

IMPACT REPORT

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FOR 2024



A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Dear Friend,

In Josephine County, **1 in 5 people rely on emergency food services each month.** That includes families, seniors, students, and individuals working hard just to stay afloat. In 2024, you helped ensure that food, nourishing, dependable, and dignified, was there when it was needed most.

This year, we expanded access in powerful ways. Our network now includes 15 schools across the Three Rivers School District, helping meet families where they are. We added four new partner agencies and brought food directly to remote communities like Williams and Merlin through our Mobile Pantry. These expansions weren't easy; rural access remains one of our toughest challenges, but they were necessary, and your support made them possible.

We distributed more food than ever before: 2.8 million pounds, including over 1.5 million pounds of fruits and vegetables. We recovered food that would have otherwise gone to waste, and worked alongside partners to connect clients with housing, health care, and job readiness resources.

Behind every number is a story of resilience. A neighbor rebuilding after a medical crisis. A family recovering from job loss. A senior on a fixed income, now able to stretch their grocery budget just a little further. Because of you, these stories didn't end in scarcity — they were met with compassion and care.

Thank you for believing in our mission. **Your generosity is building a stronger, healthier Josephine County, one meal at a time.**



JOSEPHINE SIZE

Executive Director

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"The local pantry has been our lifeline. Without it, we wouldn't have been able to feed our kids and pay our bills. The stress of choosing between food and basic necessities was overwhelming."



WHAT YOU MADE POSSIBLE IN 2024



Over 2.8 million pounds of food were distributed throughout our community; the equivalent of over 2.3 million meals shared with our friends and neighbors in need.



More than 10,000 families, representing 21,000 individuals, received food assistance every month.



478,539 pounds of unsold food were rescued from the waste cycle and redistributed to hungry neighbors through the Fresh Alliance program.



9,000+ hours of service were gifted to us by volunteers in our warehouse, on Raptor Creek Farm, at our Mobile Pantries, and at special events.



188,650 servings of fresh produce were grown on Raptor Creek Farm to share with our community.



1,300 youth participated in field trips and other educational activities through Raptor Creek Farm.

OUR PROGRAMMATIC STRATEGY

FOOD, HEALTHY FOOD, AND CONSISTENT ACCESS

Providing our community with enough nutritious food to thrive is the cornerstone of our operation. By focusing our efforts on healthy food, not just calories on a plate, we are ensuring that people can access foods that fight disease, respect their cultural traditions, promote wellness, and empower them for years to come.

Food insecurity is also connected to poverty, poor diet quality, and chronic disease. Keeping healthy food at the core of our mission is our commitment to the long-lasting health of our community.

INVEST IN LOCAL PARTNERS

Hunger is often just one of many overlapping issues thousands of Josephine County families face. We partner with carefully chosen organizations to support our food distribution efforts and provide our clients with programs and services that work to reduce poverty and provide our community the support it needs.

“When my husband was out of work, the Food Bank and SNAP helped us make it through the months without going backwards financially. We grow a lot of our own food, and the food bank helped fill in what we needed.”

AN EMPHASIS ON RURAL

Rural communities in Josephine County face food insecurity at disproportionately higher rates. Lack of transportation, low wages, and an absence of grocery stores all contribute to this increased need. In 2024, our work focused on expanding food access in these harder-to-reach places.

PREVENT HUNGER BEFORE IT HAPPENS

We recognize that food alone isn't going to solve hunger and that it takes a multi-faceted approach to support our community's most vulnerable residents. Programs that provide access to job skills, a fair wage, and future prospects work in tandem with food to give our community a leg up in the workforce and reduce the need for food support in the future.



A COMMUNITY EFFORT

2024 marked yet another year of extraordinary need across Josephine County. Rising food costs, economic strain, and limited rural access continued to drive more households to seek support. Each month, we served over 21,000 individuals, including many turning to food assistance for the first time. Despite these challenges, our network responded with strength and resolve, and we distributed more food than ever before.



Collecting and distributing food is at the core of our mission, and in 2024, **JCFB partner agencies distributed over 2.8 million pounds of food to over 21,000 people at food pantries, meal sites, and other food programs.**

Our network consists of over 30 unique organizations working together to address hunger. **In 2024, we added four new partner agencies and expanded our school pantry network to 15 schools,** specifically focusing on rural communities across Josephine County.



Volunteers at the Josephine County Food Bank and our Partner Agencies contributed a total of 37,847 hours in 2024. Many agencies in our network report that they are still critically understaffed by volunteers.

