**Ten Rivers Food Web - Lincoln**

**Community Profile**

- Population: 44,479
- Location: Newport

**Position Description**

- **Sponsor**: Ten Rivers Food Web
- **Supervisor**: Joan Gross, Board President
- **Assignment**: Food Systems. Ten Rivers Food Web (TRFW) is a non-profit corporation based in Corvallis, Oregon. It is governed by a Board of Directors with representatives from the three counties that are home to the ten rivers – Linn, Benton, and Lincoln counties. The term “food web” is used to index the multiple networks that exist between producers, processors, and consumers of food. TRFW aims to connect social relations to food through education of the local population. Additionally, TRFW works on projects to increase the amount of food grown, processed, and distributed locally.

The RARE participant placed at Ten Rivers Food Web will conduct a comprehensive inventory and capacity assessment of a county regional food system. The participant will assess local capacity to build an economically and environmentally sound regional food system with the goal of improving community health and vitality. Additionally, the RARE participant will plan and execute a community food systems summit which will bring together community stakeholders to address the root causes of local hunger.

This position is an opportunity for a RARE participant to use community assessment models, engage multiple community stakeholders, and understand the role poverty plays in shaping healthy lifestyles.

**RARE Participant**

Chloe Rico grew up in Portland, Maine and graduated from Fordham University with a BS in International Political Economy, she also studied Spanish and Literature. Prior to moving to Oregon, Chole worked for Los Ninos International, a community development organization located on the Mexican-American border. Primarily, she worked for the service-learning program facilitating projects for United States high school students to serve Mexican border communities. Chloe is interested in expanding local food system education to Hispanic and Latino populations. She is currently in her second year of the RARE program.