



November Forum Experts on Hunger, Healthy Food, and Nutrition Bios and Backgrounds

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Matt Bibeau

Tryon Life Community Farm

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Matt recently received his Masters degree in the fields of Organizational Leadership & Sustainability Education and is a Certified Permaculture Teacher (Cascadia Permaculture Institute). Since 2005, he has worked in the field of garden-based education through Portland State's Learning Gardens Project, bringing his offerings to the educational program at Tryon Life Community Farm this year.

Clare Simons

Glean Share Network - Founder and Director

gleanshare.wordpress.com

Recently launched Glean Share Network aims to utilize the untapped resource source of surplus food from restaurant kitchens and institutional cafeterias. Glean Share's planned Potluck Truck is designed to fill the need for flexible yet coordinated food pick-up and distribution. This mobile food recovery system will collect excess food that would otherwise wind up in dumpsters, and transport it to serve the hungry in hot spots of need. Claire is currently working with the Sunshine Pantry in Beaverton, and Urban Gleaners in Portland to learn while taking real action.

Sharon Straus

Sunshine Pantry - Founder and Director

www.sunshinepantry.org

Sunshine Pantry began as a Cub Scout canned food drive project for Sharon's son. Sharon ended up in charge of the project and stored the canned goods in her garage until there was enough supplies to donate to 6 needy Washington County families at Christmas. The canned food in her garage reminded Sharon that hunger is a real problem for families in the community every day, not only at Christmas. She wanted to help. So began more than 25 years of helping supply struggling families with food, clothing, household supplies—and just as importantly—that little extra affection and support people need during challenging times. For 24 years Sunshine Pantry helped feed thousands of people from the family garage in Sharon's home. In 2008, Sunshine Pantry expanded its operations and moved to a small warehouse in Beaverton, Oregon.

JaneAnne Morton

Urban Gleaners

www.urbangleaners.org

Urban Gleaners is a volunteer student-run organization that picks up excess food from restaurants and markets, on a regular or periodic basis, and delivers that food to local rescue agencies that feed the hungry. By demonstrating the effectiveness of this

program, they hope to inspire similar student initiatives at other schools and locales in Portland.

Joan Ottinger

Oregon Department of Education - Farm-to-School and School Garden
Ottinger is a Registered Dietitian, former school teacher, and former Nutrition Coordinator for the Physical Activity and Nutrition Program at the Department of Human Services. She earned a Master of Science in Foods and Nutrition from Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon. Ottinger facilitates school districts' use of local Oregon food products and produce. She promotes food- and garden-based educational activities in schools throughout the state, and coordinates these projects with districts' wellness policies.

John Teton

International Food Security Treaty - Founder and Director

www.treaty.org

The International Food Security Treaty seeks to promote food security by means of a universal treaty based upon four essential principles. In keeping with obligations inherent in the International Bill of Rights, each nation signatory to the IFST commits itself to:

- 1) PROVIDE ACCESS TO A MINIMUM STANDARD OF NUTRITION recognized by the United Nations to all people within its borders unable to gain such access on their own;
- 2) CONTRIBUTE TO A WORLD FOOD RESERVE AND RESOURCE CENTER as it is able, to assist any nation needing emergency help to provide such access;
- 3) ESTABLISH AND ENFORCE LAW prohibiting activities denying or intending to deny the minimum standard of nutrition to any person within its borders; and
- 4) SUPPORT UNITED NATIONS FOOD SECURITY ENFORCEMENT actions in nations whose governments are unable to enforce such law on their own, or who are found unwilling to do so through formal United Nations investigations.

Dan Bravin

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