



# 2017 Gratitude Report



Dear Friends,

Because of you, when our neighbors experience hunger, there are many ways they can access healthy food. That means individuals, families, seniors and children in these two counties receive meals when they need them most.

Everyone you help has a different hunger story, but the solution is the same: healthy food. This food may be grown at our Youth Farm, served by Meals on Wheels volunteers or offered as dinner at a community meal site. You make sure that families in our community are not only fed, but receive nutritious food that promotes health and well-being.

In your 2017 Gratitude Report, see the impact of your support in both words and numbers.

On behalf of thousands of our neighbors, along with the staff and board of Marion-Polk Food Share, thank you.

With sincere appreciation,



Rick Gaupo  
President and CEO

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We use your gifts wisely and efficiently to feed hungry families, children and seniors in our community.

Our complete audited financial statement is available @ [MarionPolkFoodShare.org](http://MarionPolkFoodShare.org) or by calling 503-581-3855.

# What YOU made possible in 2017

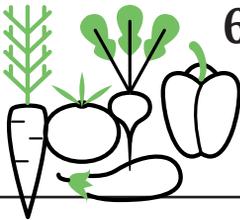


**5,000,000**

meals provided to families, children and seniors throughout Marion & Polk counties.

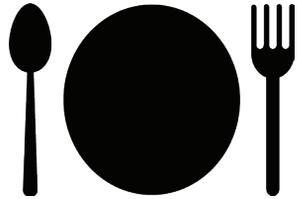
**288,500**

pounds of produce distributed at 16 sites to over 15,500 households as part of our Neighborhood Fresh Connect program.



**63** patients with diet-related illnesses in Grand Ronde and Salem received a Farm Share Rx of fresh produce for 10 weeks this summer.

Meals on Wheels dining room service was expanded to include the South Salem Senior Center in addition to Center 50+.



**2nd** year of production at our new Youth Farm location.

**24** teens cultivated produce that provided over 5,300 meals for more than 300 people.

“The food pantry, our garden and the Farm Share are how we put food on the table. It’s an awesome program.”

- *Delbert and Janice*



“This food bank is truly a blessing for my family. Being able to come back at the end of the month for produce and bread is helping me offer healthy choices more often to the children.

Thank you for all you do for us and others.”

- *Lopez Family*



Our mission is to lead the fight to end hunger  
in Marion and Polk counties...  
because *no one* should be hungry.

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