FOOD For Lane County

Community Profile

Population 351,751
Location Eugene

Position Description

Sponsor FOOD For Lane County
Supervisor Karen Edmonds
Agency Relations Coordinator

Assignment FOOD for Lane County works to alleviate hunger by creating reliable access to food in Lane County. In carrying out their mission, FOOD for Lane County distributes food that has been donated, rescued, harvested, prepared and packaged. Food distributed via FOOD for Lane County is done so through a countywide network of partner agencies - other nonprofit organizations who partner with FOOD for Lane County to receive the food and distribute it directly to people in need.

The RARE participant placed with FOOD for Lane County will conduct a comprehensive inventory and capacity assessment of Lane County’s regional food system, with a particular emphasis on two to three rural communities. Further, utilizing the Food-Education-Agriculture-Solutions-Together (FEAST) model, the RARE participant will organize community workshops to connect rural food producers, distributors, processors, consumers, and hunger relief advocates. The FEAST workshop will serve as a springboard for action to develop healthier and more sustainable local food systems.

RARE Participant

Danielle Hummel grew up in Palo Alto, California. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies from University of California at Berkeley. As a student, she spent six months in Buenos Aires, Argentina studying Spanish and traveling to neighboring Peru and Chile. Danielle is applying for a Fulbright Scholarship with plans to research the impact of international market forces on coffee cooperatives in Nicaragua. Following her year with the RARE Program, she plans on pursuing a Masters degree in City and Regional Planning with a focus on Community Development.