



MARION POLK
**FOOD
SHARE**



2022 Gratitude Report

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friend,

We make a promise every day to thousands of our neighbors – to make food available to anyone who needs it.

Which is why I am so grateful for you. When our neighbors wonder how they can put food on the table, your generosity provides the meals they need.

Your support makes a difference for a parent who has to choose between paying their electric bill or buying food for their kids. Your gift is a lifeline for a senior living on a fixed income. Your generosity does a world of good ... right here in our community.

I can't express enough my gratitude for this community and the kind and compassionate people like you who live here.

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 written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rick Gaupo
President

WHAT YOU MADE POSSIBLE FOR OUR COMMUNITY IN 2022:



2,100 volunteers contributed 60,000 hours of service in the Food Share's warehouse and office, Meals on Wheels, the Youth Farm and Community Gardens.



More than 8.1 million meals were shared with hungry neighbors in our community.



More than 13,000 families received food assistance every month. These families include nearly 15,000 children.



800 meals were provided each day for seniors and disabled adults, through the Meals on Wheels program.



644 households grew healthy food in the Food Share's network of over 50 community gardens.

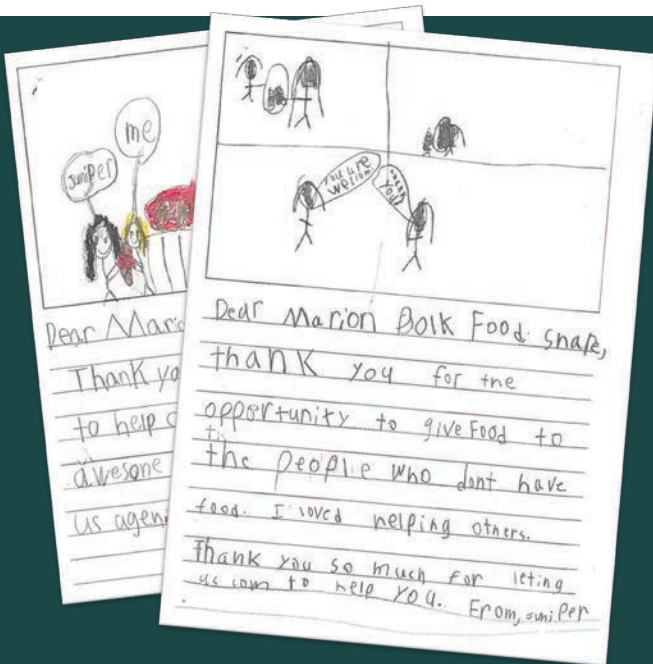


85 youth helped grow over 15,000 pounds of fresh produce on the Food Share's Youth Farm located on the campus of Chemeketa Community College.

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

“It’s very helpful to the people in our community to come out here and get the food that they have from Marion Polk Food Share. They have a variety of stuff, they have chicken and vegetables and some of these things that households wouldn’t be able to buy from the store. Some have lost jobs because of Covid, some only have enough maybe for their rent and they don’t have enough for food. So having Marion Polk Food Share here is very helpful to our people.”

-Kapiolani, Food Share Mobile Pantry client and Micronesia Islander Community employee



“Dear Marion Polk Food Share, Thank you for the opportunity to give food to the people who don’t have food. I loved helping others. Thank you so much for letting us come to help you. From, Juniper”

“Dear Marion Polk Food Share, Thank you for the opportunity to help others. Thank you for the awesome field trip. Please invite us again. Love, Anneliese”

Thank-you notes from Grant Community School’s Volunteer Group.

“It takes a lot of burden off to come to the food bank, it really does. And it’s nice to see how supportive everybody is, everybody is really sweet to me.”

-Diane, Mill City Pantry client



“I thoroughly enjoyed farm work this summer. I learned a lot about how to grow and cultivate plants on a small organic farm.”

-Milaey, Food Share Youth Farmer

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