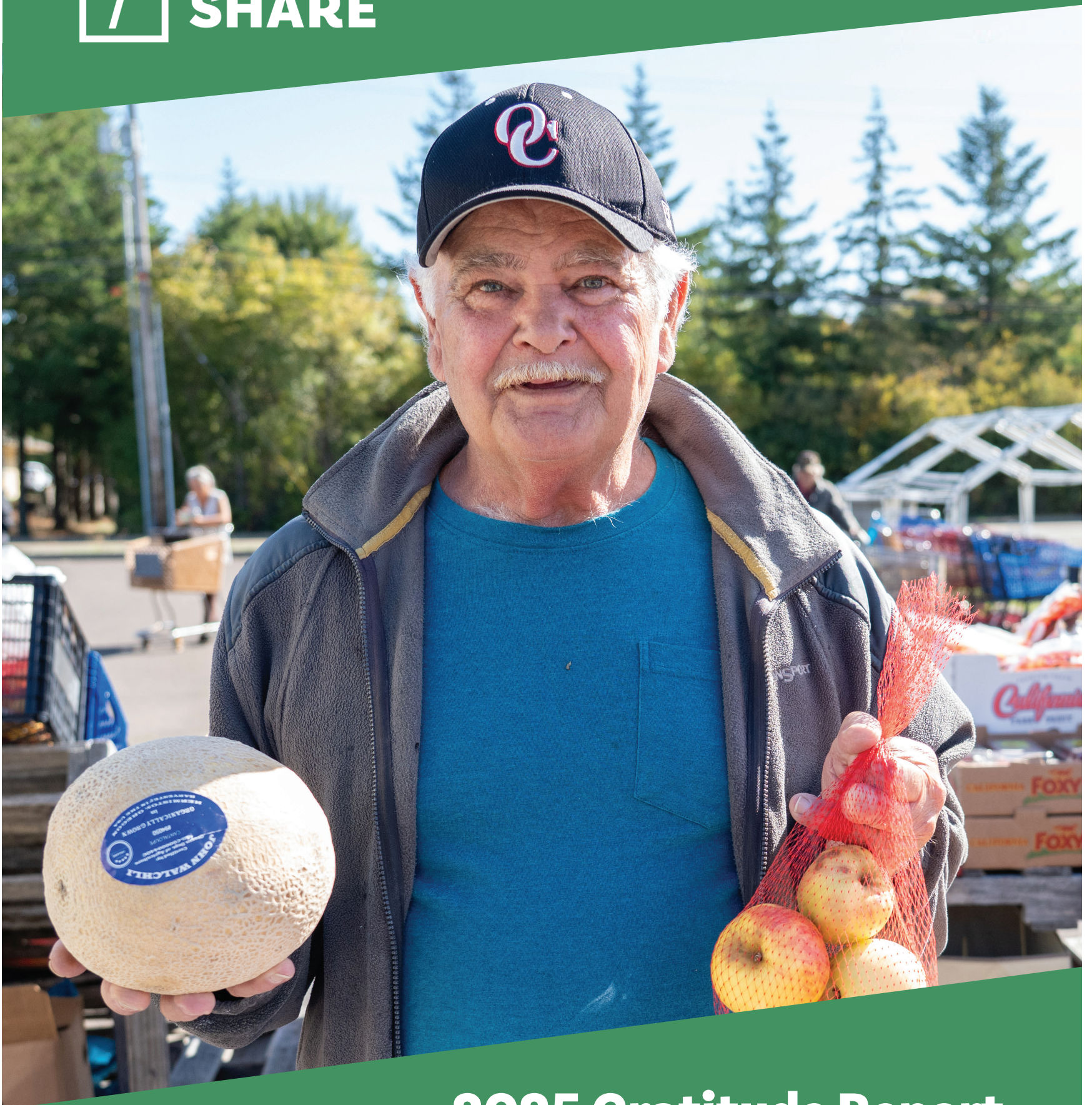




MARION POLK
**FOOD
SHARE**



2025 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.

That promise has been tested this year. With major disruptions to SNAP benefits, more families and seniors than ever turned to Marion Polk Food Share for help. The need reached record levels, and for many of our neighbors, the worry about how to put food on the table felt overwhelming.

Which is why I am so grateful for you.

When parents faced impossible choices between paying the electric bill or buying groceries, your generosity helped put food on the table. When seniors living on fixed incomes wondered how they would get through the month, your support was a lifeline. Because of you, hungry neighbors had what they needed during a time of real uncertainty.

The response from this community was extraordinary. Time and again, you showed up with compassion, resolve, and care for one another.

I cannot express enough my gratitude for this community and for kind, compassionate people like you who make it what it is.

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 2025:



3,764 volunteers contributed more than 90,000 hours of service in the Food Share's warehouse and office, Meals on Wheels, the Youth Farm and Community Gardens.



More than 6.7 million meals were shared with hungry neighbors in our community.



Families received food assistance at more than 17,000 pantry visits every month. These families include nearly 20,000 children.



More than 1,000 meals were provided each day for seniors and disabled adults, through the Meals on Wheels program.



716 households grew healthy food in the Food Share's network of over 46 community gardens.



74 youth helped grow over 48,800 pounds of fresh produce on the Food Share's Youth Farm located on the Chemeketa Community College campus.

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

“I loved meeting clients waiting in line at the food pantry and helping pantry volunteers carry the food into the building. In addition, I watched a client walk by with a food box that included the celery we brought in that morning!”

-Community Garden Leader



“I’m most proud of finding my voice and being able to take a more active role at the Youth Farm.”

-Youth Farmer



“It helped me so much. Everything was delicious and fresh and it was a huge help. Thank God and the team who gave us this opportunity to receive such great assistance.”

-Wanda, Farm Share Rx recipient

“I love delivering Meals on Wheels. I love my clients and our conversations. It’s so rewarding. It’s my pleasure. The friendships warm my heart and fill my cup.”

- Karrie, Meals on Wheels Driver



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