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*This report reflects January 1
through December 31, 2023.*

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



On the following pages you will read the stories of those that FOOD For Lane County serves and how our efforts make a difference to so many in our community.

As we delve into the data, we see that the prevalence of food insecurity in Lane County is far-reaching, affecting a larger segment of our population than previously understood.

The reasons for food insecurity are as diverse as the people who experience it. Often, these individuals feel stigmatized when asking for help, dissuading them from reaching out and perpetuating misconceptions about food insecurity.

Without the support of donors, volunteers, local businesses and the dedicated staff at FFLC, many in our community would not have the help they need. Your commitment helps us to dismantle barriers and foster a supportive environment for those seeking assistance. This generosity provides nourishment to our neighbors, ensuring they have access to food without judgment.

This Annual Report offers a glimpse into some of the ways that FFLC and our community make a profound difference. Thank you for your partnership and dedication to our mission. Together, we can create a community where every individual has access to the nourishment they need to thrive.

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

Carolyn Stein, Executive Director

COMMUNITY SURVEY

In 2023, FFLC surveyed visitors to food pantries around the county. More than 1,800 participants responded from 26 towns.*

The results capture the extent of the challenge we face alleviating hunger in Lane County.

- **48% of respondents** with children sometimes or often cut the size of their children's meals or had to skip meals because there was not enough money to buy food.
- **68% of respondents** say they've been hungry and couldn't eat because they didn't have enough food.

While Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits and food pantries help close the gap, more than 56% of respondents still struggle to meet their household's food needs.

Access to food assistance makes a difference. Respondents report that food provided by FFLC helps them prepare healthier meals, pay bills, look for work and more.

**Read the full survey results at foodforlanecounty.org/survey2023.*



11.9%

of Lane County residents are food-insecure compared with 10.5% in Oregon**

61%

of school-age children in Lane County qualify for free and reduced price school meals***

** *Map the Meal Gap 2021, Feeding America*

*** *Oregon Department of Education Free and Reduced Price School Data 2022*

LON'S STORY

Older adults living on limited incomes can't always get the healthy food they need. This makes them more likely to have chronic health conditions, such as high blood pressure and diabetes. They may also experience mental health problems, such as anxiety and depression. Chronic health conditions or a lack of transportation may make cooking, grocery shopping or getting to a food pantry difficult. A limited income makes it hard to afford good food on top of other expenses like rent and medicine.

At 79, Lon knows these challenges all too well. Mental health issues make leaving his home a challenge. He loves to cook, but standing for any length of time is painful. Lon receives Social Security Disability Insurance, Medicare and health coverage through the Oregon Health Plan, but those benefits do not pay all his bills. He receives a monthly Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefit of just under \$200, but that rarely lasts the month.

"The challenge for many seniors is that their Social Security and other benefits are not enough to live on," FFLC Senior Grocery Program Coordinator Carly Petersen said. "Many seniors' SNAP payments are less than \$50 a month."

So Lon turns to FFLC for help. He gets groceries delivered once a month through FFLC's Senior Grocery Program and a hot meal five days a week through FFLC's Meals on Wheels Program. He also receives kibble for his dog Daisy through FFLC's Kibble on Wheels Program.

"The food I get from FOOD For Lane County means I don't have to worry about how I'm going to eat," he said. "I'm grateful for the fresh produce. The fresher the better. My daughter or my niece will cook it for me. They're always checking in on me."





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LON

FFLC BY THE NUMBERS

**8.3
million**

*total pounds distributed, including
1.8 million pounds of fresh produce*

151

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

465,464

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

169,547

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

20,140

*volunteer shifts in support of
FFLC programs, for a total of
53,480 volunteer hours*





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I am very grateful for this help. I used to donate to such programs when I was younger. I couldn't get along without them now.

MEALS ON WHEELS RECIPIENT

FOOD BUSINESS DONORS

THANK YOU TO THESE FOOD BUSINESS DONORS FOR EACH DONATING 5,000 OR MORE POUNDS OF FOOD IN 2023. TOGETHER, THESE BUSINESSES DONATED 2,585,207 POUNDS IN 2023.

10 Stars Farm
 Albertsons
 Albertsons Hilyard
 Attune Foods
 Bi-Mart
 Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints
 Central Utah Storehouse
 Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints
 Springfield Storehouse
 Columbia Gorge Organic
 Cosmic Bliss
 Costco
 Darigold
 Dominguez Family Enterprise
 Food For All
 Franz Family Bakery
 Fred Meyer
 Fred Meyer W 11th
 GloryBee
 GoPuff Eugene
 Groundwork Organics
 Hammer & Tuffy's Granola
 Johnson Vegetable Farms
 Lochmead Dairy
 Market of Choice
 McDonald Wholesale Co

