MAKING A DIFFERENCE
FOOD for Lane County relies on thousands of volunteers every year — more than 74,000 hours last year alone! We couldn’t do our job without them. Volunteers are passionate and enthusiastic partners in the work we do. And to them, their work is gold. These 74,000 hours are equal to 35.5 full-time employees. Imagine all of our wonderful volunteers simply didn’t show up. It might look something like this:

Without volunteers, we would not be able to provide more than 18,000 meals a day to residents in all corners of Lane County.

Without volunteers, we would not be able to provide more than 40,000 meals a month.

Without volunteers, we would not be able to deliver food to 370 seniors.

Without volunteers, we would not be able to deliver groceries to seniors in their homes.

Without volunteers, we would not be able to sort the thousands of pounds of shelf-stable food donated to the Letter Carriers Food Drive in December.

Without volunteers, we would not be able to distribute emergency food boxes to more than 71,000 people struggling to just put food on the table.

YOU CAN HELP
Here are ways you can make a difference:

DONATE MONEY. For every dollar you give, we can distribute one meal. Visit foodforlanecounty.org and donate online. Or mail your donation to FOOD for Lane County, 770 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene, OR 97402. Thank you.

DONATE FOOD. The Letter Carriers Food Drive is the first two Saturdays in December. Every year, we have a plastics bag of food by your mail box. Your letter carrier will pick it up. You can also donate food at any time of year to a local pantry, church or school. Contact your local food bank or faith community to find out how.

DELIVER FOOD TO SENIORS. We’re delivering groceries Milk to Mars in order to deliver Monday through Friday. Rescue volunteers deliver food for seniors and for a fee. They deliver food as part of a team or as an on-call sub. We encourage individuals to deliver groceries to seniors in their homes. For more information about these and other volunteer opportunities, please contact Dan Budd at (541) 343-2822 or volunteer@foodforlanecounty.org.

ORGANIZE A FOOD DRIVE. Donate to a food drive or organize your own. Contact Food for Lane County at 770 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene, OR 97402 or call (541) 343-2822 or volunteer@foodforlanecounty.org.

READY TO RACE
Join us for a Thanksgiving Day for Turkey Trot Sponsored by Local 28 Racing, the fun begins at 11 a.m. There is a 5K race, a 10K race and a 20-mile Kolo Kilber Gulp! All events begin and end in the northwest corner of Valley River Center. Entry fees are $25 for adults and $10 for under 12 and will not include a portion of your registration fee. Benefits for FOOD for Lane County and these funds will be matched by Salesforce Fleet. Unions donate natural health products to customers worldwide. Register in person at Eugene Running Company or online at Level3 Racing.com.

THE FACE OF HUNGER
When we talk to people who seek services from FOOD for Lane County or our partner agencies, this is what we hear. They tell their story. They do not tell us their story about getting the food they need that month. They put their bills first. Whatever is left is what they spend on food. They clip coupons and shop clearance bins at the grocery store. They live on SNAP benefits and other government assistance. They do the best they can to feed their families. Their story is hard. Their story is real. Their story is what we hear. They do their best. They do without. When we talk to people who seek services from FOOD for Lane County, this is what we hear. They tell us their story. They put their jobs first. Whatever is left they spend on food. They clip coupons and shop clearance bins at the grocery store. They live on SNAP benefits and other government assistance. They do the best they can to feed their families. Their story is hard. Their story is real. Their story is what we hear. They do their best. They do without. When we talk to people who seek services from FOOD for Lane County, this is what we hear. They tell their story. They do not tell us their story about getting the food they need that month. They put their bills first. Whatever is left is what they spend on food. They clip coupons and shop clearance bins at the grocery store. They live on SNAP benefits and other government assistance. They do the best they can to feed their families. Their story is hard. Their story is real. Their story is what we hear. They do their best. They do without.

UPCOMING EVENTS
November 4 & 5
Turkey Trot at Valley River Center

November 5
RIKA Holiday Food Drive at West End Food Mart

December 1
Chef’s Night Out Early Ticket Sales

December 2 & 3
Letter Carriers Food Drive

More information and events at foodforlanecounty.org or call (541) 343-2822.

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To eliminate hunger in Lane County.

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November 12
Chefs’ Night Out Early Ticket Sales

November 13
Richlife Food Drive in December.

Mission statement by the executive director and board of directors.

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THIS IS OUR WAY OF GIVING BACK
For Jesse and Amy Thoney, supporting FOOD for Lane County is no brainer.

“Jesse and Amy chaired our recent Empty Bowls dinner & auction. Their financial support and the support of sponsors and guests helped raise more than $6,2000 for Lane County families.

“People have a right to eat,” said Jesse. “FOOD for Lane County is extremely important to our community and to personally important to Amy and me. That’s why we donate to FOOD for Lane County. This is our way of giving back to our community.”

“Before the birth of their daughter, Amy taught for the School District – 4th and 5th graders at Irving Elementary and 5th and 6th graders at Macleay School. As a teacher, she saw the benefits of FOOD for Lane County in her classroom.

“I had kids whose only meal was from the school or FOOD for Lane County or whose families get food boxes from FOOD for Lane County,” said Amy. “Kids are not kids who eat properly. Food for kids, doesn’t do a very well in school. So it was important that FOOD for Lane County could step in and help feed them out.”

“There’s no time I can’t imagine being a parent and not providing for your prayer-older daughter. That’s important to me personally as a mom,” said Amy.

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Alleviating hunger by creating access to food

Today we’re doing a wellness clinic focused on prevention and education,” said Garcia. “We’re giving tetanus vaccines. We’re checking people for hypertension, high cholesterol and diabetes, so they can keep themselves healthy. We’re providing some very basic but very important information.”

“Migrant farm workers need to know where the services are in their community,” said Garcia. “I want to thank FOOD for Lane County for being here. Food is part of health. Bringing these services to them is truly a godsend.”

“This is our first time here,” said Ruby. “We brought 2,000 pounds of food. Potatoes, carrots from our gardens, beans, borroja beans, lettuce, corn, chile, colored greens, masa, tortillas, beans, cherries, lettuce, corn stock, collard greens, and potatoes. It’s been a lot of food and we’re almost out of food.”

Ruby has been steadily decreasing in Oregon, according to the new U.S. Department of Agriculture released in September. Oregon was the only state to see a statistically significant increase in food insecurity from 2010-2012 to 2013-2015. About 44.6% of migrants in Oregon were food insecure in 2015-2015, compared to 13.0% when food insecurity was all. Oregon is one of the states that have seen the highest hunger rates in the country.

Food insecurity means that families can’t afford all the food they need and don’t always know where their next meal will come from. Hunger happens when people don’t have enough income to cover their living expenses. Research shows that factors that contribute to hunger include lack of income or assets, low and high unemployment, and lack of affordable housing in Oregon, which contributes to rent burdens.

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