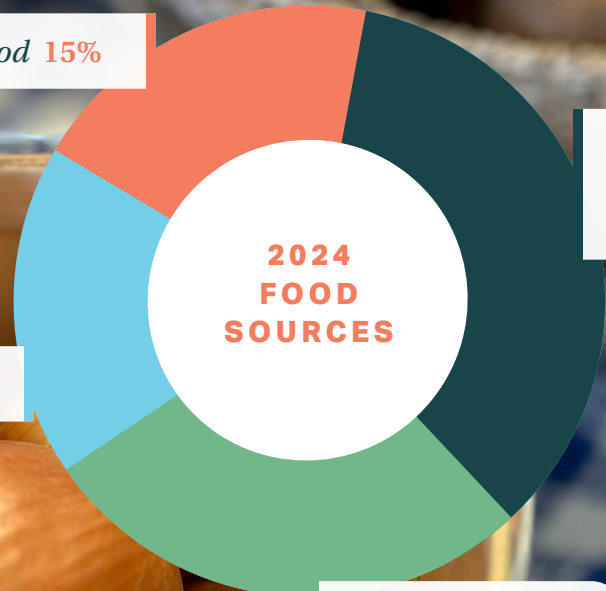
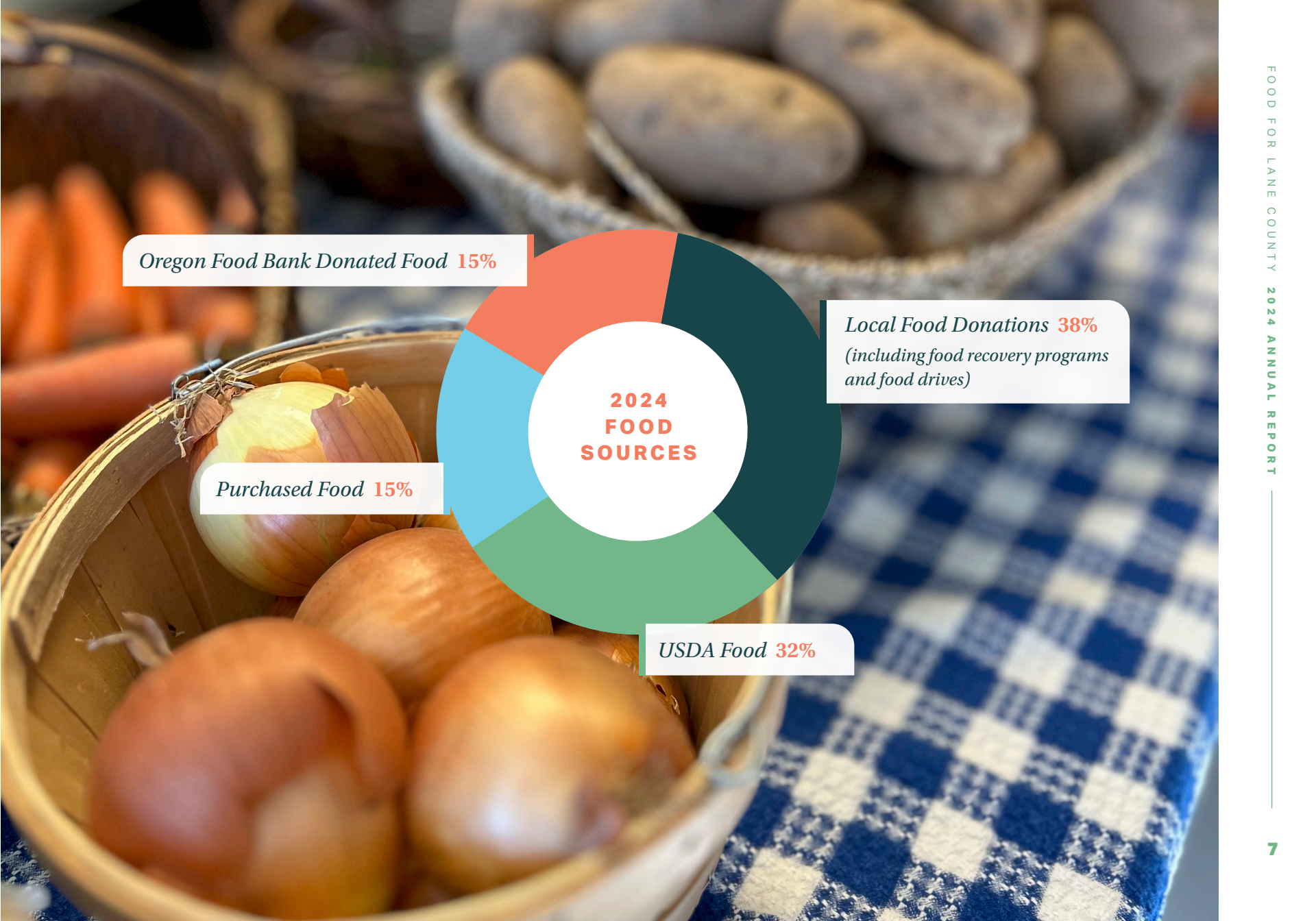
Market of Choice
 New Leash on Life
 NORPAC Foods
 NuNaturals
 Oroweat Bimbo Bakeries USA
 Safeway
 Southern Glazers Wine & Spirits
 Springfield Creamery
 Target
 University of Oregon
 US Foods CHEF'STORE
 U.S. Olympic Track & Field Trials
 Walmart
 WinCo
 Yogi

