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I ended up homeless in Salem due to a mental health falling out. My wife ended up as the main income provider after it being me for some time. It took us some time, but we managed to get into an apartment and now own a home in Pendleton.

After homelessness, we utilized Marion/Polk Food Share program. We were provided with an assortment of food of great quality. To help give back for the times I was helped out by their organization, I began volunteering. This is another great aspect of their program. They ensure to have products set up on volunteer days to most efficiently use their help. What I am trying to say, from top to bottom, I saw an amazing program and Kim Hoover worked hard to make my work work (I can have difficulties working with others).

They do need additional space because they are crammed in their current space and I am sure given more room they will just become a bigger footprint to help their community. I no longer live in Salem, but I think fondly of this organization and wish a big thank you to Kim Hoover for working with me so I could feel like a valued member of society again.