



MARION POLK
**FOOD
SHARE**



2024 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 fluid and cursive, written over a light green background.

Rick Gaupo
President

WHAT YOU MADE POSSIBLE FOR OUR COMMUNITY IN 2024:



3,270 volunteers contributed more than 65,000 hours of service in the Food Share's warehouse and office, Meals on Wheels, the Youth Farm and Community Gardens.



More than 7.9 million meals were shared with hungry neighbors in our community.



More than 17,000 families received food assistance every month. These families include nearly 20,000 children.



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



990 households grew healthy food in the Food Share's network of over 61 community gardens.



70 youth helped grow over 35,350 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!**

“I use the pantry once a month to help feed my family of 6. I’m very grateful for the people that make this possible.”

-Sara, AWARE Food Bank client



“This pantry has saved me twice so far. It’s great having something in a pinch.”

-Dennis,
Pantry Client



“Meals on Wheels has been such a help to me. Before, meal times were a struggle, but now I know I’ll have something nice to eat.”

-Daniel, Meals on Wheels Client



“We volunteer once a week and have used AWARE Food Bank for years to help stretch our budget. We really appreciate the help.”

- Vicki and Robert, AWARE Food Bank Clients
and Volunteers

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