SCAN-A-COUPON

THANK YOU TO THESE STORES FOR PARTICIPATING IN SCAN-A-COUPON IN 2024.

The Scan-A-Coupon program raised more than \$86,000 in 2024, enough to provide 172,000 meals. Thank you for giving where you live, and thank you to these local Scan partners for giving their customers an opportunity to support FFLC's hunger relief efforts in Lane County.

*The Albertsons Companies Foundation
 Capella Market
 C & K Market/Ray's Food Place
 Friendly Street Market
 Kiva
 Kroger Foundation
 Market of Choice
 MS Market 2
 Natural Grocers
 Sundance Natural Foods*



Oregon Food Bank Donated Food **15%**

Local Food Donations **38%**
(including food recovery programs and food drives)

Purchased Food **15%**

USDA Food **32%**

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MARKET OF CHOICE HELPS ADDRESS FOOD INSECURITY IN LANE COUNTY

Market of Choice stores in Eugene have partnered with FFLC to help our neighbors in need for many years — donating food, participating in the SCAN-A-Coupon program and sponsoring events. We are so grateful for their generous support.

“Part of our mission is to have a positive impact in our communities,” Market of Choice Vice President of Marketing Dewey Weddington said. “Working with FFLC provides direct and immediate access for us to do this with a partner that we know is seeking the same end goal.”

Owned locally by the Wright family since 1979, Market of Choice has supported its local community from the beginning. In addition to FFLC, Market of Choice supports food banks in Ashland, Bend, Corvallis, Portland and West Linn. Market of Choice also works with children’s health-related nonprofits around the state.



Taking care of our neighbors and helping in our community is at the core of our partnership with FOOD For Lane County.

DEWEY WEDDINGTON, VICE PRESIDENT OF MARKETING

“We believe that the best way to have a local impact is to support our local economy by working with local farmers, ranchers and makers and by working to help ensure those in our communities who are food insecure have access to resources like FFLC,” Dewey said.

“Taking care of our neighbors and helping people in our community is at the core of our partnership with FFLC,” Dewey added. “Because of the nature of our business, we have a means to help by donating fresh prepared foods from our kitchen, giving our customers an opportunity to donate to FFLC at our registers and participating in events that help raise funds and food that contribute to feeding our community.”

Market of Choice also helps build awareness about hunger and FFLC’s efforts to address it. In November 2024, Market of Choice collected food at its four stores in Eugene to help with the Letter Carriers Food Drive.

“That was an easy ‘yes’ because we have an audience and local stores for convenient donations and collections. We reach a lot of people through our email, websites and social media,” Dewey said.

“Market of Choice and FFLC are both committed to nourishing our community and doing our best to make sure people have what they need,” Dewey said. “By working together we can do that better than if we were doing it independent of each other.”

MARKET OF CHOICE DONATED MORE THAN 328,000 POUNDS OF FOOD TO FFLC IN 2024.

By participating in SCAN-A-Coupon, Market of Choice gives its customers an opportunity to donate money at the registers. Those donations go directly to FFLC. In 2024, Eugene-area customers donated nearly \$65,000.

