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A NOTE FROM NICO

2023 was a year of change and growth for Urban Gleaners. Our founder Tracy Oseran, after 17 glorious years of gleaning, passed on the baton to me and the rest of our team. Tracy's vision has not only set the foundation for our mission, but has inspired our evolution over the last year as we continue to grow into supporting the possibility of a more sustainable food system and resilient community. For example, we forged new partnerships with local farms and started our first farm gleaning project with delicious success. We brought back our joyous fundraising dinner, Gleaners' Supper, after a 4 year pandemic hiatus. We shifted and grew our staff in order to better support our Free Food Markets.

While we celebrated many wins at UG, we were responding to the ever growing need in our city. In March, the pandemic era SNAP benefits ended while inflation challenged our community and overnight we saw a major influx of our neighbors in need of assistance. As a nation, we are simultaneously seeing some of the worst levels of food insecurity in decades in tandem with staggering amounts of food waste that are fueling our current climate crisis.

Our model is effective, lean and responsive, allowing us the ability to snag nutritious food before it becomes "waste" and redistribute it to our neighbors. Food should be a fundamental right for all.

For our first ever annual report, I'd like to take a moment to look ahead. As we plan for what our next few years here at UG will look like, I am filled with optimism and determination. We are developing new partnerships with farms and local businesses to rescue more food than ever. We are strengthening our relationships with our Free Food Market partners, ensuring that our markets are abundant and equitable - always allowing access to food with no barriers and no questions asked. This annual report is also coupled with the launch of our new brand and website, which we hope will streamline communication with potential food donors as well as make finding food and markets easier for those searching.

Despite the challenges that lie ahead, I am confident that with the continued support and collaboration of our community, we will continue to make significant strides towards our goal of eradicating hunger and food waste.

None of this could be possible without the unwavering support of our dedicated staff, volunteers, donors, and community partners. Their passion, generosity, and hard work have been instrumental in driving our mission forward and making a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve.

We will be here gleaning and providing nourishment until hunger and waste are no longer a burden on our community.

With much gratitude,

Nico Niebes | Executive Director

about URBAN GLEANERS

OUR MISSION

At Urban Gleaners we collect delicious, fresh food before it can go to waste. And we get it to people who need it. Pure and simple.

OUR VISION

Urban Gleaners strives to eliminate all barriers to accessing nourishing food to ultimately create a resilient system that celebrates food as a fundamental right in a just society.



OUR DEI COMMITMENT

As an organization that believes strongly in the right of all people to have access to healthy food and the dignity that goes with it, Urban Gleaners is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Our perspective is informed by these understandings:

- A healthy diversity of perspectives and experiences leads to better processes and more just results.
- The communities who are impacted most by hunger are the ones most underrepresented in government and community leadership.
- The more diverse and inclusive we are as an organization, the more welcoming we can be to the communities we serve, and the more responsive we can be to their needs.

To make our organization reflect the diversity of the people we serve, we will:

- Craft and implement our programs to reflect the cultural preferences of the people we serve, and we will continually work to deepen our understanding of those preferences.
- We will treat all of our participants with dignity and respect.
- We will create an organizational culture that values people of all backgrounds and that is based on respect, integrity, and honesty.
- We will work to increase the diversity of our staff and our Board of Directors.

excess & access WHAT WE DO

Urban Gleaners successfully addresses two of the major systemic issues plaguing our country: eliminating food waste while simultaneously redistributing this food to our community members who need it most. We proudly identify not only as a hunger-relief organization, but as a highly successful environmental-sustainability agency.

Municipal solid waste landfills are the third largest source of human-related methane emissions in the USA. The impacts of the food we recover are immense, and our work provides a simple, efficient, and equitable solution to climate problems. Since our founding in 2006, we have rescued over **11 million pounds of food** from being thrown away in landfills, where it decomposes and creates harmful methane gas. Diverting 11 million pounds of food and delivering it to families offsets the impact of over 1400 households' electricity consumption, or nearly 1700 passenger vehicles driven, over one year.

Urban Gleaners' role is to provide a critical link between businesses or farms that have excess food and the food insecure people who need it. Wasted food degrades the human experience and damages lives; we are committed to repairing that harm and preventing it from afflicting others. Unlike traditional food banks and food pantries, we offer a range of nutritious, healthy foods (produce, meat, dairy, grains) that children need for healthy development directly to food-insecure families, and we do it in an equitable way that celebrates food as a fundamental right in a just society.

