In September, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints donated 40,000 pounds of food — a semi-truck full — to FFLC. Pears, apple sauce, pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter, fish, grits and beans are food that will go a long way in helping hundreds of families and individuals throughout Lane County experience food insecurity this winter.

“This donation came at the perfect time,” said FFLC Logistics and Food Resource Manager Brad Bassi. “We usually see an increase in service during fall and winter when harvests of local produce are higher. This food could sustain them these last months.”

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“We’re moving a lot of food, but it’s providing a steady supply of food that we can’t source any other way. This food helps fill that gap,” said Bassi. “Family rely on the kind of variety to put together meals,” added Bassi. “So donation like this have a wide variety of items is remarkable. There’s a lot of organizations with the resources to be able to do this. We’re very grateful.”

KING ESTATE DONATES BUMPER CROPS OF Pears, APPLES TO FFLC

King Estate Winery donated 60% of its orchard harvest to FFLC this fall — 15,000 pounds of Bartlett pears and 7,500 pounds of Gala, Golden Delicious and Braeburn apples. That’s enough trees for the families and individuals we serve, because produce is one of the most important food items.

“This is more than I have ever seen harvested here at our orchard,” said Erin Greene, Culinary Gardens Manager at King Estate. “We harvested it for a long time for long-term storage capacity. I would guess they could still for one two months in cold storage.”

All the fruit will be made available to FFLC’s partner agencies for distribution to their clients.

“We’re extremely grateful to King Estate for this donation and all of your day for FFLC and the people we serve,” said Kara Smith, FFLC Food Resource Developer.

“King Estate’s partnership with FOOD For Lane County is one of the most rewarding aspects of my job here,” said Erin. “I’m thankful to FOOD For Lane County for organizing the pickup and the distribution of all this beautiful organic fruit to the people who need it most.”

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TO THEIR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS IN LANE COUNTY.

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LANE COUNTY LEGISLATORS HELP FUND FFLC CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Thank you to the Oregon Legislature for authorizing $2.1 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the FFLC Bailey Hill and renovation work. This project is funding the grant in still in process as of early October. We want to give a special thanks to the following Lane County legislators who placed the ARPA funding in support legislation: Oregon State Representatives: Paul Bailey, Marty Wilde, Nancy Nathanson and Julie Flexer and Oregon State Senators: Floyd Prozanski, Lee Beyer and Mark Kropf.

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FFLC Mourns the Loss of Freddie Tryk

The FFLC Family was saddened to learn that former longtime staff member Karen Phillips died on September 29, 2021. Karen was a tireless advocate for getting food to kids and families. She worked diligently on FFLC’s_build programs and services.

Karen’s tireless dedication to the most vulnerable people in our community was inspiring and unmatched. She was the epitome of our values of compassion, inclusion and justice, particularly on behalf of children. She was a true friend, a mentor and a role model to so many. We will miss her dearly, but we take comfort in knowing that her legacy will live on through the work of FFLC and the many lives she touched.

Karen’s life was a testament to the power of collective action. She never forgot the importance of listening to the needs of others and working together to create meaningful change. She was a true champion of social justice, and her commitment to equality and inclusion will continue to inspire us all.

To her friends, family and community members, we extend our deepest condolences. Karen will be remembered not just for her work, but for the impact she had on so many lives. She leaves behind a legacy of compassion, resilience and hope that will continue to inspire us all.

Karen’s legacy will live on through the work of FFLC and the many lives she touched. She was a true friend, a mentor and a role model to so many. We will miss her dearly, but we take comfort in knowing that her legacy will live on through the work of FFLC and the many lives she touched.

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