



**OREGON  
EMPLOYEES  
CHARITABLE  
FUND DRIVE**

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# YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

## Get involved in Oregon

**Children's Trust Fund** -- Parents who have cognitive challenges have a special preschool for their kids in Lane County. Read to a preschooler and help teachers at the Pearl Buck Center in Eugene. Contact [Emily Collins](#) to [learn more...](#)

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

**Work for Art** -- Have you used your Arts Card yet? See what shows, museum exhibits, and more arts and culture outlets have 2-for-1 tickets right now! [Learn more...](#)

**Habitat for Humanity** -- Join a work crew, or get a group together to help build homes in the Salem area. [Learn more...](#)

**United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley** -- Volunteer to help (or get someone you know free preventative healthcare) at the Oct. 17th Health Fair at Chemeketa Community College. [Learn more...](#)

**Equity Foundation** -- Volunteer at the Oregon Food Bank! Check the online calendar and sign up for a shift today. [Learn more...](#)

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

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## You can change the world. Really.

The hundreds of nonprofits benefiting from the [Charitable Fund Drive](#) are watching the progress of fundraising with keen interest right now. Why? Because they know that the only way to change lives, change the world, is with the help of people like you giving your money to their cause. Here are some of the great things you can fund with your gift:



**Community Health Charities:** Make possible the research and treatment that allowed this woman, Merilee, (pictured at left) to get a college degree, raise a family, and work while battling Multiple Sclerosis -- by helping the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

**EarthShare Oregon:** Save our state's honeybee and pollinator species by funding Beyond Toxics and Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides. These groups have worked with local parks departments and local governments to ban use of bee-killing pesticides on our public lands, and offered other ways to control weeds.

**United Way:** Fund Girl Scouts across Oregon in their good deeds -- helping kids in hospitals, learning financial skills and responsibility, donating Girl Scout cookies to Oregon Guardsmen stationed overseas, and more. Just search "Girl Scout" when you [make your pledge](#) to find Girl Scout Councils near you.



**Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence:** Help a woman and her children leave an abusive relationship by supporting any of the 47 shelters and domestic violence programs around Oregon. Together, these programs serve tens of thousands of people in need of safe harbor and life skills every year.



**MRG Foundation and Equity Foundation:** Help make Central Oregon a more welcoming place for LGBTQ Oregonians by supporting Human Dignity Coalition's Queer Prom and Gay/Straight Alliances in Central Oregon high schools. These programs have served over 150 youth, challenging stereotypes and prejudice to make Central Oregon a more welcoming place for LGBTQ folks.

**Local Independent Charities:** Help pets like "Prince Charles" (being treated in this photo to a drink straight from the faucet) find new homes. Salem Friends of Felines is helping more than 100 cats and kittens enjoy a happy life with a loving family every month!

There are almost 850 charities in the [State's Charitable Fund Drive](#). Choose your favorites, and make your pledge now!

