



# College of Forestry Rootstock 2022-2023 Report

## Mission

Rootstock, the College of Forestry's food pantry, actively works to provide a variety of resources and educational experiences for faculty, staff, and students to ensure that more people in our community have the food and resources they need.

## About

Did you know that approximately 1 out of every 4 OSU students is impacted by food insecurity? The rising cost of living has forced students on the margins to skip meals to make ends meet.

To support College of Forestry students and make sure their valuable energy is focused on school instead of worrying

about where the next meal will come from, the college established the Rootstock food pantry in January 2022.

Rootstock is centrally located on the first floor of the Peavy Forest Science Center and staffed by college staff and faculty volunteers. When a student visits Rootstock, they can "shop" much-needed food - including fresh fruits, vegetables, meat, and dairy products - along with hygiene products and cleaning supplies. They also learn about programs available to students through the OSU Basic Needs Center, including SNAP benefits and textbook lending programs.

In addition, Rootstock works with faculty and staff to reduce catering waste after events by emailing and tweeting when leftover food is available from events and meetings.

# Rootstock 2022-2023 Impacts



**675** total students visited the pantry in the 2022-2023 academic year



**50%** increase in visits from the previous year!

Thousands of items were handed out, including fresh fruit and vegetables, dairy items, meat, bread, along with canned and boxed goods, household cleaning supplies and basic hygiene items.



Donations came from Beavers Care Fund, a CoF/ OSU Foundation crowdfunding campaign, the inaugural College holiday art and craft fair, bottle and can recycling, a student-led canned food drive, and personal donations from faculty, staff, the FedEx driver, and a food collection drive from Weyerhaeuser's Turner Regeneration Center.

## Student Survey Data 2022-2023

Over spring term, we conducted a survey with our pantry visitors, some survey highlights below. If you wish to view the whole report, please contact [Jessica.Fitzmorris@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Jessica.Fitzmorris@oregonstate.edu).

### How often do you visit the pantry?

35%  
1-2 visits  
per month

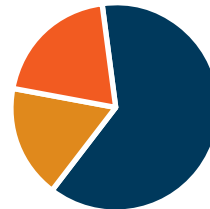


50%  
every week

15%  
first time  
visitors

### How many people are you feeding in your household?

20%  
2 people



17.5%  
3-4 people

62.5%  
one person

### Currently we are only open during the academic year, would food access over any of the following breaks be important to you?

16%  
spring break



23%  
winter break

8%  
Thanksgiving

47%  
summer

### Do you or other household members worry about the ability to afford nutritious food?

44% yes



56%  
sometimes

*Note: additional funding is needed for food distribution over breaks*

# Report on 2022-2023 Goals

*GOAL: Fall crowdfunding campaign with the OSU Foundation to raise money for Rootstock.*



The first-year crowd funding campaign raised \$11,455.

*GOAL: Establish 1-2 annual events to raise money.*



The committee organized and held an art and craft fair, held in PFSC and Richardson Hall that raised over \$5000.

*GOAL: Work on long term, permanent funding*



We are still searching for permanent funding.



We have received a \$5000 grant from the OSU Women's Giving Circle for the 2023-2024 academic year.

*GOAL: Continue to educate students, staff and faculty on college and campus-wide resources.*



Presentations were made to students at Annual Ring, Grad Orientation, department meetings, and the All-College Meeting to educate employees and students about resources.

## 2022-2023 Funding

Beavers Care Fund (COF)	\$5,000
Crowdfunding Campaign	\$11,455
Holiday art & craft fair	\$5,300
Dean's Award contribution	\$1,500
In memorium donation	\$700



## Committee Members

A special congratulations to the committee who received the The Pauline Barto Award for Commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Candidates in this category have actively engaged in both personal and community development that contributes to our College plan, as well as enhances their own ability to foster respect and support for a diverse and equitable College environment. Candidates have engaged in actions that help the College achieve its objectives by: promoting innovation in research and teaching by enhancing creativity through diversity; ensuring equity of opportunity to all persons who work or study at the College; and/or creating a culture of inclusivity and respect within the College and in interactions with partners.

This award is named in honor of Pauline Barto, the first woman to join and graduate from the College of Forestry in 1939. Fighting against a culture that barred women from seeking a forestry education, Pauline persisted in earning her degree and stands as an inspirational figure in our College's history.

- Allison Culver
- Madison Dudley (chair)
- Jennifer Elston
- Christina Fierro
- Jessica Fitzmorris (chair)
- Brooke Harrington
- Tunde Jordan
- Cathy Knock
- Hilary McMillan
- Holly Needham
- Mark Needham
- Amy Riley
- Juliet Sutton
- Terralyn Vandetta
- Ann Van Zee
- Adrienne Wonhof
- Support from the CoF Communications Team

## Goals for 2023-2024



Continue to work on long-term, permanent funding.



Continue to educate students, staff and faculty on college and campus-wide resources.



Grow our vendors and shopping attendance at the art & craft fair.



Connect with on campus partners to see how we can support each other.



Collaborate with the college's Clothing Closet to support their efforts.

## What students are saying:

“It’s a relief to know I can go there during a week that I don’t think I can afford a trip to the store. And it’s a really comfortable space to reach out for help. It makes me feel less stressed and really supported.”

“I am able to vary my diet more and feel less stressed about obtaining food frequently.”

“I tend to just not eat when I can’t afford food. Because of the food pantry I am able to feed myself and focus significantly better on my school work.”

“I am able to quickly get essential food I need where most of my classes are. And it helps when my SNAP benefits have run out.”

“As a grad student I live paycheck to paycheck so every little bit of savings helps reduce money related anxiety.”