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- *Black United Fund* — Salem Multicultural Institute — **June 26-27** — [World Beat Festival](#), in Salem's Riverfront Park. Enjoy international music, dance, food, crafts, folklore and culture.
- *Children's Trust Fund of OR* — **Every Friday in June** is Papa Murphy's Family Fun Night. Go to www.ctfo.org and take the Family Pledge to get a Papa Murphy's discount!
- *Community Health Charities* — **Autism Society of Oregon** — Parents and caregivers of people with autism can "[Take a Break on ASO](#)" anytime in 2010. ASO offers restaurant gift certificates, movie tickets and the cost of respite care to caregivers in need. [Learn more...](#)
- *EarthShare Oregon* — **Opal Creek Ancient Forest Center**, near Salem, offers outdoor workshops, backpacking trips and family nature classes this summer in the old-growth forest. [Sign up now for great events!](#)
- *United Way of Mid-Willamette Valley* — **Family Building Blocks**, Salem — Take a tour on June 9 or June 24 to see how this organization helps local families and prevents child abuse. Get on the list: call Julie Hilty at 503-566-2132, ext. 254, or email jhilty@familybuildingblocks.org

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Oregon's 211info help lines are here to help (anyone!)

Did you know that if you pick up your phone and dial "2-1-1", someone will answer? In seven Oregon counties, "2-1-1" is an information and referral line for people needing local social and human services.

Know someone who needs help paying rent or utilities for a month or two? Dial 2-1-1. Need advice on how to get help for an aging parent or a sick loved one? Dial 2-1-1. Looking for affordable housing? Dial 2-1-1.

Where it works

The 211info system currently works in Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington, Crook, Jefferson, Yamhill, and Deschutes counties in Oregon. The phones are answered from 8 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday. Dialing 2-1-1 works on most phones including cell phones, but not on all internet phones. There are also toll-free numbers to call and a list can be found online at: <http://www.211info.org/gethelp/phonelines.html>

211info programs are still being built in some counties around the state. Lane County, for example, has an online directory (www.211lane.org), but no live hotline. Hotlines are also being developed in Douglas, Jackson, Marion and Polk counties.



Who is using 211info

The range of information and referral services available through 2-1-1 are comprehensive. Statewide, more than 4,200 community programs are available, and the trained 2-1-1 operators work with callers to find those services and programs that work best for them. Last year, they answered more than 100,000 calls to 2-1-1.

The most frequent calls are for help paying rent or utilities, emergency food, housing or shelter, and medical care.

Matt Kinshella, the external relations coordinator for 211info, says their site (www.211info.org) is being upgraded to make even more useful for social service and government workers seeking assistance for their clients.

Working to cover all of Oregon

The goal for Oregon's 211info programs is to create one statewide 2-1-1 system. Many local governments and United Way organizations are working cooperatively to make this system operational by 2013.

"The key to bringing 2-1-1 to every Oregonian will be to have passionate advocates in every community explaining how it leverages existing resources by making the social service system more efficient," said Liesl Wendt, CEO of 211info. "Increased mobility and a lack of services means communities need to look outside of their traditional service areas. A statewide 2-1-1 system would make the lives of service seekers and service providers easier." ■

Make a difference at the office: be a Fund Drive coordinator!

The Charitable Fund Drive is now recruiting resourceful State and University employees to help us roll out the 2010 CFD in every workplace this fall. If you love learning about your community, hosting parties, or helping charities, this could be the role for you!

Contact Campaign Management Team Leader Deb Furry via email at cmoteam@earthlink.net or via phone at 503-528-2783 to learn more.

The Fund Drive offers trainings to coordinators in July and August every year to equip coordinators with the skills and techniques that make the Fund Drive successful. ■