Food donated by Market of Choice stores, combined with the generosity of its customers through the SCAN-A-Coupon program, provided the equivalent of 403,333 meals for Lane County neighbors in need.



FUNDS AND FOUNDATIONS

THANK YOU TO THESE FUNDS AND FOUNDATIONS FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT IN 2024

\$500,000+

Evergreen Hill Education Fund of Oregon Community Foundation

\$250,000–\$499,999

An Anonymous Fund of Oregon Community Foundation

\$50,000–\$99,999

Anonymous Fund of The Vanguard Charitable Endowment Program

Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Inc.

Rosaria P. Haugland Foundation

United Way of Lane County

\$25,000–\$49,999

Elizabeth S. Holden Fund of Oregon Community Foundation

Hayes Family Foundation

John E. and Robin Jaqua Fund of Oregon Community Foundation

OCCU Foundation

The Albertsons Companies Foundation

The Yogi Foundation

\$10,000–\$24,999

Ann & David Fidanque Family Fund of
Oregon Community Foundation

Anonymous Fund of American Endowment Foundation

Bank of America Charitable Foundation

Chambers Family Foundation

Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation

David & Patricia Giuliani Family Foundation

Donna P. Woolley Fund of Oregon Community Foundation

Florence V. Barnhart Fund of Oregon Community Foundation

Helmstetter Family Foundation

Hope Hughes Pressman Endowment Fund
of Oregon Community Foundation

LTM Family Foundation

McKay Family Foundation

Norman and Olga Evelyn Wildish Fund
of Oregon Community Foundation

Paulus Foundation

R.W. Family Fund of Oregon Community Foundation

Redtail Fund

Ripple Foundation

Shepard Charitable Fund at Schwab Charitable

Suwinski Family Foundation

The McInerney Family Charitable Fund

The Singer Family Fund at Schwab Charitable

Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund

Willard E. Smucker Foundation

\$5,000–\$9,999

A.J. & Roslyn Gaines Foundation in Memory of Carolyn Spector

Anonymous Fund at Schwab Charitable

Bluestone Foundation

Chevron Matching Employee Funds of the

Blackbaud Giving Fund Combined Federal Campaign

Equinox Foundation
Hacker Family Fund of Fidelity Charitable
Hubert J. and Linda K. Van Peenen Fund
Judy Clement Fund at Schwab Charitable
in Memory of Judge Andrew Clement
Kenneth and Kathleen Springate Family Fund of Fidelity Charitable
Lane Werner Family Foundation
MDU Resources Foundation
Meals on Wheels - Case and Velma Hamlin Designated Fund
of Oregon Community Foundation
Mycelium Fund of Oregon Community Foundation
Powers Charitable Fund at Schwab Charitable
R&M Clark Family Foundation
Spark Fund of Oregon Community Foundation
The Marsden Querns Family Fund of Goldman Sachs
The Mehlum Family Foundation
W.L.S. Spencer Foundation



GRANT FUNDS PROVIDE GOOD FOOD FOR ALL WHILE INVESTING IN LOCAL FARMS

In 2024, FFLC embarked on a five-year project to increase food security in Lane County while investing in local and new farms. Called the Farm to Food Assistance program, the project is funded by the Lane Community Health Council. The summer of 2024 marked the first season of the project.

“We’re so excited about this new project,” FFLC Food Resource Developer Kara Smith said. “We love supporting our local growers and sharing all this beautiful produce with our clients. It’s a win-win!”

Grant funds allow FFLC to pay growers a fair price for their harvest. Forward contracting means farmers have money up front before they even put seeds in the ground and a reliable market when it’s time to sell.

Peppers, garlic and tomatillos from Azul Farms. Golden plums from Lively Organic Farm. Broccoli, tomatoes, cucumbers and snow peas from Friends and Family Farm. And so much more, all distributed to Lane County neighbors experiencing food insecurity through FFLC’s partner pantries.

The Farm to Food Assistance program ensures that the same fresh, nutritious and culturally important foods available at farmers’ markets are also available at food pantries throughout Lane County.

“The funds have helped us pay for a tractor, employees, mulch, shade cloth and more,” Florentino Contreras of 10 Stars Farm in Marcola said. “We have also been able to buy strawberry and blackberry starts and grape plants. The funds have helped us out in so many ways!”