40%
OF FOOD IN
THE US
ENDS UP IN LANDFILLS

26%
OF OREGON'S
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HEALTHY
FOOD

COLLECTING AND
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IS ONE OF
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& MOST
EFFECTIVE WAYS TO
COMBAT BOTH
HUNGER &
CLIMATE CHANGE

rooted in COMMUNITY

"I had a 15 year old student who came to me and explained that she only had one apple and a 1/2 gallon of milk in the fridge at home for a family of six. She now gets to shop every Friday at our Free Food Market to support her family. The difference Urban Gleaners makes for the Southridge Community is huge. Having free access to groceries for families with little to no money to pay for food - it's very meaningful for students' lives." - Free Food Market volunteer at Southridge High School

"This service is amazing. The volunteers welcome you in with a friendly wave, they are smiling and kind, and don't make you feel like a burden. The food is healthy. I feel like we can make it. Like we have a cushion and don't have to be so stressed which means I am nicer to my children and spouse.

And I feel like our community really cares."

- Free Food Market attendee

"Thank you so much for the food for our family. It was really, really good! Healthy too! Good for our brains." - Alex, Third Grader whose family attends a Free Food Market



WHO WE ARE

Staff

Tracy Oseran | Founder

Nico Niebes | Executive Director

Luca Townsend | Program and Operations Manager

Amber Durkin | Sustainability and Operations Manager

Katy Hill | Communications and Development Manager

Lizz Marks | Community Outreach Coordinator

Cait Brigham | Farm Gleaning Coordinator

Jason Howd | Community Support Assoc.

Wesley Mozil | Community Support Assoc.

Jeff Monday | Community Support Assoc.

Carson Crawford | Community Support Assoc.

Emily Lockshin | Community Support Assoc.

Miguel Jimenez-Mateo | Community Support Assoc.

Parker Slote | Community Support Assoc.

Zia Laboff | Community Support Assoc.

Board of Directors

Gregory Gourdet | Founder of Kann Tyler Malek | Co-Founder of Salt & Straw

Kate Barker | Board President

Kathryn Williams | Dir. of

Government Affairs at NW Natural

Clare Stager | Internal Community

Manager at SEED

Lena Braun | Board Secretary

Lindsay Funston | Editor in Chief at

The Kitchn

Michelle Allen | Free Food Market Host

Jennifer Chi | Dir. of Digital Experience CareOregon

Robin Snyder | Urban Gleaners Volunteer

our 2023 VOLUNTEERS

Our dedicated group of volunteers can be found in our warehouse repacking prepared meals, picking up food from various food donors around Portland, and helping facilitate our Free Food Markets.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered in 2023!

77 TOTAL VOLUNTEERS



Our staff is small, so we rely heavily on our volunteers to help us make a meaningful impact in Portland by fighting against food waste and food insecurity. Because of them, we have created a vibrant community that cares deeply about an equitable and just food system.

"Volunteering at Urban Gleaners leaves me feeling nourished -- I always leave here smiling. In my primary job, I see a lot of patients living with financial insecurity, houselessness, and hunger, so volunteering with this wonderful organization makes me feel a part of the solution. I also appreciate the community of like-minded, compassionate, and caring volunteers and staff that I have found here, and I look forward to seeing them every week!" - Elin M.





Dear Urban Gleaners, I am writing this letter to express gratitude. I am so thankful for what you guys do for our community. I appreciate all the time and effort that you guys put into thank you for making a difference in Sincerely, Ana G, Alona High, Grade 9

Dear Urban Gleaners Staff

Writing this tetter to Show my gratitude on Writing this letter to anoma way what you People do. I feel so grateful that

We have your Service at Aloha High School helping others in need of Thomas made doing

great job, and keep your the amazing

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Thank you for your services

Renton Parker Dear Urban Gleaners.

-Renton Parker AHS freshmen

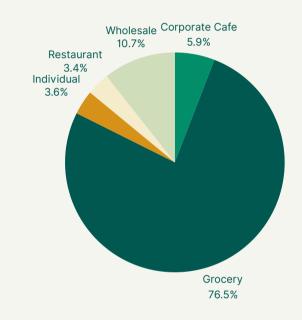
CREATING Anturo Legia Lorez Aloha High, 9th Grade. **A LASTING IMPACT IN OUR** COMMUNITIES

2023 BY THE NUMBERS

Our work would be impossible without our network of dedicated food donors. Our top donors of 2023 were:

TOP LOCAL FOOD DONORS	POUNDS
TRADER JOE'S	175,605
ZUPANS	153,498
WHOLE FOODS	135,113
NEW SEASONS	116,003
IMPERFECT PRODUCE	51,745
ORGANICALLY GROWN COMPANY	23,299
INTEL	21,741
NIKE	20,320

DONOR TYPES



1.15 MILLION POUNDS OF FOOD SAVED 962,000 POUNDS OF FOOD DELIVERED OVER 100,000 POUNDS OF METHANE DIVERTED

This year, we received food donations from 185 unique partners and distributed to 91 different schools and organizations. We feel passionate about providing our Free Food Market attendees with choice. Thanks to our food donation partners, we can offer a week's worth of groceries to families that include prepared meals, fresh produce, bread, dessert, dry goods, and frozen meat.

