

There’s more to the Lane County Fair than carnival rides and cotton candy. This story is about two pigs, family that worked hard and a donation with a demeanor with a purpose for giving.

Barb and her family at Junction City High School and area local 4-H.

This year, Barb earned the top for her 4-H project to benefit at the Lane County Fair. Both gave $10 to Yorkville Hamburger. One weighed 311 pounds. The other weighed 380 pounds.

In 2021, State Pope approved OPEC PLCC for donating a large quantity of meat to the distribution through the network of social service agencies. She also recently helped with a thousand meals in a year. Barb, a professional who made needs access to food easier, and also people who can feel passionate.

“Barb has a big heart,” said Susie — who, with her sons, owns the Papé Group. “I want to thank you to all of our staff and volunteers at our site. Thank you to staff and volunteers who didn’t slow us down.

No stranger to struggle.

FAL 2022

1 IN 5 OREGONIANS HAS FACED FOOD INSECURITY

Nearly 11 million Oregonians accessed emergency food assistance in 2021, nearly double what the network saw before the pandemic and the worst rate of food insecurity in a century. That number improved in 2021, down to 1 million people, thanks to government intervention and community generosity.

The high costs of processing, gas and housing are increasing the demand for food assistance in Lane County and across the state. Many families are still recovering from the economic downturn caused by the pandemic. “Food banks are by no means opposition, emergency food prices,” said Susannah. “Thank you to all of you who have food assistance in Lane County and across the state. Many families are still recovering from the economic downturn caused by the pandemic. A truly big heart is what we need to support these kids,” said Susie. “I hope this encourages everyone else to think about why an animal at our fair this year and donating to FOOD For Lane County.”

Your Voice Matters

In her annual State of Hunger address on August 31, Oregon Food Bank CEO Susannah Morgan reminded us that we are all part of the solution to hunger in Oregon. Food is at the center of what we do at FFFL, but we must also advocate for policies that support families living on limited incomes, strengthen community and reduce the cost of hunger.

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**MILES FOR MEALS RIDE RAISES $47,470 FOR LOCAL HUNGER RELIEF**

Congratulations to Lisa and John Mamett, who completed their 4,165-mile cross-country bike trip from Florence, Oregon to Sea Isle City, New Jersey on July 31. Their ride raised $47,470 for hunger relief in Lane County.

Ancestry of more than 100,000 people in Lane County rely on FFLC and our countrywide network to help and hope. Thank you to everyone who supported John and Lisa in their effort to help more people in our community.

“We were humbly by your support and we are excited to help more people in our community. Our goal is to help those in need as much as possible,” said Lisa.

“During our adventure, and we learned a lot about how people live in different parts of our nation. It was heartwarming to see so many communities in need of assistance. Thank you to all of you helping us fight hunger in our community.”

“We were humbled by the enthusiasm and support from people we met on our journey. It was exciting to meet new people and share stories of hope and inspiration. We are grateful for everyone who supported us on this journey. It was a transformative experience that has changed our lives forever,” said John.

“We are grateful for the generosity of Lane County and its residents, and we are excited to announce the success of this fundraising initiative. We are proud of the impact our efforts have made in helping people in need.”

**PUTTING YOUR DOLLARS TO WORK**

High costs of food, gas and other necessities are causing real hardship for families living in limited incomes in Lane County. Your neighbors need your help. Please join in this effort to increase food access through our partner agency network and direct service programs.

**1. DONATE TO FFLC**

When you donate to FFLC, your gift is used to support our local food banks and pantries. You can make your donation online or by mail.

$1 PROVIDES THREE MEALS

$10 Provides three meals a day for a month

$50 Provides food for a family of five for a week

$100 Provides food for a senior for a month

**2. VOLUNTEER WITH FFLC**

Volunteering is a great way to make a difference. FFLC needs volunteers to help with a variety of tasks, including answering phones, sorting food, and delivering meals.

$20 Provides two hours of service for a Youth Farmer

$120 Provides meals for a child for a month

$90 Provides one nutrition education class for eight students

$160 Provides groceries to a senior for a year

**3. DONATE THROUGH FREEWILL.COM**

FFLC is dedicated to helping our community. By donating to FFLC through FreeWill.com, you can easily create a will that reflects your values and supports the causes you care about.

Using FreeWill.com is a simple and cost-effective way to ensure your legacy. You can choose to support any cause, including FFLC, and your impact will continue for years to come.

“Using FreeWill reminded me a bit of using tax preparation software. I answered questions, and FFLC was able to complete my will. It was easy and I felt good knowing that my donations were being used to support the causes I care about.”

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**THANK YOU TO THESE RECENT DRIVES**

Thank you to our recent donors who have committed to supporting the fight against hunger in our community:

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Thank you for your generosity and support over the last two years. We need your help more than ever to continue providing food assistance to those in need.

“We officially cut the ribbon on our newly renovated Bailey Hill warehouse on Friday, October 14, at the 19th Annual Empty Bowls Dinner & Auction. Each year, the auction raises several hundred thousand dollars for our neighbors experiencing hunger. Watch our social media pages for photos from the event and more.

Leading up to the event and thanks to generous donations from this community, FFLC achieved 300 million meals funding for our neighbors experiencing hunger. The two-phase campaign began in 2017 with efforts to open our new West Broadway Distribution Center in 2019. The final phase was completed in September and included renovation and upgrades on our Bailey Hill facility. FFLC is perfectly positioned to meet the need for food assistance now and in the future.

A huge thank you goes out to Empty Bowls Auction chairs, Dr. Kris Ranker and Kevin Mc queried. You also do not get grants, scholarships, and loans from these government programs.  

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This fall program, in partnership with FoodCorps, equips and trains educators to create healthy, local food systems in all of our schools. The fall phase campaign begins in 2022 with efforts to expand our new West Broadway Distribution Center. In Fall 2021, FFLC received a $1 million grant from the Oregon Department of Agriculture to support the new distribution center.

The application process started in 2020 and was completed in September. FFLC is grateful for the support of Oregon's Department of Agriculture and the $1 million grant.

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“The Empty Bowls project is incredibly important and a great way to support our local food banks and pantries.”

We hope you will join us for next year's event. Go to volunteer.foodforlanecounty.org to learn more about volunteering with FFLC.

Volunteer board and committee members provide guidance and direction. Volunteer help with all aspects of fundraising events. And partner agency volunteers do everything from assisting with events, registering and distributing food at events, writing grants and other fundraising programs all over Lane County.

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