



MARION POLK
**FOOD
SHARE**



2019 Gratitude Report

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



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.

On behalf of thousands of our neighbors, and the Board and staff of Marion Polk Food Share, **thank you.**

With Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rick Gaupo". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light green background.

Rick Gaupo
President

WHAT YOU MADE POSSIBLE FOR OUR COMMUNITY IN 2019:



3,900 volunteers contributed 46,000 hours of service in the Food Share's warehouse and office, Meals on Wheels, the Youth Farm and Community Gardens.



More than 10,000 families received food assistance every month. These families include 15,000 children.



More than 7 million meals were shared with hungry neighbors in our community.



600 meals were served each day to seniors and disabled adults, through the Meals on Wheels program.



1,115 people grew healthy food in the Food Share's network of over 60 community gardens.



45 Youth Farmers grew food on the Food Share's 6-acre urban farm on the campus of Chemeketa Community College.

These stories and statistics are just a sample of the powerful difference you are making for hungry neighbors in our community. **Thank you!**

“Back in 2010, I wasn’t working at the time and struggling a bit to get food. Someone told us about Iskam MəkhMək-Haws and so I came for help. In 2014, I started volunteering, loved it, and have been ever since. This place is so important to our community. I hear from people a lot saying, “If this place wasn’t here I don’t know what I would do.” All of my life I’ve always wanted to help people, and this place lets me do that every day.”

-Tony, Iskam MəkhMək-Haws Volunteer



“I am so grateful for this program! I would not be able to feed my family during our crisis journey if it weren’t for this program. Often this food is all we had for the week. Thank you!”

- Farm Share Rx Participant

“Your contributions to the Youth Farm ensure that there is a place in our community where young people empower themselves to make a difference. I joined the summer crew to learn as much as I could about sustainable agriculture, and give back to those in need by being productive with my time. It is exciting to work with a group of people my age, developing critical life skills as I go. I deeply enjoy being a part of the distribution team on Thursdays, giving our food to great people who need it.”

-Sudip, Youth Farmer



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