



**OREGON
EMPLOYEES
CHARITABLE
FUND DRIVE**

**MAY
2014**

YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

Get involved in Oregon

MRG Foundation -- Beyond Toxics -- Spring Bee Jubilee -- 1 - 3 p.m., May 31 -- Join a party celebrating the City of Eugene's victories in protecting important pollinators! [Learn more...](#)

Work for Art -- Portland Thorns 2-for-1 Tickets -- 7 p.m., June 7, 2014 -- Do you have an Arts Card from Work for Art? You can use it to get discounted tickets for the Portland Thorns vs. Western NY Flash game. [Learn more...](#)

United Way of the Columbia-Willamette -- Far West Fibers Classic Golf Tournament -- June 26, 2014 -- Join United Way at Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club for this annual fundraiser. [Sign up online...](#)

Black United Fund -- Salem World Beat Festival -- June 28 & 29, 2014 -- Celebrate and explore over 70 cultures from all over the world! [Learn more...](#)

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

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

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

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What your donations do:

If you donated through the Charitable Fund Drive in 2013, your gift is already at work, doing great things in our communities. Here are two examples:

Black United Fund -- [Downtown Languages](#) -- Since 2009, the Black United Fund of Oregon has helped Downtown Languages in Lane County cover some of its instructors' wages. DTL's teachers are highly qualified professionals; 90% of them have graduate degrees. Last year the funds received from BUFOR helped DTL pay the instructor's wages for its U.S. citizenship class. This course prepares students to be successful in their U.S. citizenship interview examination as well as helping these adult immigrants to better understand the new, more challenging application requirements. The recession reduced some of DTL's outside funding and the support received from BUFOR has allowed it to continue offering this class in all of its sessions. Downtown Languages is also supported by United Way of Lane County.



United Way of Jackson County -- [Project Community Connect](#) -- The donations State workers have made to the United Way of Jackson County have funded important events like this one in Medford, which is now in its fifth year. Project Community Connect brings together doctors, dentists, domestic violence shelters, barbers, and other volunteers to provide free services, and basics like food, hygiene products, and replacement of personal ID cards to those who can't afford them or can't access them without trained help. Medford's 2014 event just took place in May, but similar events are staged in cities throughout Oregon, like [Portland](#) (Compassion Connect) and [Bend](#) at various times of year.

Volunteer with the Charitable Fund Drive: charities need your help

Want to help raise \$900,000 for Oregon charities? Like to put a little fun in your work? Want to feel good about helping others and making our state a great place to live, work and play?



You don't have to get a pie in the face to be a Charitable Fund Drive Coordinator, but it has been done before! Planning fun events (with or without pies) is part of the Fund Drive Coordinator job.

If you said yes, consider being a Fund Drive Coordinator this fall! It's a great way to have fun at work and do some great work for the community in the process.

You would be in charge of engaging your co-workers in the Fund Drive -- through payroll deduction, fun and educational events, or fundraising events. It's a great way to build your leadership skills and know your work makes a tremendous difference.

Sign up with cmoteam@earthlink.net to volunteer for your agency or worksite.