

Annual Report Fiscal Year 2023



Our Mission:

To alleviate hunger in Lincoln County by distributing healthy and nutritious food to our network of agencies and empowering our community through education.

In 2023 the numbers tell the story:

1,083,678 pounds of food (equating to 4,334,712 meals) distributed by Food Share's network of agencies. For every \$1.00 donated, enough food for 4 meals was distributed.

33,756 households received emergency and/or supplemental food (These numbers are not unduplicated).

Monthly food boxes delivered to 31 homebound seniors, in Newport and the surrounding area, with mobility & health challenges.

22,644 annual volunteer hours saved Food Share \$758,348 in labor costs (at current rate of \$33.49 per hour).

2023 was another challenging year. We saw the federal pandemic funding and food distribution come to an end; however, food insecurity continues to increase. With less food coming through the system, there is less for clients to choose from. Some grant dollars have helped us to narrow the gap, but community support continues to be important for the success of our programs.

Our network of pantries continue to offer no-contact food box distribution for safety reasons (with exception of Toledo Pantry which has reopened to shopping style).

Food Share purchased the old Dairy Fresh warehouse in March of 2024. It is 12,000 square feet compared to less than 5,000 square feet in our current warehouse. The building requires major renovation work. Food Share is currently working on hiring a designer/architect, a contractor project manager and a contractor. Once an estimated budget is developed, grants and donor solicitations will occur.

We held our annual Be Jeweled fundraiser event in May, 2024 and it was very successful. The net profits from the sale, eBay, Rustic Ridge and the Antique Mall calculated at over \$29,000. Considering that the average price of a piece of jewelry sold is between \$2 & \$4, the profit is quite significant. We accept donations all year ([click here](#) to view the available drop sites in the county).

Who we are

Food Share of Lincoln County (FSLC) was started as a regional food bank in 1981 and incorporated as a private non-profit 501(c)3 in 1982. As the need for services increased, FSLC moved several times, each time to a larger facility, culminating in a final move to the current warehouse located at 535 NE First Street in Newport.

The Food Share warehouse serves as the central distribution site for 21 partner agencies in the county. As a regional food bank, FSLC is overseen by a Board of

Directors and collaborates with Oregon Food Bank to distribute USDA commodity food, food donated by producers in the food industry, as well as local donations from retailers and individuals.

Where the food comes from

FSLC receives a weekly shipment from the Oregon Food Bank warehouse in Portland. USDA commodities, retail vendor donations, bulk food, frozen product and fresh produce are delivered; in addition, program drivers glean from local retailers, big and small, year-round. In the summer months, OSU Master Gardeners, local gardeners and farmers provide a rich source of fresh, local produce. Food Share also accepts local food donations and helps to facilitate and publicize local food drives.

Where the food goes

After receiving food into the FSLC warehouse, all provisions are dispersed to affiliated partner agencies for direct service to low-income individuals and families in Lincoln County. Food Share also works closely with Coastal Range Food Bank in Nashville for information referral and sharing of resources.

How our operations are funded

FSLC is supported primarily by donations from individuals, local businesses, and the faith community, in the form of food items and cash. Grants and other monetary assistance is available from the Lincoln County Social Service Fund, Samaritan Health Services, Oregon Food Bank, Siletz Tribe Charitable Giving, Three Rivers Casino Foundation, Oregon Community Foundation, The Roundhouse Foundation, EFSP (FEMA) and other corporations and foundations.

How we get the work done

Food Share employs a full-time Executive Director, Nancy Mitchell, one full-time, one part-time support staff, and two full-time warehouse staff. A lion's share of the daily operations of our 19 partner agencies falls to the 100-plus volunteers who give time each week to a community food pantry, meal site, or other agency and perform many other essential tasks involved in our mission to support the food insecure residents of Lincoln County.

Our Donors and Volunteers Make a Difference

Food Share of Lincoln County could not fulfill its mission to alleviate hunger without the generous support of its donors and volunteers. We are grateful to those in the community who support us.

Emergency Food Assistance

Depoe Bay Food Pantry
Lincoln City Food Pantry @ Coast Vineyard
Salvation Army-Newport & Lincoln City
Siletz Food Pantry
Toledo Food Share Pantry
Waldport Food Share Pantry

Meal Sites

St Stephen's Stone Soup
Community Presbyterian Church Waldport
Helping Hands Reentry Outreach

Supplemental Programs

Agate Heights Apartments
North & South Apartments
Big Creek Senior Apartments
Curiosity Cabinets
My Sister's Place
The Jetty Apartments
Northwest Coastal Housing
Senior Box Program
South Lincoln Resources
Arcoiris Cultural (Olalla Center)

Neighboring Programs

Coastal Range Pantry – Nashville
Newport Food Pantry
Yachats Pantry

Affiliated Partner Agencies

Our Goals:

*To
provide temporary
service to individuals
and families in their time
of need.*

*To
assist clients to become
more self sufficient.*

*To
increase community
awareness of hunger in
Lincoln County.*



Food Share of Lincoln County Board of Directors 2023

President:

Randy Getman
Newport OR.

Director of Administrative Services at the Olalla Center. Past board member CASA, United Way.

Vice President:

Kawanda Ready
Siletz, OR

Employed with Vacasa. Past volunteer for the Olalla Center in Toledo, OR.

Cynthia Jacobi

Newport, OR

Retired Anesthetist with a continued interest in public health issues. Member of For Artsake Gallery, Yaquina Arts Association, and the Toledo Arts Guild. Serves on the Newport City Council and Public Art Committee.

Ginger Gouveia

Waldport Or.

Founder and Coordinator of the community advocacy group Acompañar.

Alex Llumiyinga

Newport Or

Employed with the Arcoiris Cultural and Olalla Center program as a CHW and Program Manager serving Latinx, Indigenous, and Migrant populations in Lincoln County. Former Lincoln County School District bilingual tutor. Community musician specializing in traditional Andean music.

Dylan Smith

Depoe Bay OR

Store Manager of Chester's Market in Depoe Bay Or. Volunteer for Depoe Bay Fire Dept.

Jami Tough

Toledo OR

Branch Manager and a Loan Officer for the Toledo branch of Oregon Coast Bank. Currently involved in the Toledo Boomer Booster Club. Serves on the board of the Toledo Community Foundation.

How can you help?

- **Cash or Check Contributions:** Your dollars help support us best. For every \$1.00 donated Food Share can distribute up to 4 meals.
- **Make a Gift of Stock:** A donation of appreciated securities can help us with capitol purchases such as a new freezer, refrigerator or expanded warehouse.
- **Make a Bequest:** Contact your estate planning attorney and consider including Food Share of Lincoln County in your will.
- Hold a food or fund drive at work, school or through your service organization. Click [here](#) for more information.
- Link your Fred Meyer [Rewards Card](#) to Food Share.
- Donate your recyclable bottles and cans to Food Share [here](#)
- Make personal food donations or donate produce from your garden.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Food Pantry/Hot Meal Site, Pick-up/Delivery Driver, Nutrition Education, Special Events. Click [here](#) for more information.

Monetary donations in the form of checks (made payable to FSLC) or cash may be sent or dropped off at our warehouse at 535 NE 1st Street, Newport, OR 97365. If you would like to use a credit card, you can donate via PayPal (a PayPal account is not required) from our donation page on our [website](#).

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