FFLC PROVIDES FARMERS WITH PEACE OF MIND

“A common challenge for small farms is the delay between when they pay for inputs, like seeds and labor, and when they receive payment for their products,” Kara said. “With forward contracting, FFLC provides an upfront deposit to the farmer upon signature of a contract and then makes additional payments throughout the season as product is delivered.”

“The contract with FFLC gave us the courage to grow larger quantities than we ever had before,” said Linea Brink Andersen of Friends and Family Farm in Veneta. “The forward contracting and check-ins give us the ability to adjust and adapt mid-season. Our green beans and peppers didn’t produce as well as we had hoped, but we were able to make up for those crops with broccoli, tomatoes, cucumbers and snow peas.”

Rosie Sweetman of Little Wings Farm in Eugene said that sometimes they invest money and labor into a crop that cannot find a home.

“FOOD For Lane County has been able to purchase those crops and help us avert a major loss,” she said. “There is a comfort in knowing if something out of the ordinary happens in the market, FOOD For Lane County is there to fill the niche as a buyer who can take a lot of one item.”

David and Jessica Grebner started Red Tail Organics in Marcola in 2019, working one acre at a time. Farm to Food Assistance funds have helped them earn a wage from their efforts starting a farm. It’s given them the chance to expand their farm and the flexibility to grow more varieties of crops. To receive half of the contract payment up front has helped them pay for the inputs necessary at the beginning of the growing season.

Last year, Tom Lively of Lively Organic Farm in Eugene had a bumper crop of golden plums but could not find a market for all of them.

“It sounds great to have a bounty, but then you need to sell the crop,” Tom said. “We have several good markets for our fruit, but in this case the crop was too big for normal channels. With the fruit boxed up I was starting to scratch my head, when Rosie at Little Wings Farm told me about FOOD For Lane County’s local farm buy program. I called Kara, and the following day 500 pounds of plums were bought and delivered!”

“Our farm really appreciates the extra support, and it’s fun to know that a bunch of local folks who otherwise might not get a chance to eat our fruit got a bag full that week,” Tom said. “Thank you very much for this opportunity!”

THANK YOU TO LANE COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL FOR THESE FUNDS. WE ARE THRILLED TO SUPPORT THESE FARMS!

10 Stars Farm
Azul Farm
Camas Swale Farm
Farm on 42nd
Friends and Family Farm
Johnson Vegetable Farms
Little Wings Farm
Lively Organic Farm

Red Tail Organics
Wild Child Farm
Winter Green Farm



ORGANIZATIONS

THANK YOU TO THESE ORGANIZATIONS FOR THEIR GENEROUS FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN 2024

\$1,000,000+

Lane Community Health Council

\$250,000–\$999,999

Trillium Community Health Plan

\$100,000–\$249,999

PacificSource Community Solutions

Two Girls and a Horse

\$50,000–\$99,999

Jersey Mike's

Willamette Farm & Food Coalition

\$25,000–\$49,999

PeaceHealth

University of Oregon

\$10,000–\$24,999

Alluvium Church

First Interstate Bank

King Estate Winery

Murphy Company

Olsson Industrial Electric

OnPoint Community Credit Union

SnoTemp

Summit Bank

Sunrise Asian Food Market

Upper Willamette Soil & Water

Conservation District

\$5,000–\$9,999

AgWest Farm Credit

Bigfoot Beverages

Dutch Bros

Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce

Jerry's Home Improvement Center

KMTR

Level 32 Racing

Oregon Department of Administrative Services

Oregon Food Bank

Organically Grown Company

PakTech

Siding Specialist

Slocum Center for Orthopedics & Sports Medicine

THANK YOU TO THESE BUSINESSES FOR DONATING IN-KIND PRODUCTS AND SERVICES VALUED AT OVER \$88,000 IN 2024

Bicoastal Media

Cascade Metal

Fred Meyer Jewelers

High Performance Audio Visual

Hop Valley Brewing Co.

Hydrofarm

KVAL

Parties To Go

QSL Print Communications

Territorial Seed Company



VOLUNTEER GROUPS

THANK YOU TO THESE GROUPS FOR VOLUNTEERING FOR ONE OR MORE FFLC PROGRAMS IN 2024. THANK YOU ALSO TO THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS NOT LISTED HERE!

FOOD For Lane County has a unique opportunity to engage our community on many different levels. In 2024, thousands of volunteers rolled up their sleeves and gave 61,207 hours to help their neighbors.

