

ANNUAL REPORT JULY 2019 – JUNE 2020

Dear Neighbor,

This has been a year like no other. Despite the pandemic and unprecedented food shortages, we adapted and persevered. You, our broad and diverse Lift UP community, revealed our strength in the face of adversity.

2020 marks the 40th year of Lift UP serving our neighbors in Northwest and Downtown Portland. Providing fresh, nutritious food to those hit hardest by the isolating effects of these precarious times has never been more critical.

Throughout the past year, we have been overwhelmed by the resilience of our staff, our volunteers, and the people we serve. Despite food supply chain disruptions, the variety and quality



Executive Director Stephanie Barr at Preston's Pantry

of fresh fruits and vegetables at Preston's Pantry and groceries for our Delivered Food Box program remained constant. No matter what unanticipated obstacles we've faced, we've regrouped, assessed the best way to stay connected with the community, and continued to serve with a spirit of abundance. Our volunteers geared up, smiled behind their masks, and stayed safe so we could continue to provide services without disruption.

Food insecurity will continue to plague our community. Across the country, dependency on food pantries has risen more than 30%, and hunger rates continue to climb. Beginning in March, most of the new people who visited Preston's Pantry were recently unemployed and were shocked to find themselves relying on community assistance. A recent survey revealed that one out of five Oregonians experience food scarcity. We cannot allow our neighbors to go hungry. Food brings us together in good times or bad, and we will continue to be here for all of our neighbors who need support.

Thank you for being part of the Lift UP community. Together, our commitment and resilience empower us to serve our neighbors and reduce hunger.

With gratitude,

Brian Fleener President, Lift UP Board of Directors

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Lift UP reduces hunger and improves the lives of residents in Northwest and Downtown Portland.

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LIFT UP PROGRAMS



At **PRESTON'S PANTRY**, shoppers can enjoy a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, shelf stable items, and pantry staples. The pantry served 7,737 individuals this year.



DELIVERED FOOD BOXES contain one week's worth of meals and can be customized to meet residents' dietary restrictions, such as Diabetic or Low Sodium. Residents received 3,620 Delivered Food Boxes in 2019-2020.



EMERGENCY FOOD CLOSETS in low-income buildings provide shelf-stable pantry items for residents facing an unexpected shortage of food. Lift UP stocked the equivalent of 58,800 meals in 26 Emergency Food Closets in our service area.



SUPPER CLUB, our healthy-eating workshops teach culinary skills, provide nutritional information, and encourage community building among residents. Before being suspended due to the pandemic, Supper Club hosted 1,203 participants.



FREE FOOD MARKET, our partner program with Oregon Food Bank, distributed more than 32,695 pounds of food to the community. That's 2,724 pounds each month!

WHO WE SERVE

Demographics

Race/Ethnicity (unique) White 58.9% Asian/Pacific Islander 12.3% Black 11.4% Hispanic/Latino 7.5% Other 3.3% Multiracial 2.5% Native 2.5% No response 1.6%

Did you know?

39% of Lift UP clients are over the age of 65
32% of unique households served by Lift UP self-identify as having a physical or developmental disability
35% of the people we serve identify as having a dietary restriction



"When the COVID-19 pandemic first started, being a volunteer at Preston's Pantry became even more significant to me. I knew my contribution was more important than ever, because it isn't just

about serving clients. It's about the entire community coming together to take care of and support each other."

> - Susan Wolfe, Preston's Pantry volunteer

TOP VOLUNTEERS



Thank you to all of the volunteers who contributed **8,328 hours** supporting our community and providing food access to low-income residents in need. With your help, we are able to connect neighbors to nourishment!

Emmanuel Arrey Ruth Ann Brown Joanne Burns Graham Byrd Jim Canning Chris Chorn Amanda Costa Steve Cromer Diana Desimone Kris DiPaola Jan Evelyn Gary Goss Jose Hernandez Monica McKune Susan Milstein Marlene Nolan Dave Richardson Don Shapiro Debi Quinn Susan Wolfe

WHERE OUR FOOD COMES FROM

Volunteers pick up food from Community Partners several times a week, sourcing perishable and non-perishable goods that are distributed to the community, through Preston's Pantry and the Adopt a Building Program.

Recurring Donations

Amazon Prime: 17%

Oregon Food Bank: 51%

Trader Joe's: 8%

White Shield: 4%

New Seasons Slabtown: 2%

Other: 4%

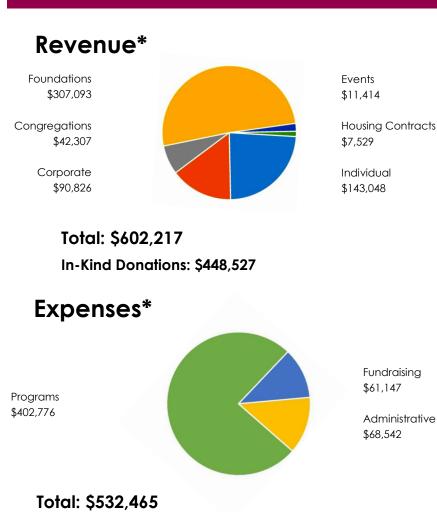
Food and Fund Drives: 3%

Purchased from Oregon Food Bank: 11%

Total pounds distributed: 444,432

33% of the food we receive through our Community Partners is fresh, nutrient-rich produce.

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