



**OREGON
EMPLOYEES
CHARITABLE
FUND DRIVE**

**AUGUST
2016**

YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

Get involved in Oregon:

Sept. 14, 11 am—1 pm — Charitable Fund Drive Kickoff — Capitol Mall, Salem. Dozens of Oregon nonprofits will be on hand to share information, prizes, and ways you can help our community.

You can also volunteer:

Habitat for Humanity — Help build affordable homes for Salem-area families, veterans, and other residents. [Learn more...](#)

Black United Fund — Help a Portland-area high school student navigate college and scholarship applications -- be a College Prep Mentor! [Learn more...](#)

Equity Foundation — Help Oregon's LGBT community foundation with events, grant evaluation, and other special projects. [Learn more...](#)

United Way of Lane County — Does your work team want to volunteer as a group this September? Sign up for Day of Caring! [Learn more...](#)

For more volunteer ideas, visit the ["Make an Impact" page](#) at ecfd.oregon.gov.

Your Gifts at Work in Oregon is produced by the participating nonprofits of the Charitable Fund Drive. It does not necessarily reflect policy or views of the State of Oregon. **If you have story ideas or want to respond to articles in this newsletter, please e-mail us at: cmoteam@earthlink.net.**

54,500 people can do a lot of good

54,500 people. That's how many (give or take a few) State and University workers there are in Oregon. It's also how many people could be using their payroll deduction benefit to help Oregon's families, animals, environment, arts and culture, health and many more causes through the Charitable Fund Drive.



Imagine if each of those 54,500 people used the Fund Drive, starting on September 1st, to make a charitable donation of even \$5 a month. If we did, State and University employees would generate \$3.24 million for our state's best charities.

And yet, many of those 54,500 have no idea they have this opportunity to give to their favorite causes, get involved, and be a part of something great.

Donations this year could do great things like:

- Provide a low-income student with access to an **after-school chess club** for a year — for only \$7 a month. (Black United Fund)
- Give one home-bound senior adult a month of **warm meals and friendly visits** delivered to their home to ease the loneliness and isolation — for \$4 per month. (United Way of the Columbia Gorge)
- Provide a child living with diabetes a full **day of summer camp** — for \$5 a month. (Community Health Charities)
- Buy a **new front door** for a new home for a working family — for \$9 per month. (Habitat for Humanity)
- Allow a child from a K-8 class from a low- to moderate-income community to have a **day in an outdoor science lab** — for only \$1 per month. (EarthShare Oregon)
- Bring **fresh vegetables from Oregon farm fields** to food banks, enough to give one serving of corn, peas or green beans to 600 families of four — for \$4 per month. (Local Independent Charities)
- Give a **full set of school supplies** to a newly arrived refugee child — for \$2 per month (United Way of the Columbia-Willamette)

There are more than 850 charities eligible to receive gifts through the [State Employees' Charitable Fund Drive](#). **Giving begins September 1st**, so mark your calendars, and tell your co-workers too!

The Fund Drive needs you!

The Charitable Fund Drive is aiming to raise more than \$850,000 for Oregon charities this fall, but we can't raise a dollar without State and University employees leading the charge.

Help the Fund Drive reach our goal of informing 100% of State and University employees of their charitable giving options at work -- become a Site Coordinator! Site Coordinators are the face of the Fund Drive in their office. They plan fun events, get the word out to their co-workers, and engage others in the joy of giving back.

If you want to help, contact the Charitable Fund Drive at cmoteam@earthlink.net or 503-636-4058. You can also look up your Agency's overall Coordinator ([list online here](#)) and contact them directly.