Natural Grocers
 Oroweat
 Safeway
 Safeway 40th
 Safeway Pioneer Pkwy
 Springfield Creamery
 Target
 Target Eugene
 Thistledown Farm
 University of Oregon
 US ChefStore
 US ChefStore Eugene
 Wal-Mart
 WinCo
 Yogi Tea

SCAN-A-COUPON

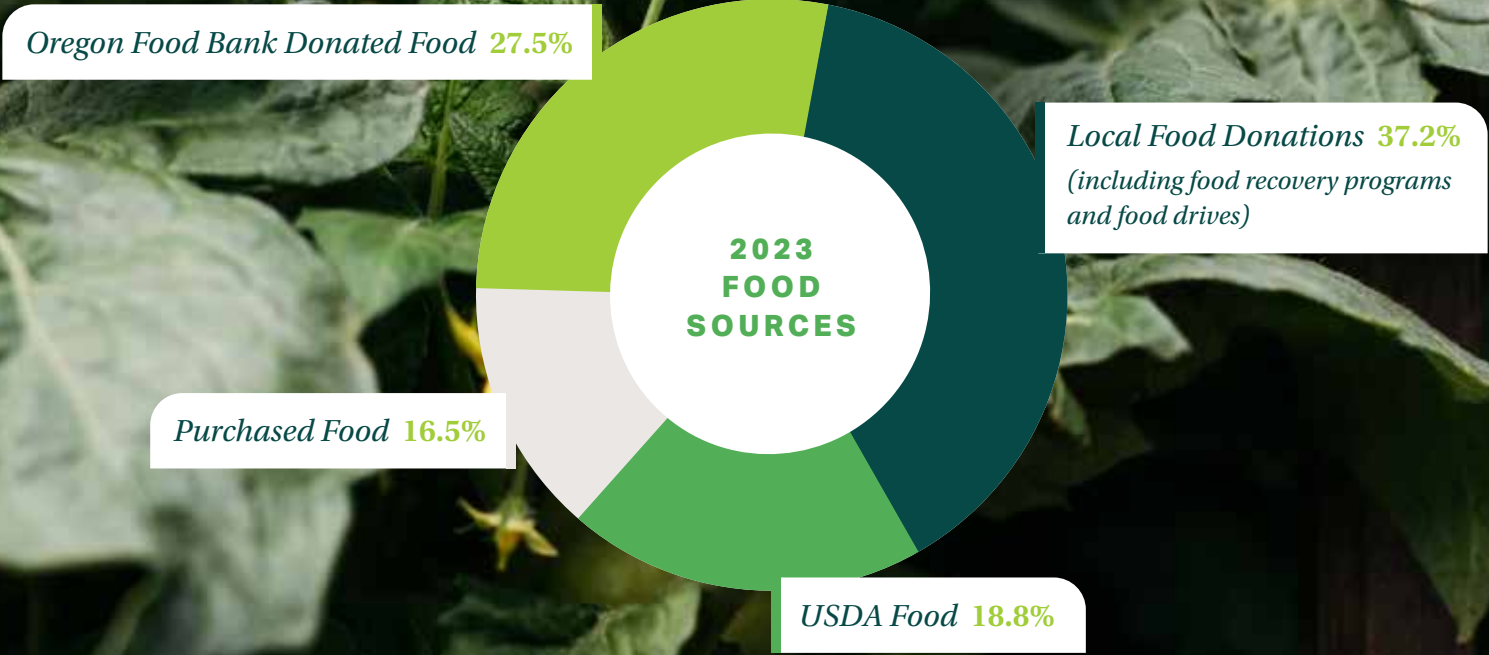
The SCAN program raised **\$79,140** in 2023. Thank you for giving where you live, and thank you to these Scan-A-Coupon partners for continuing to support hunger relief in Lane County.

C&K Market - Ray's Food Place
 Capella Market
 Fred Meyer
 Friendly Street Market
 Kiva
 Main Street Market
 Market of Choice
 Natural Grocers
 Sundance Natural Foods



I greatly appreciate this assistance. It has allowed me to get caught up and remain current with other bills.

PANTRY SHOPPER



FUNDS AND FOUNDATIONS

THANK YOU TO THESE FUNDS AND FOUNDATIONS FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT IN 2023.