Most volunteers never meet the people and families who benefit from their time planting, sorting, packaging and making food. They come because they love people and want to help provide nourishment to our community.

Downtown Lions Club
Emerald Empire Kiwanis
Eugene Downtown Lions Club
Eugene Rotary
First Interstate Bank
Little Hands Can
Northwest Community Credit Union
Oregon Community Credit Union
Oregon State Hospital
PenFed Credit Union
Springfield Twin Rivers Rotary
Umpqua Bank
Unitarian Universalist Church of Eugene
United Lutheran Church

YOUTH FARM BRINGS NEIGHBORS TOGETHER

We look forward to opening our new 25-acre Youth Farm on Seavey Loop Road in 2026. Ted Purdy has managed the Youth Farm in its current location on Flamingo Avenue in Springfield for 20 years — overseeing 20 full- and part-time staff, almost 1,500 volunteers and the production of more than 120,000 pounds of food annually. Half of that food is distributed through FFLC’s countywide network of partners. The other half is sold to help fund the Youth Farm.

“There’s a lot of magic that happens at the farm,” Ted said. “FFLC’s mission of feeding people brings everybody together and creates a community here.”

Working with a crew of teens every summer is one of his greatest joys.

“Working with the Youth Farm crew is definitely a high point for me,” Ted said. “We see incredible growth, especially in those youth who are here for more than a year. The leadership skills they develop and the confidence they possess when they leave is just exceptional. Those are skills they take with them.”

Work has already begun on the new 25-acre site on Seavey Loop Road at the base of Mt. Pisgah. Ted is excited about the opportunities the new location will bring.

“We will definitely be able to expand our capacity to serve the community. To have that stability, to think long term, to grow beyond what we can do at our current site is an amazing opportunity.”

THANK YOU

To the Evergreen Hill Fund of Oregon Community Foundation and a second anonymous donor for their lead support with this project.

“We’ll continue to do what we do well, which is work with youth and grow food for our community,” he added. “With 25 acres we have so much more land and infrastructure to dream big. It’s exciting to have a site where we can make those dreams a reality.”



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TED PURDY, FFLC YOUTH FARM MANAGER

FFLC BY THE NUMBERS

8+
million

total pounds of food distributed to neighbors experiencing food insecurity, including more than 5.5 million pounds through 34 food pantries

150

partner agencies, including 34 pantries and more than 100 supplemental food programs throughout Lane County

469,829

meals served through 18 partner meal sites and shelters, including 42,769 meals served at FFLC's Dining Room

120,085

total pounds of fresh produce harvested at FFLC's GrassRoots Garden and the Youth Farm

61,207

volunteer hours in support of FFLC programs





YOGI INVESTS IN FFLC'S NEW YOUTH FARM SITE

With generous donations of tea, time and money, Yogi has supported FFLC for many years. In 2024, The Yogi Foundation awarded FFLC a \$30,000 grant to help fund FFLC's plans to expand our Youth Farm at the new Seavey Loop site. Work has already begun on the new 25-acre site near Mt. Pisgah, scheduled to open in 2026.

"This is where our employees live," said Briana Buckles, Global Senior Sustainability Manager for Yogi. "We have a responsibility to invest back into that local community, because we all get to live here and it's a beautiful place."

Briana reached out to FFLC in 2024 to make a donation.

"That was before we even knew that the Youth Farm was expanding to a new location," she said. "The pieces and the timing all just lined up sort of naturally on accident. We care a lot about organics. We care a lot about farmers and farming practices. It's so beautiful and amazing to see the vision and what's in the future for that project."

I can't imagine if suddenly FFLC went away and that void wasn't being filled. I can't imagine the ripple effect that would have on our community.

BRIANA BUCKLES, GLOBAL SENIOR SUSTAINABILITY MANAGER

Yogi team members travel the world, visiting farms within the company's supply chains. But to spend time at a local farm here in our community that is doing good work is always a fun team-building experience, Briana said.

"Farming with organic practices is near and dear to our hearts at Yogi," she said. "We've developed a really big love for the Youth Farm and the work that they're doing. It's amazing to see."

Her team is impressed by the farm's mission of providing food to people in need within our community while providing educational and work opportunities for young people and potential future farmers.

