



# FOOD ROOTS ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

Growing a robust & equitable food system for Tillamook County through community engagement, education, food producer support and improved access to local food.

## 2019 Major Funders

Columbia Pacific Coordinated Care Organization  
Tillamook County Creamery Association  
USDA Farm to School Program  
TLC Fibre Federal Credit Union  
Ford Family Foundation  
Spirit Mountain Community Fund  
Oregon Department of Education  
Harbourton Foundation  
Storms Family Foundation  
The Herbert A. Templeton Foundation  
Braemer Charitable Trust  
The Stimson- Miller Foundation  
Barbara Emily Knudson Foundation  
Visit Tillamook Coast

## Our Partners

Tillamook School District 9  
Nestucca Valley School District  
Neah-Kah-Nie School District  
Neskowin Valley School  
Oregon Food Bank and area food pantries  
Tillamook County Farmers Markets  
Tillamook County Library System  
Tillamook County Master Gardeners Association  
Area restaurants, community members and volunteers

## Why we do this work

Food Roots does this work because we know that it makes a difference. Just today, I helped a FarmTable customer buying local produce. She exclaimed to me, "I eat so much more fresh produce because of this storefront...It's not the same to me as buying organic from the grocery store because I know I'm supporting my community when I buy from a local farm." Another woman this same day told me that she was a vegetarian for 50 (!) years and that she began craving pork last spring while shopping at the store and now buys local meat at FarmTable every week.

These are the kinds of connections we create with our programs and partnerships. We bring together local food eaters and our area farmers and food producers to create a stronger, healthier, and more prosperous community. And we extend these connections to our children through our Farm to School programming, ensuring they live on with future generations.

We don't do this work alone. We work with farmers, fishers, ranchers and other producers, social service agencies, schools, local businesses, markets and many more. I hope each of you who have partnered, supported, volunteered or otherwise joined us in this good work can share in these many accomplishments over the past year.

With much gratitude,

Lauren Sorg, Executive Director

## 2018-19 Finances

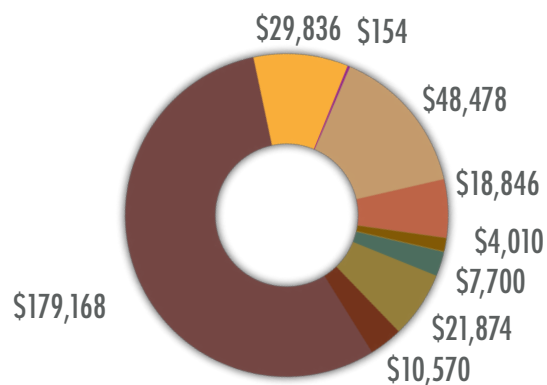
Revenue: \$320,635

Expenses: \$249,844

\*The difference in these is due to revenue received in 2018-19 that is restricted for programming in 2019-20

## Revenue by Category

- Foundation Grants
- Program Income
- Government Grants
- Contributions
- Fundraising Events
- School District Support
- In kind
- Sales
- Interest & Investments





# KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS YEAR

We connected **200 low-income SNAP** (food stamp) **shoppers** and their families with over \$11,100 worth of locally grown fruits and vegetables through Double Up Food Bucks (SNAP Match) and FarmShares, a weekly box of produce delivered to Food Roots FarmTable

**1,071 students** from six Tillamook County schools participated in Farm to School activities, including garden- and nutrition-based lessons, farm field trips, farmer classroom visits, local food tastings and family engagement events.

**60 adult novice gardeners** completed our six-week Seed to Supper Garden course; acquiring new skills, knowledge, seeds and plant starts in order to begin or expand their home gardens.

We launched our **Beginning Farmer Hoop House Incubator**, and dedicated these two indoor growing spaces to Food Roots Founder, Shelly Bowe.

**5 new food and farm entrepreneurs** received **\$45,000** in matched savings capital plus business plan development and financial training support through our Individual Development Accounts, a 3:1 matched savings program for food related small businesses.

We completed a North Coast **Food Hub Assessment** with local producers and buyers to understand aggregation and distribution challenges and opportunities. Find a copy on our website or email us to request one at [office@foodrootsnw.org](mailto:office@foodrootsnw.org).



**TAM - FarmTable Customer**

"I love knowing that by shopping here, I'm helping local farming businesses and increasing the variety of foods I eat!"



**LILY - Vegetable Farmer**

"The IDA program helped me buy a delivery van so our farm can expand our delivery area for our customers."



**EASTON - 3rd Grader**

"The best field trip was going to Fish People [at Port of Garibaldi] because they showed us different types of fish."



**GIGI - 4th Grader**

"My favorite garden vegetables to grow are carrots. I like to pull them out of the ground and see what they look like."