

# Southeast Oregon Regional Food Bank

## Community Profile

**Population** 31,620

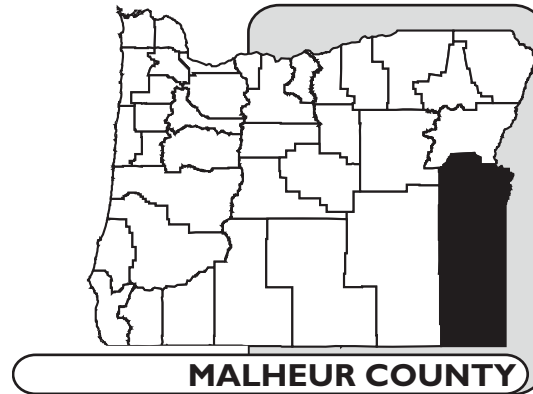
**Location** Ontario

## Position Description

**Sponsor** Southeast Oregon  
Regional Food Bank

**Supervisor** Sharon Thornberry,  
Community Resource  
Developer

**Assignment** The RARE participant with the Southeast Oregon Regional Food Bank in Ontario will work on three projects.



The first project the RARE participant will focus on is the Community Foods Assessment. This is a comprehensive inventory and capacity assessment of regional food system resources. The RARE participant will conduct a thorough examination of local food self-sufficiency inclusive of local retail, livable wage farming, and the potential for a local Farmers Market. The participant will also conduct an assessment of the capacity for building an economically and environmentally sound regional food system that engages and improves the well-being of the community.

The second project would be the support of an Ontario Region Community Garden. The RARE participant would focus their efforts on involving businesses, civic organizations and educational organizations in the development and implementation of a mutually beneficial program that ultimately yields healthy and nutritious product for emergency food service providers as well as opportunities for outreach and education.

The final project the RARE participant would dedicate their service to is the Hunger Summit. This two-day event brings together significant civic, business, and community stakeholders (including those listed above) to address the pervasive issues surrounding hunger and its root causes in our area. The RARE participant will serve as the project liaison/event coordinator.

## RARE Member



Katie Weaver

Katie grew up in Missoula, Montana and received her Master's degree in Geography from the University of Idaho in 2008, where she focused on economic development in post-industrial communities. Katie's previous experience is vast, and includes being a middle school teacher, a graduate researcher, a community supported agriculture (CSA) farm administrator, and running an independent backcountry kitchen.

# ***Southeast Oregon Regional Food Bank***

Katie works with the Southeast Oregon Regional Food Bank in Ontario, Oregon. Katie's primary focus on is the Community Foods Assessment, which is a comprehensive inventory and capacity assessment of regional food system resources. Katie is conducting a thorough examination of local food self-sufficiency inclusive of local retail, livable wage farming, and the potential for a local Farmers Market. Katie is also conducting an assessment of the capacity for building an economically and environmentally sound regional food system that engages and improves the well-being of the community.

Katie's second project is the creation of the Ontario Region Community Garden. Katie is focused on involving businesses, civic organizations and educational organizations in the development and implementation of a mutually beneficial program that ultimately yields healthy and nutritious product for emergency food service providers as well as opportunities for outreach and education.

Finally, Katie is coordinating the Hunger Summit, a two-day event that brings together significant civic, business, and community stakeholders to address the pervasive issues surrounding hunger and its root causes in the area.