



Annual Report 2025





Mission:

To nourish our community by providing dignified access to food, basic necessities, and support.

Vision:

A thriving, connected community where everyone has the resources and opportunities to live well.

Values:

Compassion: We serve our neighbors with empathy, kindness, and a commitment to honoring each person's story.

Engagement: We actively involve volunteers, partners, and community members in supporting and strengthening our mission.

Inclusivity: We welcome all people by removing barriers and creating a space where everyone feels valued and supported.

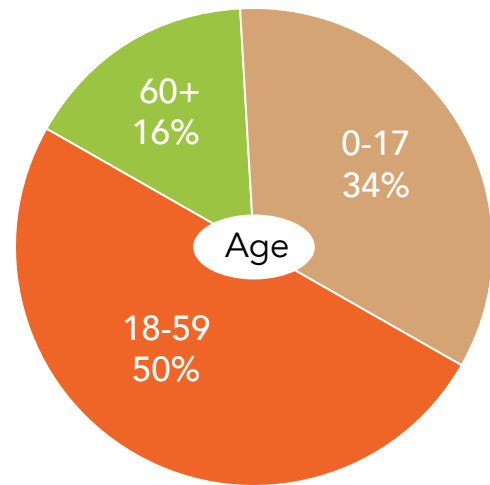
Integrity: We act as trustworthy stewards of our resources, making ethical and transparent decisions in service to our community.

Respect: We honor the dignity, choices, and lived experiences of every individual who walks through our doors.

Who We Serve

The Oregon Area Food Pantry supports individuals and families who live within the Oregon School District and are facing food insecurity or difficulty affording basic essentials. We serve people of all ages, including children and seniors, and we welcome anyone who needs help regardless of their background or situation.

Our goal is to ensure every neighbor has access to healthy food and essential supplies in a way that honors dignity, respect, and compassion. Through strong community partnerships and dedicated volunteers, we provide consistent support that strengthens the health and stability of our community.



A Closer Look

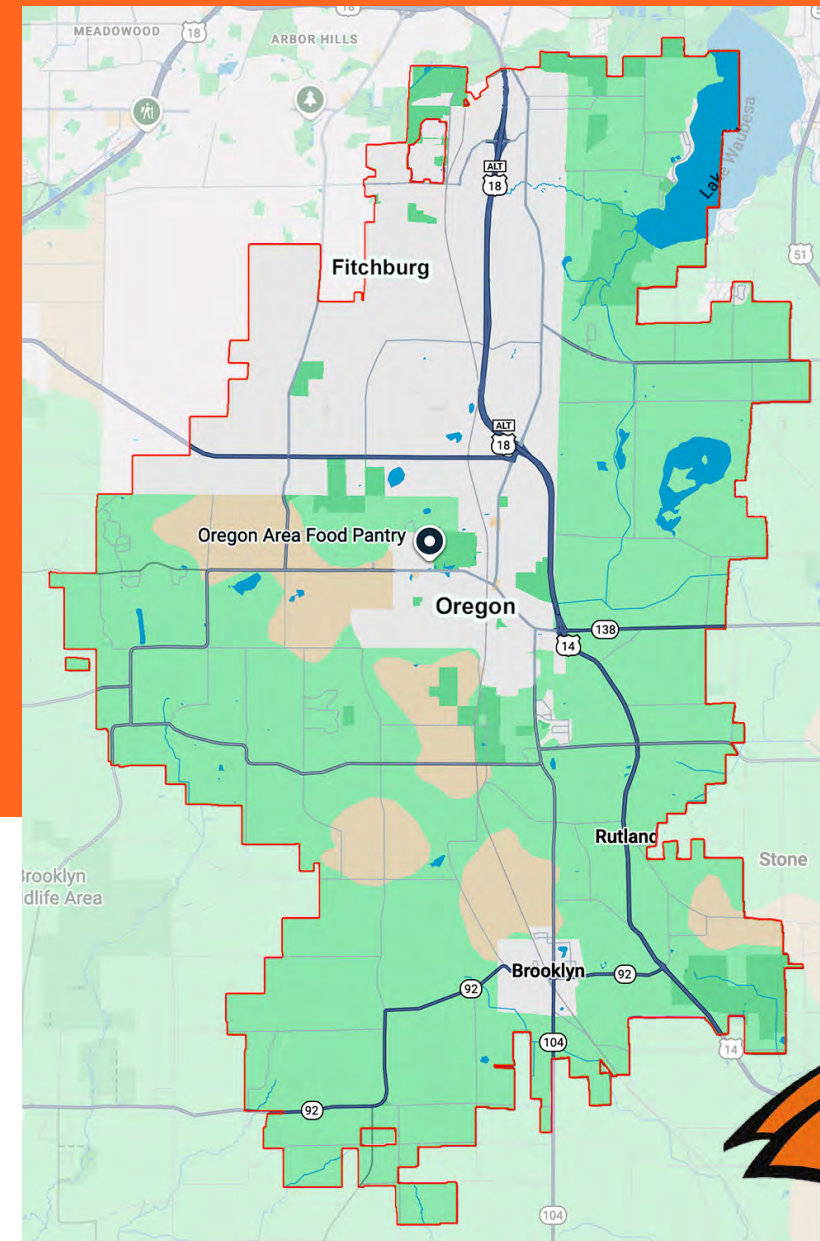
- 370 Unique Households
- 3,646 Household Visits
- 9.85 Average # of Household Visits
- 2.7 Average Household Size
- 89 New Households with 225 new Individuals



