

Around the Network February 2018

Linn Benton Food Share

At Linn Benton Food Share, for 2018 we're excited about . . .

- Working with low income housing properties and residents of the newly built Lebanon Veterans Home on food and garden projects and a new 2018 Windowsill Garden Project in local elementary schools in partnership with OSU Extension!



Photo caption: In 2017, we distributed 15,000 donated veggie (and some flower) starts to low income people in Linn and Benton counties.

- Continuing our USDA Senior Commodity Supplemental Food Program!



Photo caption: Starting last summer, church and employer-sponsored volunteer groups have helped us by assembling 300 CFSP boxes each month.

- “Growing” the Edible Landscape Project at the LBFS Warehouse with a 40 x 20’ garden space accessible to volunteers of all abilities!



Photo caption: Volunteers worked last spring to plant blueberry & cherry bushes in the first set of beds. The produce grown in the garden will supplement our partnership with Samaritan Hospital patients.

- Expanding partnerships with the health care system! In the 2017 pilot project, dieticians at Samaritan Albany General Hospital identified food insecure and medically malnourished patients to participate in a 4-week course of supplemental “prescribed” food to help them heal.



Photo caption: Sixteen patients have been received food boxes since July 2017 with no hospital readmissions from this population.

- Developing new projects with schools!



Photo caption: Shelves stocked and ready at the Garfield School Mobile Pantry. In December, 55 families shopped from 10 am until noon at Garfield, setting a new service record!