

2021 FOOD- LOVE REPORT



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LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR & DIRECTOR

Since joining the board here at The Giving Plate in January of 2020, it has been a wild ride! We have faced some incredible challenges in operations navigating a pandemic. While at the same time, we have experienced incredible blessing and community support. Isn't that how God works?! In those times when things seem too much to handle, He shows up and keeps us moving, answering prayers and providing sustenance and blessing in ways we could never imagine! And such it has been at The Giving Plate in 2021.

Thanks to incredibly generous support in 2020, we were able to put money down, and purchase our first building in NE Bend! We then launched a capital campaign in October 2021, and have been blown away by the grants and community giving already received. We have not had to turn down a single guest in need of food. We capped off 2021 with a beautiful Jingle Event that went exponentially above and beyond as a result of a myriad of talented volunteers and their hours of hard work. What an incredible year it has been! Beauty in the midst of immense challenges!

Looking forward, we continue to roll forward with our building remodel and capital campaign. As we reimagine what food relief looks like, this new building will truly allow us to live our mission of feeding the hungry today with hospitality and compassion. We are beyond excited for what this community hub will look like, and invite you all to join us on this unique and thrilling journey!

David Woods

BOARD CHAIR



Ranae Staley

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



With each new year, we are given an opportunity to reflect on the prior year. As I have done that, my heart has been full of gratitude for all that has been accomplished. If I were to give a title to 2021, it would be "The Year of Dreams Coming to Life." As Walt Disney said, "All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them." For over four years, the conversation about the need for more space felt like an audio file on repeat and a continual wall that we couldn't seem to breakthrough. Yet, we knew we needed the space to keep up with the growth we are experiencing and step into the bigger dreams in our hearts - dreams about how we can better serve our neighbors in need and reimagine what food relief looks like for them.

In Spring 2021, we learned about a space that had many of the things we were looking for, and thanks to the generosity of our community in 2020, we were in a position to act quickly on it. Now, as we look into what is ahead for 2022, it will be a year of watching these dreams come to life. With this space, we will create a "boutique" grocery store for our guests to access food services while bringing all of our food and programs under one convenient roof.

The future of food relief in our community is on the verge of a significant "facelift," & we are genuinely excited about what this will mean for our Central Oregon neighbors in need. It is one thing to give food to someone in need, but when you can figure out how to offer that food with dignity and compassion and truly show that you care, one quickly discovers that you are not just fighting hunger but feeding hope.

FROM OUR GUESTS

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*I have yet to have a bad experience with **The Giving Plate**. You're fast and friendly, and I never leave feeling ashamed or embarrassed. Thanks to all for your help that is much appreciated! -J.H.*

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*It's not just food you are giving out; **it is love** and we need more of that in our world. Thank you for being here for my family.*

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STORIES FROM OUR GUESTS - MEET KRISTINA & JASON

Kristina visits The Giving Plate weekly for small amounts of food. Executive Director, Ranae Staley, had a few conversations with her to learn more about her story and how she ended up unhoused. During one of her visits to The Giving Plate, Ranae could tell Kristina wasn't feeling well and knew she slept under tarps nearby. Ranae shared the need on her personal Facebook page to see if anyone had a small tent to give, and within a few hours, a beautiful soul said she would purchase one for Kristina. Ranae got to pass this gift on to her, and she was so thankful. Kristina was then asked if she had other needs and was given a pen and paper to write them out. Her requests were simple - tarp, bungee cords, propane, and eyeglasses. Within a few weeks of sharing on Facebook, ALL of her needs were met! Her gratitude was beautiful. ***She felt seen. She felt hope.***

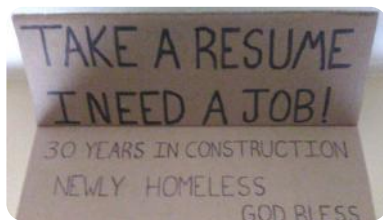


Kristina in her new eye glasses donated by Dr. Jason Demmig of Bend Ophthalmology



TOP: Jason (middle) with two Furnish Hope volunteers who delivered his new bedroom furniture.