2023 financials BY THE NUMBERS

INCOME	
CORPORATE	\$77,421
EVENTS	\$74,402
INDIVIDUALS	\$237,162
GRANTS	\$718,699



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WHERE THE MONEY GOES

84% 10%

6%

programs

admin

fundraising

IN-KIND FOOD DONATIONS:

\$5,752,465

INCOME AND EXPENSE TOTALS:

INCOME	EXPENSE
\$1,107,684	\$1,088,399

Continuing growth

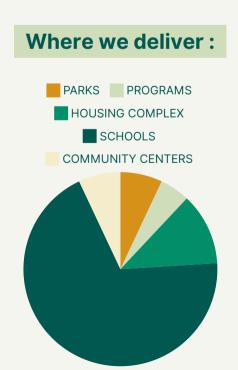
2023 was a big year for Urban Gleaners. We welcomed a new Executive Director, added staff, expanded our programming, and brought in more food than ever before.

Moving into 2024, we will continue to rely on our dedicated partners and donors to allow us to harness that momentum and expand our impact on the Portland community.



free food markets BY THE NUMBERS

Our markets are available to anyone and operate on a "no questions asked" policy - folks do not need to show any id or proof of income to access our food. **We believe** that food is a fundamental right - when we say "food for all" we really mean it!



Serving 8,000+ families every week.

IN 2023, WE DELIVERED NEARLY
\$6 MILLION WORTH
OF FOOD TO OUR MARKETS

84,500 LBS.
OF FOOD
DELIVERED
EVERY SINGLE
MONTH

42 FREE FOOD
MARKETS IN
MULTNOMAH
AND
WASHINGTON
COUNTIES

At Urban Gleaners, we believe in providing equitable access to high quality, nourishing foods as an act of investing in resilient communities. To continue expanding our practice of closing the gaps within our local food system, we began a brand new Farm Gleaning Program where we harvest fresh produce straight from the field.

For our launch, we partnered with Wild Roots Farm located in Corbett, OR where our gleaners harvested everything from rainbow chard and mustard greens to tomatoes, spring onions, and so much more.

In the 2023 growing season, we harvested over **3,000 pounds** of veggies!

While excess or unmarketable produce can be incorporated into the soil, many farmers would prefer to see the fruits of their labor go to feeding local communities.

Food production also uses valuable resources like water, gasoline, and fertilizer. By harvesting everything that's edible and enjoyable, gleaners ensure that these resources don't go to waste.

This new program allows us to provide the highest quality produce to our Free Food Market attendees while simultaneously supporting local farmers and the health and vitality of their fields and crop.

This the first gleaning program of this kind in our community!

farm gleaning PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT









ug kitchen PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

Throughout the year, we have a group of dedicated chefs that cook homemade meals using gleaned ingredients from our warehouse. This ensures that we are finding a home for excess produce while simultaneously providing a wholesome, chefinspired meal for families to enjoy.

We were able to purchase brand new equipment to upgrade our kitchen thanks to the grants we received from the Employees Community Fund of Boeing and Metro! Our chefs now have access to ergonomically-friendly stovetops and ovens AND a new fridge to keep our re-pack meals fresh and organized.

Our Chef Program and new and improved kitchen allows us to provide intentionally prepared meals to our market attendees.

OUR CHEFS COOKED
OVER 30,000 MEALS
IN 2023!



2023 spotlight PARTNERSHIPS

SALT & STRAW COLLAB

We partnered with Salt & Straw and Upcycled Food Association to create a flavor for the Upcycled Ice Cream Series. We gleaned day-old bread from our donation partners that would then be repurposed into a bread pudding with chocolate ganache flavor and it was DELICIOUS.

"The Upcycled Certified® Program is the world's first third-party certification program for upcycled food ingredients and





products. The 'certified' mark highlights upcycled ingredients and products procured and produced with surplus food or food by-products from manufacturing, that use verifiable supply chains and have a positive impact on the environment."

GIVING TUESDAY

For the 2023 giving season, we asked our market partners and volunteers to provide a wishlist of items and equipment they might need to support the wellbeing of their markets and the people they serve. Because of all of our incredible donors, we are able to

WE RECEIVED A TOTAL

OF \$21,675

FROM OUR CAMPAIGN!

purchase items like new pop-up tents, coolers, folding tables, and a list of other needed items to support the success of our Free Food Markets!



2023 spotlight CELEBRATIONS



GLEANERS SUPPER

After a 3-year hiatus, our Gleaners Supper fundraising event has returned! On October 15th, we hosted 145 guests and some of Portland's favorite chefs for an evening of good food and good company for a great cause. We are so excited to host this event annually again so we have a unique opportunity to celebrate our mission with our community and our donors.



We raised over **\$120,000**

the chefs

Peter Cho | Han Oak
Gregory Gourdet | Kann
Tyler Malek | Salt & Straw
Dani Morales | De Noche
Jose "Lalo" Camarena | República
Elsy Dinvil | Creole Me Up
Mel McMillan | Sammich

thank you 2023 FINANCIAL DONORS

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