Who We Serve

Where Our Guests Live

- 69.1% Oregon
- 11.3% Brooklyn
- 15.0% Fitchburg
- 3.4% Madison
- 1.2% Other (Belleville, Evansville, Mt Horeb, Homeless)



Pantry Operations

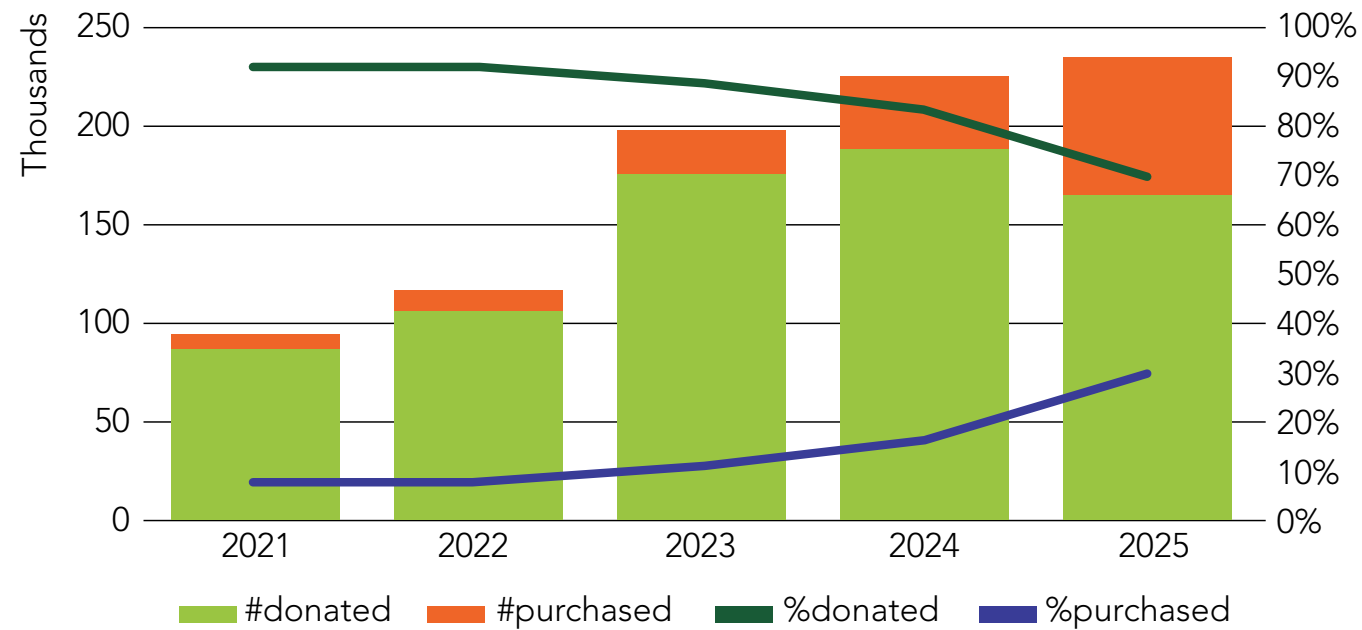
We offer a full choice pantry experience, allowing guests to choose items their families enjoy in a setting similar to a market or grocery store. Thanks to the support of local partners, food drives, and community donations, we provide a wide variety of options—fresh produce, dairy, frozen meats, pantry staples, and snacks. When available, we also supply essential personal care items like toothpaste, laundry soap, toilet paper, and period products.

