

Oregon Food Bank Learning Gardens **Volunteer of the Month**

September 2017



Bryan Repsholdt

Since the fall of 2014, Bryan has been fortunate to have the opportunity to volunteer through his employer, Umpqua Bank. Through the Umpqua Bank Connect program, employees are provided 40 hours of work time a year to volunteer! This works out great for Bryan; with a toddler at home his time is pretty busy outside of the work week.

Bryan has volunteered 92 hours at the Westside Learning Garden, which he thinks is a fulfilling and wise use of his time. He is able to learn about different things he otherwise wouldn't be exposed to. Bryan says he's learned how much of gardening is making a plan. While it's not something he thought much about before, he now realizes it's about 40% of the work. He's also learned not to water tomato leaves and to harvest zucchini ASAP...or else! This summer he also brought his nieces to help, a good experience for everyone.

Bryan has special interest in composting. He likes the sustainability of it, the idea of reusing leftover material, and how it is the foundation of life. Bryan leaves us this fall with compost piles that are in great shape. Thanks for another great summer of volunteering, Bryan!