



2020-2021 Annual Report

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Columbia Pacific Food Bank (CPFEB) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation that was formed in 1998. Prior to that time it was a subsidiary of the Community Action Team which chose to drop the program at that time. A group of local citizens banded together to form the nonprofit so that the services provided by the regional food bank could continue.

The primary purpose of CPFEB is to distribute food throughout the county so that those in need have access to healthy food. The secondary purpose is to provide access to resources such as nutrition education, cooking classes and gardening classes. The third purpose is to provide advocacy centered on food issues related to hunger.

Columbia County has been lagging behind the country and state of Oregon in the economic recovery. One in five individuals in the county qualify for the programs that we currently offer or support. We anticipate the need actually increasing over the next several years due to decisions that have been made at the federal and state level and their impact at the local level.

CPFEB distributes an average of 16.5 tons of food a week throughout the county to over 30 different distribution points. CPFEB delivers to all distribution points on a rotating basis.

CPFEB receives approximately 28% of its food for distribution from the Oregon Food Bank, 50% from USDA and 22% locally sourced through various donors.

All funds raised by CPFEB stay in Columbia County. We believe in utilizing local businesses who support us to the greatest extent possible. Each dollar donated creates the equivalent of 3 meals.

MISSION, VISION, VALUES AND GOALS

Mission

To provide access to healthy food and resources.

Vision

To end hunger in Columbia County.

Values

Agencies

- Hunger cannot be solved by any one group or agency acting alone. CPFEB is committed to partnering with agencies to put an end to hunger.
- We value the important contributions and abilities of each agency in the CPFEB network.
- Agencies can expect us to provide products and support to maximize the services they offer.
- We live up to our individual and organizational commitments.
- As colleagues, agencies can expect CPFEB to respond promptly and work toward the resolution of problems. Agencies can expect us to work with and advocate on behalf of the entire network. We welcome agency input on all levels.

- We take responsibility for our actions and stand behind the quality of our products, personnel and services.
- We equitably distribute all resources, monitor agencies fairly and according to policy, and are good stewards of funds, time, and trust.

Donors

- We are committed to being good stewards of all donated resources.
- We develop mutually beneficial community partnerships to maximize resources for the fulfillment of our mission.
- We treat every donor with courtesy and respect.
- We inform, educate, and provide opportunities for donor participation in CPFEB activities.
- We acknowledge, accurately record, and track all donations and protect donor confidentiality to the extent provided by law.
- We acknowledge and correct our mistakes promptly, submit to a regular, independent audit, and maintain an open-book policy.
- We maintain a well-trained, efficient staff, committed to the prudent and appropriate use of all donated resources.

People We Serve

- The people we serve are vital partners in fulfilling the mission of CPFEB, and we invite input and participation from them at all levels.
- We recognize that hunger is not a choice, but is a solvable problem.
- We listen respectfully, view people as individuals, honor their privacy, and offer services in an equitable and approachable manner.
- We respond promptly, accurately, and respectfully.
- We work, speak, and advocate with, and on behalf of, the people we serve.
- All resources are offered in a nonjudgmental manner.
- CPFEB is committed to supporting the dignity of the people we serve.

Staff

- We believe in the importance of our mission and that only a united and committed work force can fulfill that mission. We value and acknowledge the contributions and abilities of all staff members.

- We take responsibility for our actions and stand behind the quality of our work.
- We treat one another with respect, courtesy and fairness.
- We actively support the continued development of a diverse work force. We ensure a respectful, inclusive, and flexible work environment.
- We honor and learn from different opinions, cultural backgrounds, and lifestyles.
- As resources permit, we seek to provide opportunities for employees to learn and grow personally and professionally.
- We maintain an environment of creativity and innovation in the pursuit of excellence.

Volunteers

- We recognize that as a community-based organization, CPFEB depends on volunteers as vital links to the community at large. We encourage people to volunteer and respect the contributions of all volunteers.
- We recognize that we are governed by a volunteer board of directors and appreciate their contribution.
- We actively involve volunteers throughout the organization.
- We acknowledge that volunteers come to us for different reasons and experiences, and we strive to discover the best fit between each volunteer and the jobs available.
- We are committed to efficient use of volunteer time and skills.
- We honor and appreciate the contributions of all volunteers.

PROGRAMS and SERVICES

CPFEB is the regional distribution center for Columbia County and operates the following services:

1. Onsite Barbara Bullis Memorial Food Pantry.
2. Funds the Mobile Pantry Distribution on a monthly basis in Mist-Birkenfeld.
3. Funds the monthly Brown Bag program at Grace Baptist Church in St. Helens including their weekly homeless lunch program.

4. Provides funding for the St. Helens Community Garden

Works with the following partner agencies on food distribution/education:

1. St. Vincent DePaul food pantry (Scappoose)
2. Scappoose Foursquare Church Food Pantry
3. Scappoose Backpack Program
4. SAFE (Domestic Violence Shelter)
5. St. Helens Senior Center
6. St. Helens Backpack Program
7. Community Meals (St. Helens)
8. HOPE food pantry (Rainier – includes their backpack program.)
9. Rainier Senior Center
10. Turning Point food pantry (Clatskanie)
11. Clatskanie Senior Center
12. Vernonia Cares food pantry
13. Vernonia Senior Center

CPFBS works with the following fresh produce distribution points:

1. St. Helens/Scappoose Head Start
2. Clatskanie/Rainier Head Start
3. Vernonia Head Start
4. DHS Office of Self Sufficiency
5. DHS Office of Aging and People with Disabilities
6. Columbia Cares
7. Vernonia School Summer Meal Program
8. St. Helens School Summer Meal Program
9. Rainier School Summer Meal Program
10. Clatskanie School Summer Meal Program
11. Medicine Wheel Recovery (St. Helens)
12. Scappoose Library

CPFBS provides nutrition and gardening education in cooperation with:

1. OSU Extension Office (65 classes)
2. Master Gardeners (30 classes)

Our distribution points served a total of 8,000 unduplicated individuals in the county coming close to the 1 in 5 who are eligible. The amount of food distributed equaled 1,000,000 meals.

Board of Directors

- **Chair:** Carol Ford, Retired Multnomah County
- **Vice Chair:** David Douthwaite, Retired Attorney
- **Secretary:** Sue Ziglinski, Nonprofit Consultant
- **Treasurer:** Bob Barnard, Owner, Scappoose Grocery Outlet
- **Member:** Natasha Parvey-Leskowich, NEXT
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- **Member:** Gina Sisco, Marketing, Port of Columbia County
- **Member:** Lindsey Jones, Registered and Licensed Dietitian
- **Member:** Steve Person, Cyber Security, Cambria
- **Member:** Alex Tardif, Scappoose Fire District
- **Member:** Karen MacFarlane, Oregon Employment Department