The Need Continues to Increase

- 370 Unique Families Served
- 10,404 Total People Served
- 985 People Served (includes all members of each household served)
- 225,201 Pounds of Food and Essentials Distributed

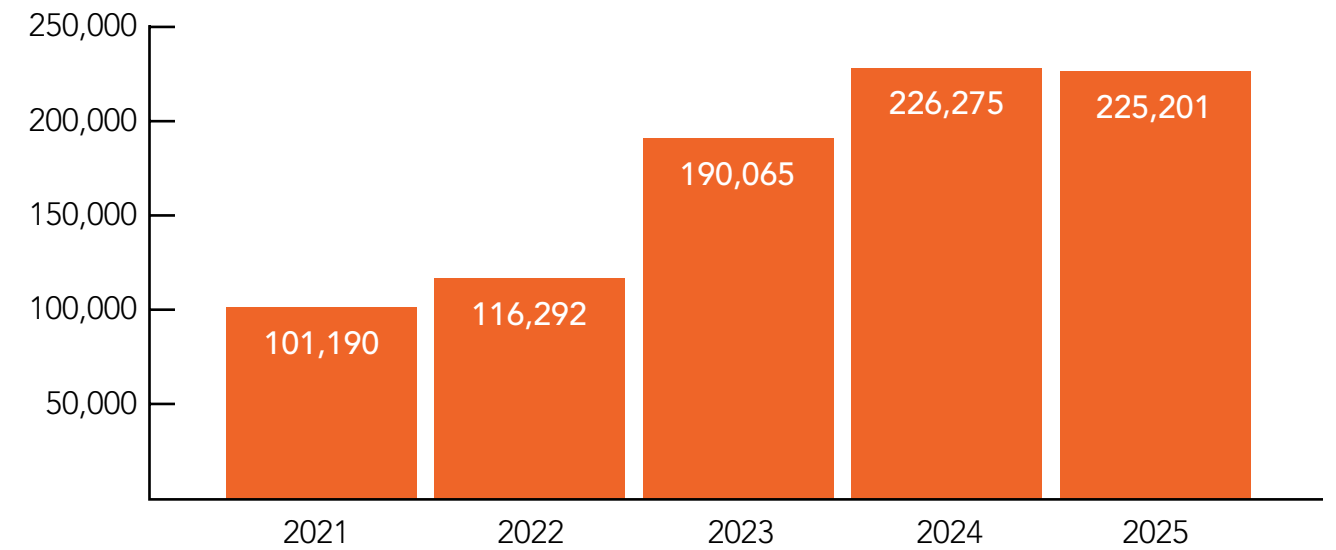
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Pounds Donated	87,787	106,974	176,602	188,329	165,280
Pounds Purchased	7,510	9,325	21,672	36,533	69,738

Food Donated vs. Purchased Trends



Pantry Operations

Total Pounds Distributed



Income/Expenses

Income:

General Cash Donations	\$327,491.89
Donated Goods	\$314,032.00
School Lunch & Food 4 Break Program Donations	\$41,977.00
Stock Donations	\$27,528.42
Fundraiser Sales	\$10,812.87
Interest Income	\$5,519.40
Total	\$727,361.58

Expenses:

Value of Pounds Distributed	\$295,379.70
Pantry Goods Purchased	\$150,703.03
Operations & Building	\$54,799.72
School Lunch & Food 4 Break Programs	\$24,262.50
Donor Development	\$7,186.20
Total	\$532,331.15



Programs



Oregon School District School Meal Program

This program covers breakfast and lunch costs for Oregon School District students whose families narrowly miss eligibility for free or reduced meals. OAFP supported 48 students in the spring 2025 school year and 31 students in the fall, averaging at a cost of \$1,500 per month. Eligibility was determined by the Oregon School District Director of School Nutrition. This program is largely funded by an anonymous donor.

Food 4 Break

This program helps students access nutritious food during school breaks. Eligible families receive grocery-only gift cards (\$5 per student per day) for their choice of Hy-Vee, Aldi, or Kwik Trip. 217 students participated in the 2025 spring semester. 290 students participated in the fall semester of 2025. The total cost was roughly \$11,000. Program is fully funded by an anonymous donor.

Guest Gift Card Program

To supplement fresh items that are difficult to keep in stock, OAFP provides monthly grocery gift cards (\$20 per household per month) to pantry guests living in the Oregon School District. Guests also receive one \$20 gas card monthly to support transportation needs. This program cost approximately \$80,000 in 2025.

Food Rescue

Volunteers pick up overstock and close-dated items from Oregon Hy-Vee and Brooklyn Dollar General, twice weekly at each location. Food is sorted and distributed at pantry hours, with excess shared at local Senior Centers. Volunteers completed more than 200 pickups and rescued over 26,305 pounds of food.

Fundraising

This was the first year the Oregon Area Food Pantry needed to conduct formal fundraising in response to rising need and more families turning to us for support. Our community stepped up with generosity, creativity, and heart.



Rock the Pantry

Our inaugural fundraising event, sponsored by the Gorman family, brought the community together for an evening of music and philanthropy. Local band Axel Grease reunited to play crowd favorites from the 60s and 70s inside the historic Gorman building in downtown Oregon. Guests enjoyed food, drinks, a silent auction, and a 50/50 raffle.