The vast majority of the 2.8 million pounds of food we distributed in 2024 was donated. JCFCB relies on a variety of sources for food, including individuals, local businesses, Oregon Food Bank, the USDA, grocery partners, Raptor Creek Farm, and purchased food.

We rescued 478,539 pounds of unsold food from our local grocery partners in 2024.

We increased the nutritional content of our warehouse and, in 2024, **distributed over 500,000 more pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables** than in 2023!

Our community brought in **41,235 pounds of food in food drives**. The Grants Pass Food Project, a bi-monthly neighborhood food drive, **donated an additional 9,747 pounds** of food.

Thanks to the efforts of farm staff and committed volunteers, **Raptor Creek Farm grew 188,650 servings of organic produce**. In 2024, the farm grew carrots, beets, radishes, lettuce, mustard green mix, kale, tomatoes, watermelon, pepper, green beans, acorn squash, butternut squash, broccoli, and brussels sprouts.



OUR PARTNER AGENCIES

WE PARTNER WITH MORE THAN 30 ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT JOSEPHINE COUNTY TO DISTRIBUTE FOOD TO OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS IN NEED

B Street Food Pantry
Bridgeview Community Food Pantry
Cave Junction Adventist Community Services
Crisis Resolution Center at Options
Fleming Middle School
Grants Pass Dorcas
Hidden Valley High School
Illinois Valley High School
JCFCB Kerby
JCFCB Merlin
JCFCB Williams
JCFCB Wolf Creek
Joe's Place
Lorna Byrne Middle School
MINT
The Maslow Project
ODHS Cave Junction
ODHS Grants Pass
Ossie's Cupboard
Pathways at Pregnancy Care Center
Project Youth +
Southern Oregon Head Start
Spiral Living Center
St Vincent de Paul Mobile Kitchen
Sunny Valley Outreach Ministries
The Salvation Army
The ROC Pantry
The Lord's Storehouse at Redwood Christian Church
UCAN
Williams Community Bible Church
Women's Crisis Support Team
YMCA

PROGRAMS & SERVICES



Outside of collecting and distributing food to our county-wide network of Partner Agencies, we operate several programs and services designed to reduce hunger and support our community's overall health. Volunteers heavily support all of these programs, and we wouldn't be able to do this work without them.

FRESH ALLIANCE Fresh Alliance is a food recovery program that recovers unsold food from local grocery stores and distributes it to our neighbors in need. In 2024, we rescued 478,539 pounds of food.

MOBILE PANTRIES We directly operate a mobile pantry that distributes food in communities that lack or are underserved by an existing food network. In 2024, our mobile pantry expanded to serve the communities of Merlin, Williams, and Wolf Creek.

RAPTOR CREEK FARM Raptor Creek Farm functions as both a production and education farm and allows us to connect with our community through organic produce, nutrition and garden education, and hands-on experiences. In 2024, RCF grew 188,650 servings of produce.

COMMUNITY GARDEN On the grounds of Raptor Creek Farm are 16 raised beds, free and open to our community. Our mission is to cultivate a vibrant and inclusive environment where community members can safely and actively engage in the joys and health benefits of growing their own produce.

NUTRITION EDUCATION Our programs teach participants nutrition education and basic cooking skills, allowing them to stretch their budgets and best utilize the food found in food boxes. In 2024, we held 19 education sessions and reached 902 people.

ADULT & YOUTH GARDEN EDUCATION Our year-round education programs empower both kids and adults to make healthier, more informed choices about the food they eat. In 2024, our youth programming continued to grow, expanding into school gardens across Josephine County. We partnered with four schools and two community organizations to bring vibrant, productive gardens to life, transforming learning spaces into places of growth, discovery, and nourishment. Through hands-on activities like planting, harvesting, and tasting, we reached over 1,297 children and hosted full spring and summer garden clubs that connected youth with where their food comes from, and why it matters.





OUR MISSION

The Josephine County Food Bank responds to the root causes of hunger and supports our community by striving to nourish, restore dignity, provide health, and champion community. Our mission is to lead the effort to eliminate hunger by empowering our community...because no one should be hungry!

OUR VISION

Our vision is to build a healthy, hunger-free tomorrow for all of Josephine County.

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We strive to be good stewards of resources to feed hungry families, children, and seniors in our community. Our complete audited financial statements are available at jocofoodbank.org.

Josephine County Food Bank is a nonprofit food bank serving all of Josephine County, Oregon. We are a 501(c)3 organization and an equal opportunity provider. We are a partner of the Oregon Food Bank and a distribution partner of Feeding America.

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