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Dear <<salutation>>,

Thank you for your support. It is incredible to see the impact we are having together to expand food and land justice in our local communities.

As someone who is committed to the movement to end hunger, you know the value of increasing access to food. But we also must end the root causes of food insecurity, including racial injustice that creates inequities in access to land, wealth, and food.



Community farmers Arthur Shavers and Shantae Johnson.

Oregon Food Bank invests in hunger-free communities led by people who have experienced hunger and its root causes. **That's why we want to introduce you to our partners, Black Oregon Land Trust (BOLT).**

BOLT builds community power to eliminate the root causes of hunger for good by ensuring Black communities in Oregon have secure and affordable land access and sustainable agricultural education needed to create thriving communities.

Arthur Shavers and Shantae Johnson are members of the BOLT farming community and owners of Mudbone Grown Farm. One of the primary challenges they've faced is accessing secure and affordable farmland – a challenge mirrored by Black farmers across the state. They started on just one acre at Oregon Food Bank's headquarters in NE Portland.

Today, only 0.1% of Oregon farmland is Black-owned. Yet in today's conversations about food security, land is rarely discussed. Food security in Black communities is often an afterthought.

With 2/3 of Oregon's agricultural land changing hands in the next 10 years, we have an opportunity and responsibility to create pathways for Black farmers to build sustainable agricultural businesses that can be passed down to future generations, and change the landscape of food and land security in Oregon.

In this historical moment, please consider a donation of \$<<Ask2>> to Black Oregon Land Trust to help reshape our collective future of land and food justice.

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With your direct support of BOLT, you join Oregon Food Bank to invest in a land trust model that permanently holds and protects land for farmers and offers farming families a path to home ownership and financial stability.

Through BOLT's community land trust model, Arthur and Shantae of Mudbone Grown Farm now have access to 20 acres of quality affordable land, including a secure home for themselves and their children. After years of living in small spaces and facing the difficulties of farming on leased land, they are now able to thrive while doing innovative food justice work.

Their farming model is unique. Rather than selling their produce, they work with local partners through grants and contracts that allow them to provide free food to over 120 families a week through their weekly food boxes, and 500 people weekly through the Black Community Food Center.

Shantae shares, "When our land is secure and we know we won't have to relocate our work, we can continue to deepen and grow our impact in the community — we're one small farm, but we can impact thousands."

With high cost barriers to purchasing land, the racial wealth gap, and the challenges of leasing, community land trusts provide land access and security and the opportunity to build thriving agricultural businesses, just as Arthur and Shantae are creating.

When Black farmers and their communities are able to own land, food justice and economic security will not only be a possibility, but a reality.

Oregon Food Bank is honored to partner with BOLT to support this root-cause approach to ending hunger.

Please make a gift to Black Oregon Land Trust (BOLT) today. Your generosity will help create a new legacy of food, land and racial justice in Oregon.

Thank you for your support in advancing our shared mission!

With appreciation and solidarity,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature on the left is 'Qiddist Ashé' and the second signature on the right is 'Susannah Morgan'.

Qiddist Ashé, Executive Director, Black Oregon Land Trust
Susannah Morgan, President, Oregon Food Bank

P.S. Your gift helps Black Oregon Land Trust (BOLT) prepare the next generation of skilled farmers, and provide land access to grow food, businesses and healthy communities. Please consider a gift to BOLT today!

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