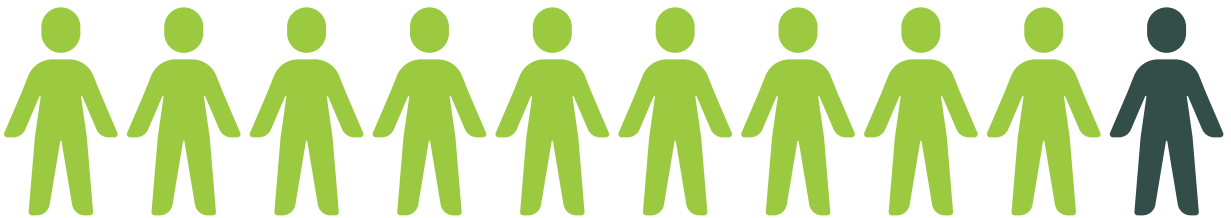
BOTTOM: Jason's sign



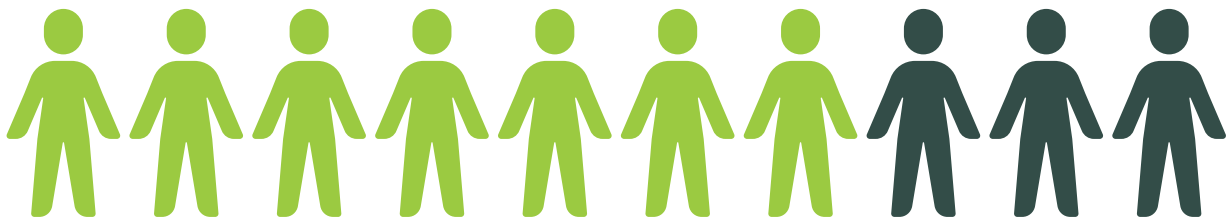
Jason was new to Bend and had moved here for a fresh start and a new job opportunity. Through a series of unfortunate circumstances, he found himself newly homeless and living out of his car. Jason found The Giving Plate and came each week for small amounts of food and conversation with our amazing volunteers. Being newly homeless, he quickly learned how lonely it can be and how hard it is to find work when you don't have an address or phone. One day, he was introduced to Executive Director Ranae Staley. He was ready to take to the streets with his cardboard sign, "Take a resume - I need a job! 30 years in construction. Newly Homeless. God Bless!" Ranae offered to share his story on her social media page, and within a day, Jason had more job offers than he could call on. Within two days, he was working. And amazingly, within five days, he was moving into a rented room that Furnish Hope filled with the essentials he needed. ***Jason was overwhelmed by the speed at which his life turned around, and he began volunteering to be part of what he coined "the circle of giving."*** He hasn't returned to his car, is doing great with his new job, and now living on his own in his own home.

Together, we can breathe hope and beauty into the hearts of our neighbors who need it.

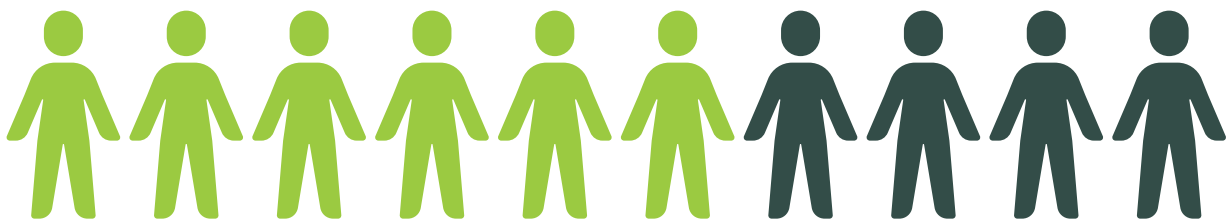
2021 STATISTICS



90% of guests served in 2021 were housed



70% of guests served in the grocery program
were adults



60% of guests served organization-wide are
children under the age of 18

2021 IMPACT



764,138 total pounds of food shared with the community



6,916 total households served



22,124 total individuals served



10,998 total kids served through Bend and North Lake County Kid's Korner



8,908 pounds of weekend food bags provided through Backpacks For Bend



534 total gas vouchers provided



HOLIDAY IMPACT

2021 was a year of giving, and the holiday season was no different. Below outlines the number of Easter Baskets given to our kids, the number of families who benefitted from the Jingle Store, as well as the number of Thanksgiving and Christmas Meals given to our guests.



EASTER BASKETS

200 Easter baskets filled with Easter eggs, toys, coloring books, and more were given to kids in our community.

JINGLE STORE

720 kids between the ages of 2-17 came to our 2021 Jingle Store and were able to "shop" for gifts to give to those they love.

JINGLE CHRISTMAS MAKEOVER

6 families received a \$2,500 Christmas Makeover from local groups/organizations in our community.

THANKSGIVING MEALS

525 Thanksgiving meals were provided to families.

CHRISTMAS MEALS

718 Christmas meals were provided to families.

Thank you to our *Top 10* In-Kind donors!



Bend Food Project
269,121 lbs.



NeighborImpact
150,115 lbs.



Local Community
66,951 lbs.



Albertson's
31,622 lbs.



Walmart
23,287 lbs.



Big Foot
Beverage
18,430 lbs.



Trader Joe's
17,929 lbs.



Safeway
16,374 lbs.



C.F. Lovejoy Market
16,122 lbs.



The Sparrow
Bakery
4,492 lbs.

Thank you to our *volunteers* who gave...
11,929 hours equaling \$178,935

Thank you to the **1,352** individuals who donated funds.

Without the support of our community, none of what we do would be possible. Our community gave **665,470** total pounds of food valuing **\$831,838**.



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Thank you to our **18** grantors.

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