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Harvest Share program volunteers assist the Oregon Food Bank.

Fighting Hunger in Oregon

The Oregon Food Bank is casting their net wider than ever in hopes of accessing more resources for those in need.

Each year, the food bank has collected and distributed food in Oregon, helping nearly 1 in 5 households fend off hunger. They are seeking donations more than ever this year and hope that help will come as locals are touched by the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. this holiday.

"You know someone who is hungry," says Oregon Food Bank Chief

Executive Officer Susannah Morgan. "In your neighborhood, workplace, the shops you visit, you regularly run into people who are struggling to feed themselves or their families. How do I know? Because the problem is huge."

"As Dr. King says," says Morgan: "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

To learn how to donate, volunteer, or feed yourself or someone in need this winter, visit oregonfoodbank.org.

The Minority Retort

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tasked in listen to the audience for a response, and being able to manipulate audiences in a way that's positive, and make people happy, and make a room full of people have the same response. I have always been a huge comedy fan. And this is something I always wished I could be a part of."

Eli co-hosts another comedy show Tuesday nights at the Lamp restaurant next to the Aladdin Theater in southeast Portland.

Lamb is co-host of the *Karl Show!* podcast airing live every Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the Funemployment Radio Network. He is also the host of the *Movies in Black and White* series at the Hollywood Theatre, which brings people together to talk about race and pop culture.

Comedian Crystal Davis is a queer, brown, feminist comedian/clown who moved to Portland from "with a suitcase and a dream." She has performed on *Lez Stand Up*, *Totes Hilars* and co-hosts/produces the "Comedy at Crush" showcase.

Katie Nguyen writes and performs stand-up, improv, and sketch comedy, and is an ensemble member at the Brody Theater. Katie also writes and performs with the group Vestivus. She's performed in the *Bridgetown Comedy* and *All Jane No Dick* festivals.

David Mascorro is co-host of the *Funny Humans vs. the Wheel* stand-up show Sundays at Bar of the Gods and *The Awkward Phase* storytelling show and podcast.

Anthony Lopez is a writer for the talk show *Late Night Action*, host of the webseries *Strong Opinions with Anthony Lopez* and co-host of the stand-up show *Earthquake Hurricane*.

Nathan Brannon was the winner of the Seattle International Comedy Competition in 2014, was voted in Willamette Week's "Portland's Funniest 5" for 2013,

and released his first comedy album, *I Black Out*, that same year. On top of that, he was the winner of Helium Comedy Club's "Portland's Funniest Person Comedy Competition" in 2012.

"Almost all of the comedians involved have already established their careers, and been a part of big series like the *Bridgetown Comedy Festival*," says Eli. "This line up is going to be amazing and I know we'll keep coming back with talented comedians of color."

Friday's opening show is scheduled for 9:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$7 and can be bought online at boxofficetickets.com/go/event?id=296913.

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