

2018 Gratitude Report



Dear Friend,

When our neighbors wonder how they can put food on the table, your generosity provides the meals they need. I'm grateful to live in a community where people care deeply for one another.

You are empowering hungry individuals and families by providing food and so much more. Programs like community gardens, cooking classes and vocational training give our neighbors the chance to learn new skills that will last a lifetime.

Because of you, everyone in our community has access to healthy food right in their own neighborhood or city. Your gift of health and hope is making a difference. On behalf of thousands of our neighbors, and the Board and staff of Marion-Polk Food Share, *thank you.*

With Gratitude,



Rick Gaupo

President and CEO



“Our family fell on hard times and at the end of the month, it’s a blessing to have this place to help.”

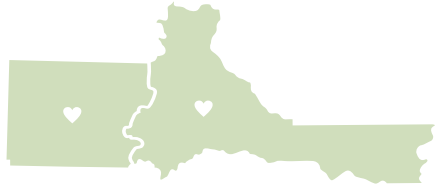
– MYERS FAMILY

What You Made Possible In 2018

Each month,

MORE THAN **40,000**

of our neighbors in need throughout Marion & Polk counties received food.



28 OF OUR NEIGHBORS gained valuable job skills and work experience through vocational training in our warehouse and offices.

Participants have found **PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT** with local businesses, law firms and at the Food Share.

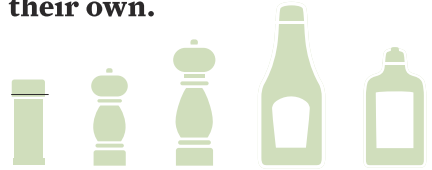


775 FAMILIES IN **58** NEIGHBORHOODS

grew their own fruits and vegetables in community gardens located in 8 cities.

You provided MORE THAN **100**

housewarming boxes – spices, oils & basic foods – to our formerly homeless neighbors, at the pivotal moment when they moved into a home of their own.



485,500

HOT MEALS

were served to families, children and seniors in 6 communities.



“Without the food bank, we’d be very hungry.”

– DAVID, FATHER OF 4



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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We use your gifts wisely and efficiently to feed hungry families, children and seniors in our community. Our complete audited financial statement is available at MarionPolkFoodShare.org or by calling 503-581-3855.

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