"The fact that one small farm in our community can have such a big impact is really inspiring to us," she said. "We have this company foundation that supports a lot of our work with farmers who grow our ingredients around the world. It's really cool to see impactful farming right here in our own community."

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2025

In 2024, Yogi strengthened its existing partnership with FFLC — through volunteering, their gifts of tea and a generous gift toward the expansion of the Youth Farm.

"I think there are going to be some real opportunities to continue building on that partnership going forward," Briana said.

"We learned more about the work that FFLC does. I think conceptually we all know that there is a need in our community for access to nutritious food, but to hear the numbers behind it is really eye-opening," she said.

"To hear just how much food FFLC provides to our community and what that need looks like from a quantifiable perspective really gave us pause to understand and respect and appreciate the work that FFLC does," she added. "I can't imagine if suddenly FFLC went away and that void wasn't being filled. I can't imagine the ripple effect that would have on our community."



A GIFT OF TEA

In November 2024, the company donated tea for FFLC Meals on Wheels clients. Yogi also donates truckloads of tea that FFLC shares across the entire network of food banks in Oregon.

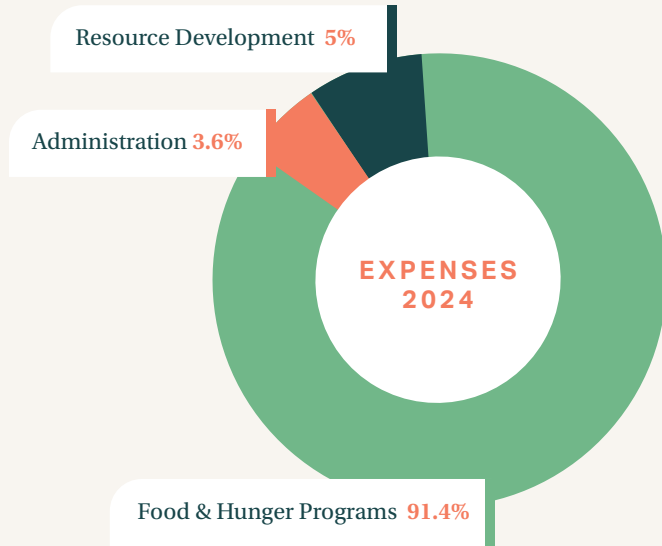
"We had an overstock of some beautiful sampler packs, and we really wanted to find a good home for them," Briana said. Yogi donated enough tea for 550 Meals on Wheels clients, 150 volunteers and 470 Senior Grocery clients!

FINANCIALS

JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2024 FINANCIALS

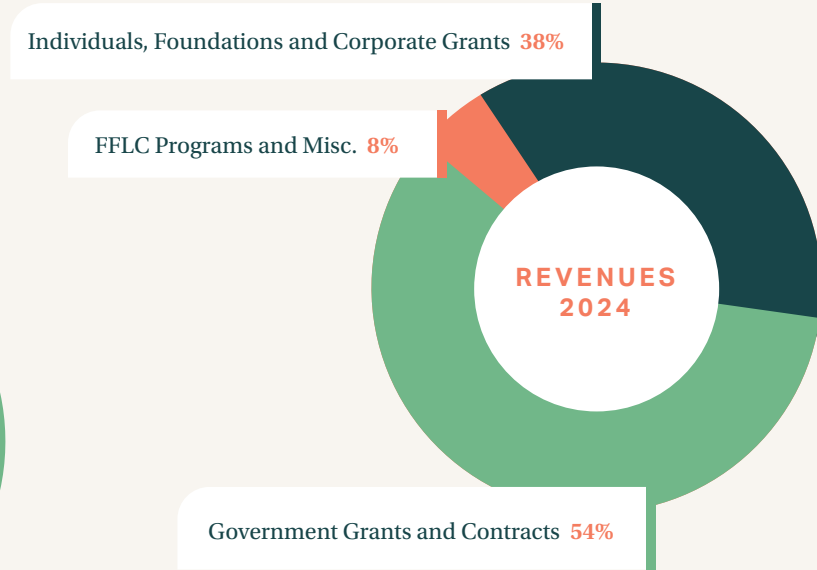
EXPENSES

\$11,578,466



REVENUES

\$14,531,010



JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2024

Total expenses: \$11,578,466

Total revenues: \$14,531,010

Distributed 8,103,222 pounds of food valued at \$16,991,284. 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 an affiliate food bank of Feeding America.



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