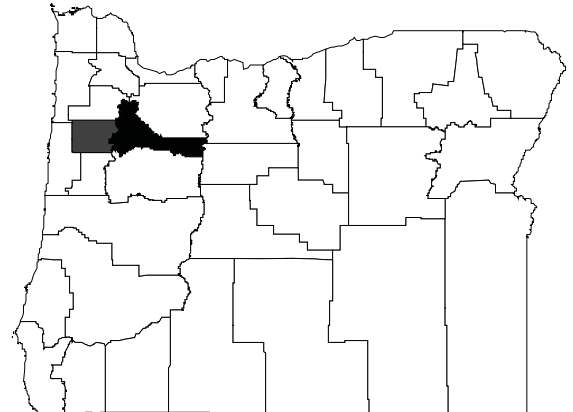




## Marion-Polk Food Share

### Community Profile

County Marion, Polk  
 City Salem  
 Population 404,026 (both counties)



### Assignment

Organization Marion-Polk Food Share  
 Supervisor Ian Dixon-McDonald  
 RARE Member Alexis Stickel

### About Marion-Polk Food Share

Marion-Polk Food Share is the regional food bank leading the fight to end hunger in Marion and Polk counties. More than 44,000 people, including 16,000 children, receive emergency food each month through the Food Share partner network. As the second largest of 20 regional food banks in the Oregon Food Bank Network, MPFS collects and distributes nutritional foods to food pantries, meal sites, foster homes, low-income day care centers, shelters, and senior housing sites.

The RARE participant placed with Marion-Polk Food Share will work on Community Food Assessment Addendums for both Grand Ronde and Woodburn through research and community outreach, hosting community conversations, and developing a written CFA addendum. The RARE participant will also work with Santiam Canyon Community Conversations to identify and work with community partners and OFB to coordinate two FEAST community conversations. In addition, the RARE participant will work with the event steering committee to plan all aspects of the spring 2016 Mid-Willamette Valley Food Summit, and will also present RARE work at the Summit. Finally, the RARE participant will support non-profit development work for the Silver Falls Food Web and assist with other emerging food system projects.

### Meet Alexis Stickel



Lexi received her bachelor’s degree in International Studies, Spanish, and Journalism with a minor in Latin American Studies from the Clark Honors College at the University of Oregon, and she received her master’s degrees in Conflict and Dispute Resolution and in International Studies with a graduate certificate in Nonprofit Management from the University of Oregon. After receiving her degrees, Lexi lived in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, for a year, working with the Rural Education Institute of Mexico as Director of Operations. Lexi then completed her first year with the RARE Program, working as Community Food Systems Coordinator with Marion-Polk Food Share. Now in her second year with RARE, Lexi hopes to expand her skill set to include aspects of community development, programming, and planning, especially in relation to non-profit management. After her second year with rare, Lexi plans to pursue a passionate career working to help expand equitable access to under-represented communities.