# FOOD BANK

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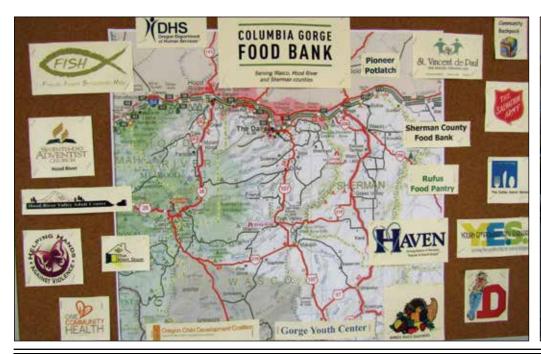
## **MISSION & VISION**

At Columbia Gorge Food Bank, we hold people experiencing hunger and food insecurity at the center of our actions and decisions. We envision a community where each person can participate, prosper and have access to food that is both nourishing and in keeping with their culture.

We commit to serve our communities in ways that value the people who live here and their lived experiences. We resolve to listen to and include these communities in our work, and to respond where bias and inequities appear. Our food programs and public policy efforts aim to build a society where everyone can thrive – celebrating our differences and working together to overcome injustices that might divide us...because no one should be hungry.

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## - PROGRAM OVERVIEW -

Columbia Gorge Food Bank (CGFB) is a transitional program of Oregon Food Bank supporting hunger relief partners in the Wasco, Hood River and Sherman counties. CGFB receives and aggregates donations from grocery stores, local orchards and farmers and food drives. As a member of the Oregon Network of Regional Food Banks CGFB receives USDA Commodities, donations from the food industry, produce and other sources.

CGFB currently serves 22 regional hunger relief partners providing services at 31 sites. During the last fiscal year 849,200 pounds were distributed to Partner agencies, a 15% increase over the previous year. Twenty four percent of those pounds were produce. Our partner agencies serve approximately 3300 people each month.

Efforts are underway to add school food pantries and supplemental meal sites throughout the region.

## - GIVING OPPORTUNITIES -

#### Volunteer

Warehouse – Assist operations staff with routine warehouse organization, deliveries, and orders.

Office – Help with office organization and preparing documents

Programming Assistance – Help us develop new projects and programs that reach our community.

Cleaning – Help with general upkeep of the office and warehouse.

Food Drive Team- Bring a team from your church, civic group or business to help sort food drive food.

Join our Community Support Team – We are looking for individauls & businesses who would like to take the lead in developing the local Food Bank organization and help us build a warehouse to house our programs for the future.

Volunteer with our Partner Agencies. We can help find the one that is right for you.

# Donate

#### FOOD INDUSTRY

Most of the food we distribute comes from the food industry — growers, packers, retailers and manufacturers.

#### INDIVIDUAL FOOD DONATIONS

Some of our most nutritious food comes from individuals. Find out the best ways for you to personally give food.

#### **Food & Fund Drives**

Collect food and funds with your workplace, church, school or other organization. Our tools & tips make it easy and rewarding for your group. We have a list of "Most Wanted Foods" & will furnish barrels.

Individual Donations- Add Columbia Gorge Food Bank to the organizations that you support on a monthly or yearly basis.

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