\$25,000+

Anonymous Fund of Oregon Community Foundation
 Anonymous Fund of The Vanguard Charitable Endowment Program
 Rosaria P. Haugland Foundation
 Hayes Family Foundation
 Helmstetter Family Foundation
 Juan Young Trust - Western Division
 McKay Family Foundation
 Oregon Community Credit Union Foundation
 Oregon Food Bank
 United Way of Lane County

\$10,000-\$24,999

Albertsons Companies Foundation
 Harry R. Anderson Fund of Fidelity Charitable
 Anonymous Fund of Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC
 Florence and Philip Barnhart Fund of Oregon
 Community Foundation
 Chambers Family Foundation
 Ann & David Fidanque Family Fund of Oregon
 Community Foundation
 David & Patricia Giuliani Family Foundation
 Douglas L. Hintzman Charitable Fund at Schwab Charitable
 Elizabeth S. Holden Fund of Oregon Community Foundation
 International Paper Foundation
 Joyce and David's Charitable Account of Morgan Stanley
 LTM Family Foundation
 McPherson Family Charitable Fund at Schwab Charitable
 Paulus Foundation
 Redtail Fund of Oregon Community Foundation
 Willard E. Smucker Foundation
 Suwinski Family Foundation
 Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation
 John and Pem Winqvist Fund at Schwab Charitable
 Donna P. Woolley Fund of Oregon Community Foundation



If it wasn't for FOOD For Lane County, I wouldn't be able to eat.

MOBILE PANTRY SHOPPER

\$5,000-\$9,999

- Bank of America Foundation
- Bluestone Foundation
- R&M Clark Family Foundation
- Clement Family Charitable Fund at Schwab Charitable
- Crow Farm Foundation
- Ford Family Foundation
- Drs. David Fryefield and Catherine Kordesch
Charitable Fund of Fidelity Charitable
- A.J. & Roslyn Gaines Foundation in memory of Carolyn Spector
- Meals on Wheels - Case and Velma Hamlin
Designated Fund of Oregon Community Foundation
- Kroger Foundation
- MDU Resources Foundation
- Mehlum Family Foundation
- The Marsden Querns Family Fund of Goldman Sachs
- Kelly Ragan Richardson Fund of Fidelity Charitable
- S Foundation
- Spark Fund of Oregon Community Foundation
- Umpqua Bank Charitable Foundation
- Weyerhaeuser Community Fund
- W.L.S. Spencer Foundation



COSME'S STORY

For 18-year-old Cosme, working and volunteering at FFLC's Youth Farm has been equal parts fun and hard work.

"The Youth Farm has been so great," Cosme said. "It's helped me grow as a person. It's taught me more responsibility. It helped me get my current job working as an educational assistant for the 4J School District. It's just been a really good experience."

FFLC's Youth Farm is a five-acre educational farm and a work experience site for youth. More than 2,000 children and youth visit the Youth Farm and FFLC's GrassRoots Garden each year. The gardens grow fresh, nutritious food for distribution through our network of partner agencies while providing opportunities for youth and adults to grow, learn and contribute to their community.

Cosme worked as a member of the Youth Farm Crew in 2022. After his seasonal job on the farm ended that fall he continued to volunteer, and he plans to volunteer into the foreseeable future. He graduated from North Eugene High School in December 2023.

"Cosme is a very dedicated and outgoing person who really cares about the Youth Farm and its participants," FFLC Youth Farm Supervisor Ted Purdy said. "He is a great advocate for the work we do and gives one of the best farm tours!"

"I really enjoy meeting new people," Cosme said. "I enjoy the work. I like being outside. It's fun. It's hard work, but it's also relaxing."



ORGANIZATIONS

THANK YOU TO THESE ORGANIZATIONS FOR THEIR GENEROUS FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN 2023.

\$25,000+

Jersey Mike's
 Lane Community Health Council
 Market of Choice
 Murphy Company
 PeaceHealth Medical Group

\$10,000-\$24,999

Kendall Auto Group, Inc.
 King Estate Winery
 Lane County Board of Commissioners
 Octave Labs
 Oregon Pacific Bank
 QSL Print Communications, Inc.
 Summit Bank
 Sunrise Asian Food Market
 University of Oregon

\$5,000-\$9,999

Café Yumm!
 Dutch Bros
 Essex General Construction
 Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce
 Eugene Disc Golf Club
 Good Clean Love, Inc.
 Jerry's Home Improvement
 Lazar's Bazar & Shoe-A-Holic
 Meals on Wheels America
 Morgan Stanley
 Natural Grocers
 Oregon Department of Administrative Services
 Organically Grown Company
 PacificSource Health Plans
 PakTech
 Pentagon Federal Credit Union
 US Foods CHEF'STORE



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COSME



LESLIE'S STORY

Once a week, Leslie puts on an apron to volunteer for FFLC's Food Rescue Express (FREX) Program — a food recovery program that provides meals for local families in need.

FFLC recovers prepared and perishable food donations from a variety of sources including University of Oregon dining facilities, Meals on Wheels and grocery stores. We also receive and purchase bulk product. Volunteers portion, package and label all this food for distribution through our partner agencies.

“Volunteers are absolutely crucial to the FREX program and to FFLC as a whole,” FFLC Evening Kitchen Supervisor Graham Kroese said. “Depending on the product, volunteers can repack or process anywhere from a few hundred pounds to as many as 10,000 pounds during a two-and-a-half-hour shift. I am more than grateful that people are willing to give up their evenings to help their community.”

