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February 7, 2013

Dear Partners,

It's my pleasure to share with you the successes we've achieved on behalf of hungry Oregonians in 2012. Although many are still struggling in our state, Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon helped hold the line on hunger. We maximized the use of nutrition resources while standing strong against cuts that would have caused harm.

Breaking new ground

For the first time in our state's history, every county, even the most rural, offered children a place to eat during the summer. In addition, a new festival, Feast Portland, focused the energy of the culinary world on ending childhood hunger. I was also honored to support Cylvia Hayes (Oregon's First Lady) as she developed an innovative Prosperity Initiative for our state.

Cultivating partners

In 2012, we brought together people from all corners of the state to share, learn and act. We kicked off the year with a Food Security Summit in Corvallis and followed it with field hearings, focus groups and full-day forums focusing on strategies to fight hunger among seniors and children. With the input of many Oregonians, we issued an updated, compelling [call to action \(oregon-hunger-plan\)](#).

Acting on our belief that we all have a role to play, we launched a campaign encouraging people to "[Become a Partner \(become-partner\)](#)," and have connected with 120 new individuals ready to take action. We've increased our internal capacity, growing our board of directors by a third and welcoming several long-term, skilled volunteers. I am delighted with the new perspectives they bring.

Future growth

As the year came to a close, we developed a strategic direction that will guide our organization's activities for the next three years.

Our services and expertise are in high demand, and thanks to strong supporters, we have the capacity to respond. I invite you to read our annual report for additional accomplishments and a snapshot of the health of our organization.

Together, we are ending hunger before it begins.

Patti Whitney-Wise

Executive Director

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