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**Get involved
in Oregon**

- [United Way of Columbia-Willamette](#) — Volunteers always needed through [Hands On Greater Portland](#). Find a one-day project, or a long-term passion! [Learn more...](#)
- [Children's Trust Fund — Morrison Child & Family Services](#) — Volunteers needed for mentoring, hands-on projects, and special events! [Learn more...](#)
- [Equity Foundation — The Living Room](#), a safe haven for GLBTQQ youth in Clackamas County, is hosting a Summer fundraiser, Thu., July 28, 7 p.m. at Ainsworth House, Oregon City. [Buy tickets & learn more...](#)
- [Local Independent Charities — Willamette Humane Society](#) — Bring your well-behaved dog to Pooch's Play Day, July 23, 1-3 p.m. at the WHS Shelter in Salem. \$10 per dog; humans get in free! [More...](#)
- [McKenzie River Gathering Foundation](#) — Peace and Pie in the Park event — Sun., Aug. 7th, 2-5 p.m. Join MRG in celebrating social justice at Alton Baker Park in Eugene! [Learn more...](#)
- [Work for Art — Estacada Summer Celebration](#), July 22-23. Celebrate art in Estacada with kids' activities with giant puppets, live music, free hands-on art activities for children and adults, a silent art auction, and the Broadway Street Art Fair. [Learn more...](#)

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Your Gifts at Work in Oregon

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Your donations are working hard!

The dollars you give help your fellow Oregonians live better lives and make our state stronger

1. Bringing art and beauty to a sick child

Funded by Work for Art, the Children's Healing Art Project (CHAP) brings the healing power of art to children in crisis and their families with a mobile team of teaching artists working in Oregon hospitals. Working with over 10,000 children a year, CHAP creates art classes designed to meet the special needs of the children they serve. They bring light, beauty and creativity to the lives of children facing life's most challenging obstacles.



2. Teaching young activists

A project funded by the McKenzie River Gathering (MRG) Foundation, Voz Hispana Causa Chavista's PCUNCitos program trains young people in the day-to-day work of organizing, including door-knocking and registering new voters. At the recent May Day march in Salem, where 4,000 people marched for immigrant rights, the PCUNCitos led the way.



3. Improving a State park

Oregon State Parks Trust, a member charity of EarthShare Oregon, is working with Oregon Department of Parks & Recreation on the Fort Yamhill State Heritage Area. OSPT's "Fort Yamhill: Connecting Place and People" capital campaign aims to restore the historic mid-1850s Officer's Quarters building, build a new interpretive center, conduct ongoing archeological investigations, and more. The end goal is for Fort Yamhill to become Oregon's first "archaeological state park."



4. Providing free tax preparation

United Way of Lane County and AARP's free tax preparation sites filed 6,254 tax returns for low-wage earners for a total of \$6,848,442 in refunds this year. This program helps eligible people get all their tax credits and refund, which is critical for families' financial stability and achieving United Way's Income goal for 2020. Along with AARP and the IRS, 12 free AARP Tax-



Aide™ sites throughout Lane County provide free tax filing for taxpayers with low to moderate incomes with special attention to those age 60 and over. ■

Make a difference at work: be a Charitable Fund Drive coordinator!

The Charitable Fund Drive is now recruiting resourceful State and University employees to help us roll out the 2011 opportunity to give 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 (email cmoteam@earthlink.net or call 503-528-2783) to learn more or sign up.

The Fund Drive offers trainings to equip coordinators with the skills and techniques that make the Charitable Fund Drive successful. Call to sign up for one:

Agency Coordinator Training, Salem — Tue., July 19, 2011
Site Coordinator Trainings — mid-late August, various cities throughout Oregon.