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DID YOU KNOW?

On average, Portland Food Project bags contain 15 lbs. of food. If you want to know how many meals that provides, the rule of thumb is 1.2 lbs. = 1 meal. So each time you donate you provide 12.5 meals!

OUR SUPPORTERS ARE SUPERSTARS!



Thank you to all the Portland Food Project donors and supporters who turned classroom projects, neighborhood gatherings, holidays, and other special events into foodraising benefits for Portland Food Project!

- Junior Achievement Biztown Summer Camp — 53 bags (850 lbs.)

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- Winterhaven School — 14 bags (209 lbs.)
 - Greg Cline, DJ Event: 6th Annual Disco Dance Party — 2 bags (25 lbs.)
 - Duke (SE Portland) 8th birthday party — 5 bags (75 lbs.)
 - Guild Mortgage, Client Appreciation Event — 41 bags (622 lbs.)
 - Denise (N. Portland) Swoon Salon Holiday Foodraiser — 2 bags (28 lbs.)
 - AARP Vital Aging PDX Forum — 16 bags (245 lbs)
 - Jill H. (N. Portland) PEO Group Holiday Party — 5 bags (75 lbs.)
 - Audrey M. (N. Portland) Adidas Basketball Group Holiday Foodraiser — 7 bags (96 lbs.)
 - Osdale C. (SE Portland) Holiday Foodraiser — 14 bags (218 lbs.)
 - Shelley S. (NE Portland) Holiday Foodraiser — 5 bags (75 lbs.)

>> If you would like to turn your event into a foodraiser, contact us at info@portlandfoodproject.org.

HOW DID PORTLAND FOOD PROJECT GET STARTED?

A Parade Article About Kelly SUN Pantry Was The Catalyst for Portland Food Project

The statistics weren't looking good for Oregon in 2011. Feeding America released their Meal Gap Study that year. Their study ranked Oregon #1 for childhood food insecurity in the nation—nearly 30 percent of Oregonian children had to worry about having enough food to eat.

In November, Parade Magazine published a [giving issue](#) to highlight opportunities for Americans to help others during the holidays. The cover picture featured a 3-year-old child at the Kelly SUN School Pantry in SE Portland and Parade suggested donating to the Oregon Food Bank to "Feed Hungry Children in Oregon."



Portland Food Project was founded in 2012 by a SE Portland resident, Richard Nudelman, who had read the Parade article and wanted to help. He had participated in the original Food Project when he lived in Ashland, OR, and he thought that it could help people here in Portland who were struggling with food insufficiency as well. Initially he started with 12 neighbors and friends, supporting two food pantries in SE Portland: Kelly SUN School and SE Community Center. By the end of 2012, Portland Food Project had grown to 55 donors supporting 5 pantries—with a total 6,644 pounds of food collected that year. Richard knew he had started something that could make a huge impact.

The Kelly School, which was featured in the Parade article, participates in the SUN (Schools Uniting Neighborhoods) program. Kelly serves families in the

residents in that area. Kelly's SUN pantry serves as a hub to offer assistance and mentorship to families at the school. In addition to running the food pantry, the coordinator helps families connect with after school and summer programs, adult education opportunities, and social and health resources in the community.

Pantries like the Kelly SUN School have the ability to transform lives. The current SUN coordinator is a great example. Christina is originally from Romania. She started utilizing the pantry resources when her children started going to Kelly School. Her first job was working as an assistant in the pantry. Now she is the SUN school coordinator at Kelly School. She started using the pantry so she could help her family, but now she is in a position to help others.



Sadly, Richard Nudelman passed away in 2015, but he left an amazing legacy. Portland Food Project continues to thrive. Oregon's statistics have improved a little too. Oregon now ranks [6th for childhood food insecurity](#) in the nation, with 22.7% of Oregon's children still having to worry if they will have enough to eat.

HOW DID WE DO IN 2018?



We've made big strides since our founding in 2012. At the end of 2018, Portland Food Project had grown to 1590 donors, supporting 21 pantries in the throughout the Portland area. Last year PFP collected 114,605 pounds of food. That roughly equates to providing 95,504 meals to people in the Portland area who might have otherwise gone without a meal. All thanks to you!

NEED VOLUNTEER HOURS? WE CAN HELP!



Portland Food Project is always looking for volunteers to help at our drop off location. The green bags we pick up on collection Saturdays are taken to a central drop off point in Northeast Portland for weigh in and distribution to food pantries. Volunteers help greet Neighborhood Coordinators (NCs), unload the green bags from their car, and provide NCs supplies for next time. A volunteer shift is 4 hours. Volunteers should be high school or older and should be able to lift bags that weigh up to 25 pounds. For more information or to sign up, contact

The next Portland Food Project pickup
is this Saturday, April 13th. See you then!



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