



Multnomah Whisk{e}y Library Launches
Fundraiser to Raise \$50,000 to Fight Hunger
With Oregon Food Bank

Become a member & help bring 150,000 meals to our community.

How To Apply

Support Oregon Food Bank in their mission to eliminate hunger and its root causes and join a short list for membership at MWL. Donate now, and your name will go to the top of a list for the next available membership. Memberships will be allocated on “first come” basis. See our [membership page](#) for more information or email us at membership@mwlpdx.com.

1. Make a Donation to the [Oregon Food Bank](#) of \$250 or more.
2. Send a snap shot of your donation receipt to membership@mwlpdx.com.
3. We'll send you an email confirmation and an estimated wait time for your membership (no more than 90 days).

MWL Continues to Offer New Membership Opportunity to Raise the Equivalent of 150,000 Meals for Neighbors Across Oregon and Southwest Oregon

Portland, OR -- A membership-based bar best known for its 2,000-bottle collection of spirits and a two-to-three-year wait list, the Multnomah Whiskey Library (MWL) is passionate about ending hunger in Oregon. A Portland native, MWL owner Ed Hutson has made a strong commitment to supporting the community throughout the pandemic. In an effort to continue that support, MWL is partnering with the Oregon Food Bank (OFB) to raise \$50,000. “The loyalty and optimism of our membership has ensured that the Library will be here on the other side of this pandemic; I knew we needed to do what we could to ensure others make it through as well,”

Embracing the desire to do more, Ed introduced new avenues to MWL membership, including a diversity admissions program and priority admission for future members who have demonstrated community support through donation, volunteering, advocacy or essential work during the pandemic. MWL’s newest program aims to raise \$50,000 for the Oregon Food Bank. A financial gift of \$250 or more to the food bank places donors on a short list for membership, reducing the wait from years to months, or even weeks.

“This will be a new facet of membership, reflective of the courage and resilience of our city, and one that celebrates the achievements and generosity of our members,” shared Ed. “There is a lot going on right now — people miss being a part of their community. They want to stay connected to those they care about. They want to network and build relationships that will carry their business through the pandemic.

So, at the Library, we’re thinking outside of the box to meet these needs while raising much-needed money to tackle the growing food insecurity here at home. “I firmly believe that the heart of real hospitality is making sure people have what they need. Food is something everyone should have.”

As a young child, Ed can remember accompanying his mother as she volunteered, delivering meals around SE Portland to older adults experiencing food insecurity. “Year after year, we drove these routes. As a kid, I remember thinking that maybe we were fixing the problem, and that no one would really go hungry,” Ed recalls. “I didn’t realize until a little later in life that food insecurity in Portland wasn’t simply going to go away. That is the reason I look to organizations like Oregon Food Bank, to support their work to address the root causes of hunger.”

“One in five Oregonians face food insecurity today — close to double what we saw prior to the pandemic,” said Susannah Morgan, Oregon Food Bank CEO. “Innovative fundraising initiatives like these offer a new way to join the Multnomah Whiskey Library while helping the Oregon Food Bank Network meet increased demand. Our communities are experiencing substantial challenges, many of which were present before and are exacerbated by the pandemic. We are grateful for the ongoing support of partners like MWL in our shared fight to end hunger for good.”