



OUR TEN YEAR VISION

Ten Year Vision (2019-2029)

Communities that Never Go Hungry

We envision resilient communities throughout Oregon and SW Washington that never go hungry.

Hunger is a symptom, with deeper root causes. Hunger is a community wide symptom of exclusion, of not having enough – not having enough nutritious food, enough income, enough power, enough represented voice. Hunger is a symptom of barriers to employment, education, housing and health-care. Hunger is a symptom of our country's history of enacting systemic oppression through laws, policies and practices, such as racism, colonialism and sexism.

At Oregon Food Bank, we believe that all human beings are interconnected and interdependent. We believe that food is a basic human right. And we believe that food is necessary to address the symptom of hunger today...but food alone will not solve hunger. So we distribute food as a remedy for hunger today while also working to change the systems that perpetuate hunger to solve hunger for good.

We see a future where all people have the resources to rise and thrive. Where affordable housing, living wage jobs and healthcare are community standards. Where local economies flourish. Where systems are shaped by and work for all people. Where every voice matters. A future in which hunger does not happen.

To achieve this bold vision, Oregon Food Bank builds *community connections* so people can access appropriate food today, and we build *community power* to eliminate the root causes of hunger, for good.

The critical elements to achieving this vision are:

- **Transformative Leadership.** People who have experienced hunger are the experts on hunger. We promote the leadership of those who have experienced hunger and oppression. We commit to transforming who holds power in every aspect of our work.



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- **Local Strength.** We ground our work in local communities. The best ideas for community prosperity are developed by and with local representative leadership and flourish when rooted in regional, statewide and national networks.
- **Local Food.** Locally grown food is abundant in the Pacific Northwest. We rally people within every aspect of the food production system to ensure that food flows to people impacted by hunger. We look to the expertise of local communities for solutions in land stewardship, food growing, food manufacturing and distribution.
- **A True Story.** We commit to spreading the true story of hunger. We reject the narrative that hunger is primarily a result of personal choices. The truth is that hunger is a symptom of poverty and oppression. We lift stories and narratives that fundamentally shift our understanding of hunger and catalyze action to end hunger for good.
- **An Inclusive Movement.** With gratitude for those who came before us and in deep collaboration, we are continuing to feed a movement to end hunger. More than a million people in Oregon and SW Washington engage with the Oregon Food Bank Network – accessing food assistance, donating support and leading their communities toward a better future. *Together, we are powerful beyond measure.* We channel that power into action on public policies to realize our vision of communities that never go hungry.



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