

RHIP and COVID-19 MINI-GRANT PROJECT SUMMARIES

COVID-19 Final Report for Seed to Table Oregon (RHIP)

“COVID-19 Fresh Food For All”

Reviewed by the Address Poverty and Upstream Prevention Workgroups



Summary of Results:

- Seed to Table’s Fresh Food For All project expansion was launched in response to increased rates of food insecure individuals in Central Oregon due to many factors, including hardships of COVID-19.
- In 2020 as the pandemic hit, the area food banks had 30% more need and S2T had a higher demand for discounted produce than we could supply.
- The Fresh Food For All project allowed increased production of 12,000 pounds, totaling 62,000 pounds of produce grown and distributed to 400-500 families (1,200 individuals) weekly.
- Conversations with produce recipients indicate programming helped provide access to fresh produce, increased their health and wellness, and increased their sense of belonging throughout the community.
- Of the produce grown, 37% was distributed to community members at no cost, equaling a total of \$42,534 of donated produce infused to low-income community members. Distribution points included:
 - Community Produce Share Pick Up (100 families weekly) where 30% of shares are donated to families through the Family Access Network.
 - Deschutes Public Library Biblioteca En Camino Program: (150 families)
 - Warm Springs Community Action Team (100 individuals)
 - Sisters Kiwanis Food Bank and Sisters Wellhouse Food Pantry (150 individuals)
 - Sisters Farmers Market. (142 families)

Story:

"One mother shared how much she enjoyed picking up her vegetables each week. She appreciated the help and friendliness of the Seed to Table Oregon staff, how she looked forward to new and common vegetables and she delighted in visiting with others who were picking up their vegetables. She expressed her gratitude for all that she learned about nutrition and how to prepare and feed her family healthier meals."

- Theresa Slavkosky, Family Advocate at Family Access Network, Sisters