



**OREGON
EMPLOYEES
CHARITABLE
FUND DRIVE**

**JAN.
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YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

Get involved in Oregon

Children's Trust Fund of Oregon - Provide child care or other important services at Lane County's **Relief Nursery** for at-risk families. [Learn more...](#)

EarthShare - Help restore Oregon's most important natural places, through **The Nature Conservancy**. Get updates on volunteer opportunities; [sign up now](#).

Coalition against Domestic and Sexual Violence - Want to help women and children escaping domestic violence? Many local shelters and programs need volunteers. [Find one in your area](#).

OR...

Search for your perfect volunteer opportunity at HandsOn.org, or one of HandsOn's local Action Centers in Oregon:
- [Greater Portland](#)
- [Willamette Valley](#)

VolunteerMatch has a search page to help you find local volunteer ideas, or virtual projects you can do from anywhere!.. [Search VolunteerMatch...](#)

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 non-profits 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.**

State agency workers increase giving \$44,000+

2013 may be just a memory, but State and University employees continue to give through the 2013 Charitable Fund Drive. The total amount donated, as of early January, is \$807,086.

State workers increased their donation amount this year, by about 11%! Most of the state's agencies increased giving by significant percentages -- some as much as 155%.

State agencies that increased giving the most include:

- Education - 155%
- Aviation - 107%
- Oregon Medical Board - 91%
- Lottery - 87%
- Teacher Standards & Practices - 85%
- Military Department - 81%
- Land Conservation and Development - 62%
- Fish and Wildlife - 57%
- Public Defense Services - 55%
- Secretary of State - 53%
- Water Resources - 51%
- Revenue - 46%
- Administrative Services - 42%



Department of Environmental Quality employee Joan Stevens-Schwenger (center) accepted an Award of Distinction for their Fund Drive results at a recent event. Presenting the award were DAS Director Michael Jordan and CFD Team Leader Deb Furry.

This outstanding result is all thanks to the hundreds of Charitable Fund Drive coordinators in every agency and office statewide, and those who contributed.

Don't forget: you can still give; deduct charitable donations from your taxes

If you received your first paycheck of 2014, and didn't see a line for "Charity" in your deductions column, there's still time to remedy that! Go to the State Employee or University deduction site to make your 2014 pledge today.

One of the key reasons to donate through a program like the Charitable Fund Drive is that you can deduct your gifts on your IRS tax return. Here are some tips to help you take advantage of this great incentive:

- Keep a copy (electronic or paper) of your pledge form or pledge confirmation from the Charitable Fund Drive.
- Save any letters from the charities acknowledging your pledge. If you **pledged** in the fall of 2012, you can deduct that amount on your 2013 tax return. If you just pledged in the 2013 campaign, save that letter for *next* year's taxes.

Read the [IRS's top tips](#) for maximizing your charitable gifts.