Leslie likes knowing that the food is not going to waste. In addition to providing thousands of meals for Lane County families in need, FREX keeps



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LESLIE

food out of the landfill. According to Lane County Waste Management, almost 46 million tons of food waste gets sent to landfills every year.

When she's not volunteering, Leslie works full time as a data scientist. She likes that the FREX program allows her the flexibility to work and also volunteer. She also likes knowing that the food she packs on a Wednesday will soon be on someone's table.

"I like knowing that I am helping so many people," Leslie said. "I was fortunate enough to grow up in a household where we always had food on the table. I have two grown kids. I just think how awful it would be as a mom if I didn't have food to put on the table."

"There are so many misconceptions around food insecurity, that everyone who's food insecure doesn't have a job or is homeless or something. But that's so untrue, because the cost of living has so far outstripped wages," she added. "There are many people who work and they just don't have enough to pay their bills and feed their families. They have to choose. Do I pay my electricity bill or do I buy food?"

"I just think FOOD For Lane County is the greatest organization," Leslie said. "It's important that nobody goes hungry. It's some of the most important work that a nonprofit can do."

VOLUNTEER GROUPS

THANK YOU TO THESE GROUPS FOR VOLUNTEERING FOR ONE OR MORE PROGRAMS MONTHLY IN 2023.

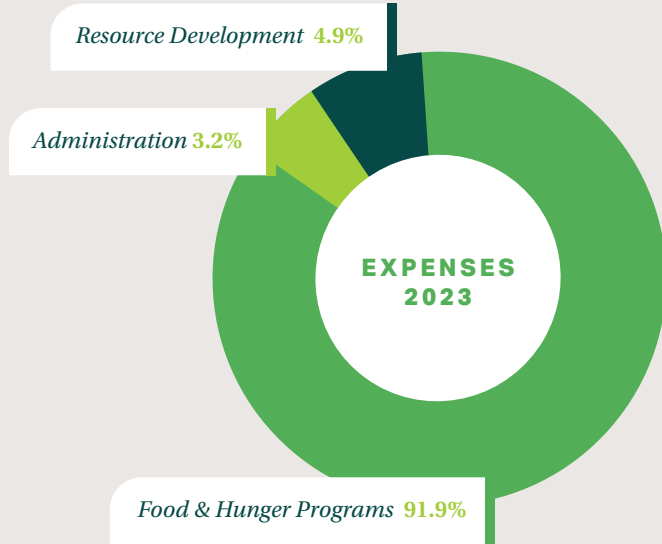
Central Lutheran Church
Citizens Bank
East West Tea
Emerald Empire Kiwanis
Emerald Valley Rotary Club of Eugene
Eugene Downtown Lions Club
Eugene Metro Rotary
Heritage Bank
Kiwanis Club of Eugene
Little Hands Can
Northwest Community Credit Union
Oregon Community Credit Union
Oregon State Hospital
Pentagon Federal Credit Union
Rotary Club of Eugene
Springfield Twin Rivers Rotary
Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene
United Lutheran Church

FINANCIALS

JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2023 FINANCIALS

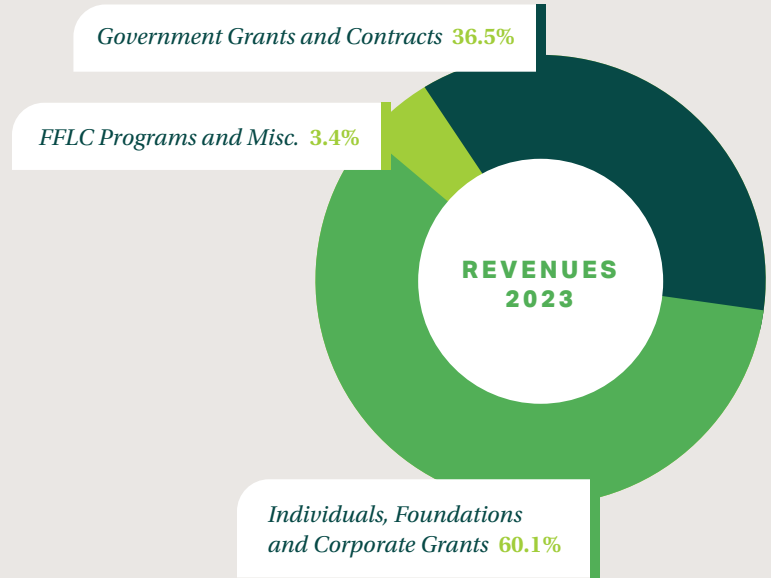
EXPENSES

\$10,179,000



REVENUES

\$10,216,000



JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2023

Total expenses: \$10,179,000. Total revenues: \$10,216,000.

Distributed 8,328,000 pounds of food valued at \$13,510,000. 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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