Community Mailing

We launched our first official mailing to households in Oregon, Brooklyn, and Fitchburg. Sponsored by the UPS Store of Fitchburg and a generous local family, the postcard highlighted the growing need across our service area.



Donor Mailing

At year end, we sent a special appeal to our existing donors, offering both a return envelope and a virtual giving option.



Amazon Wish List Campaign

To meet ongoing demand for high-need items, we promoted our Amazon Wish List through social media.



Projects

Accessible Sidewalk Upgrade

This year, the Oregon Area Food Pantry installed a brand-new accessible sidewalk that makes entering and exiting the pantry safer and easier for all guests. This work was generously donated by JP Cullen and Lycon and has substantially improved access for our guests.

This improvement removes common barriers for individuals with mobility challenges and reduces risks associated with navigating carts and uneven surfaces. It reflects our ongoing commitment to creating a welcoming, dignified, and fully accessible environment where every neighbor can shop safely and independently.



Community Room Enhancement

The Community Room is the first stop for many guests while they wait to shop, and it serves people of all ages. To make this space more comfortable and functional, we refreshed the room with new paint, added cabinets for better organization, and created a dedicated children's area with books and activities.

We also partnered with the Oregon High School photography class to display original student artwork, adding warmth and personality to the space. These updates help ensure the Community Room feels inviting, inclusive, and reflective of the vibrant community we serve.

Community Partners

The Oregon Area Food Pantry thrives because our community shows up for its neighbors. We are grateful for the many partners who strengthen our mission, expand our reach, and ensure families across the Oregon School District have access to nutritious food and essential resources.

Hy-Vee Oregon

Hy-Vee continues to be one of our most dedicated partners. Their team prepares and sells pre-packaged donation bags, manages and delivers those items to the pantry, and provides substantial overstock and near the sell-by date food through our food recovery program. Hy-Vee also offers generous catering discounts for our fundraising events, partners with local organizations on food drives, and ran a round-up campaign that matched every customer donation, multiplying the impact for local families.



Dollar General – Brooklyn

Dollar General participates in our food recovery efforts by providing overstocked and close-dated items each week. Their consistency ensures we can offer guests more variety and reduce waste while supporting families with additional fresh and shelf-stable options.

The Gorman Family

The Gorman family plays a crucial role in our largest annual fundraising event and donates fresh, locally grown produce from their farm throughout the growing season. Their commitment to nourishing the community is felt at every pantry distribution.

Oregon School District



Our partnership with Oregon School District directly supports kids and families through coordinated programs, food drives, and streamlined giving. Families can now donate to OAFP directly through the school website, and district staff work closely with us to identify needs and connect families to available resources.

Local Churches

Local faith communities remain foundation partners, hosting various food drives including paper (toilet paper, paper towels, tissues), soup drive for the “Souper Bowl” and holiday food drives. They also do special monetary collections throughout the year and one church even sponsored a food truck event with proceeds going directly to the pantry..

Anderson Park Friends

Anderson Park Friends operate the pantry gardens at Anderson County Park, planting, harvesting, and delivering fresh produce specifically for our guests. They collaborate with us each spring to determine what to grow, ensuring families receive the highest-need fruits and vegetables all summer and fall.



Local Business Support

Dozens of local businesses donated items for our first annual silent auction at our “Rock the Pantry” fundraising event. Several businesses also held food drives, round-up events, or gave donations benefiting the pantry, including multiple round-up nights at Culver’s of Oregon.

Community-Led Food Drives

Generous groups across Oregon organized food drives throughout the year, including Oregon Youth Basketball, Boy Scouts of America, the U.S. Postal Service, and the Oregon FFA. Neighborhoods, businesses, realtors, service organizations, and even birthday parties also contributed thousands of pounds of food. These community efforts keep our shelves stocked and our programs strong.



Volunteers

OAFP is run entirely by volunteers, which means your donations go directly to food, services, and operations. Our volunteers are the heart of the pantry. They show up with generosity, skill, and compassion, ensuring every neighbor is served with dignity.

In 2025, 180 volunteers contributed more than 3611 hours of service. Their time represents \$6,120 in donated labor, based on the Independent Sector's valuation volunteer hours in Wisconsin. We quite literally could not do this work without them.

Source: Independent Sector, Value of Volunteer Time (Wisconsin), \$34/hour.



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Thank you

Hours of Operation in 2025:

9-11 AM Tuesday weekly

4-6 PM Second and Last Thursdays of the Month

9-11 AM the First Saturday of the Month

New Hours of Operation in 2026:

Every Tuesday: 8:30am to 11:00am

1st and 3rd Thursday: 11:00am to 2:00pm

2nd and 4th Thursday: 4:00pm to 7:00pm

1st Saturday only: 8:30am to 11:00am

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