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**Get involved
in Oregon**

United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley -- Know a charity in Marion, Polk, or Yamhill County that needs funding? United Way offers funding workshops to help groups apply for grants! [Read more...](#)

Local Independent Charities - Oregon Student Access Commission -- Does your student need help paying for college? Start by taking advantage of OSAC's information, mentoring, and financial support. [Read more...](#)

Children's Trust Fund of Oregon -- Oct. 15th marks the introduction of Oregon's Keep Kids Safe vehicle license plate, which will generate a sustainable source of revenue for proven child abuse prevention efforts. [Read more...](#)

Find your perfect volunteer opportunity online at VolunteerMatch.org, the [HandsOn website](#), or one of HandsOn's three local Action Centers in Oregon:

- [Greater Portland](#)
- [Mid-Willamette Valley](#)
- [Linn-Benton](#)

VolunteerMatch also has a search page to help you find local volunteer ideas. [Search VolunteerMatch...](#)

For more volunteer ideas, visit the "Make an Impact" page at ecfd.oregon.gov.

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Your Gifts at Work in Oregon

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Make your gift online now! It's so easy!

Make your pledge to make a positive impact on Oregon's people, communities and quality of life. The Charitable Fund Drive makes it easy to use the power of payroll contribution to help any of more than 850 charities.

Click on the category that describes you to pledge your support for your favorite charities today:

[PLEDGE NOW - State Agency Employees](#)

[PLEDGE NOW - University Employees](#)

What can your dollars do? More than you might think...

Stories of how Charitable Fund Drive donations have changed the lives of Oregonians, and made this state the place we love to live, continue to roll into the Charitable Fund Drive office. Here are glimpses of a few new stories contributed by charities -- read the full stories by clicking below:

Community Health Charities -- Be The Match Foundation

Ajani was just two years old when he was diagnosed with acute myelogenous leukemia. He needed an umbilical cord blood transplant to treat his life-threatening disease. Unfortunately, his insurance company did not cover the cost to find a suitably matched cord blood unit. [READ AJANI'S STORY...](#)

Children's Trust Fund of Oregon -- Columbia County Parenting Classes

From the program director: "This year, with Children's Trust Fund donations, we have been able to meet Columbia County's need for parenting classes. Without CTFO's support, those parents mandated to attend a parenting class by the State would not be able to attend a class in their own county." [READ THE STORY...](#)

United Way of Jackson County -- CASH (Creating Assets, Savings and Hope) Southern Oregon

CASH Southern Oregon is a free income tax assistance site and financial literacy program for people earning less than \$50,000 a year. Volunteers prepare state and federal income tax and provide financial literacy programs with average returns totally \$4,100 per family. David came in unemployed, no transportation and great stress. With his return he was able to repair his car and return to work!

EarthShare Oregon -- Corvallis Environmental Center Farm-To-School

Each month, the Farm-To-School program brings local produce and nutritious lunches to than 4,000 students and staff members of Corvallis schools. [READ THE STORY...](#)

United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley -- Easter Seals Children's Therapy Center

From a client, this letter tells the story of one boy's success: "We had insurance that did not cover the counseling services my son needed. My son was depressed and when he started talking about dying I knew we needed help fast. [READ THE STORY...](#)

Equity Foundation -- Cascade AIDS Project

Debra (not her real name) sought CAP's help finding a home for herself and her 13-year old son. She had recently escaped an abusive relationship and was living in a shelter. Besides her health, she struggled with past-due bills for utilities and penalties for breaking the lease of the apartment she'd fled from. [READ THE STORY...](#)