

Your Gifts at Work in Oregon

CFD gifts closing in on \$1.1M goal!

The Charitable Fund Drive continues to receive donations from State agencies and universities. The current total stands at \$1,024,766 — just shy of the 2007 campaign goal of \$1.1 million!

Most State agencies have surpassed their donation totals from the prior year. In fact, one agency has experienced a 260% increase. During a time of economic uncertainty, the CFD is grateful for the continuing support and generosity of the employees of the State of Oregon!

Roseburg Employment Department employees go beyond simple donations

What can 15 co-workers do for nonprofits when they put their minds to it? Organize a local relay race, host fundraiser luncheons, sponsor holiday gifts for local senior citizens, and a whole lot more.

That's what the Roseburg field office of the Oregon Employment Department does, both during the Charitable Fund Drive and all year long. Karen Scott at Employment describes her group as "a bunch of caring folks."



Roseburg employees of the Employment Department (and some of their children and grandchildren) made a recent Relay For Life event more fun with costumes.

Since 2000, every year the office has formed a team for the American Cancer Society's local Relay for Life, a relay race where teams of volunteers walk for 24 hours straight.

"It really is a joint effort of several key people helping motivate the rest," Karen said.

The Relay for Life team members get credit toward their fundraising goals by donating through payroll contributions during the Charitable Fund Drive.

"We keep copies of our pledge forms," Karen said, "and the American Cancer Society gives our team credit for money we contribute through the CFD."

As a way to energize the workplace and raise funds for nonprofits, Karen, her co-worker Lorna Blansett, and other employees have organized fundraising luncheons, a "casual day" fundraiser, a silent auction, and even a special catered dinner at the office. For most events, employees donate what they think is right, and they get to choose what nonprofit their individual donation will support.

Even when the CFD has ended, the staff keeps coming up with ideas for ways to help the Roseburg community. In December, co-workers adopted senior citizens with no family or with very low incomes after reading about them in the *Roseburg News-Review*. With some leadership from Myra McManus, who coordinated the project, the office furnished 10 gifts for people who otherwise might not have received anything during the holiday season.

"It was amazing that we were able to buy 10 gifts for these seniors," Karen said, "And that's with only 15 people in our office."

If you volunteer for or give to a nonprofit organization, we want to hear about it! Email your story to cmoteam@earthlink.net. We'll post it on the [CFD website](#). Please include your name, phone number and agency so we can contact you if we have questions — your contact information will NOT be included on the website.

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Get involved in Oregon

Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities:

- **United Way of Mid-Willamette Kids, Inc of Dallas** — Volunteer to help organize kids' sports in the Dallas area. Call (503) 623-6419 for more information.
- **Habitat for Humanity HFH of Klamath Basin** — Volunteer to help the Habitat ReStore in Klamath Falls! Help with planning, storage, and fundraising is needed. Email Fran at director@klamathbasinhfh.org and ask how you can help.
- **Children's Trust Fund of OR Hasbro / CTFO GLBT Play-a-thon** — Join 24 contestants as they play through 6 board games. \$20/person registration. Jan. 20, Feb. 17, Mar. 16, 3-5:00 pm. [More info is online.](#)
- **Earth Share of Oregon Audubon Society of Portland** Ride your bike on a free, guided birding and natural history tour. Sun., Feb. 2, 9:00 am -1:00 pm. [Register online now!](#)
- **Black United Fund of OR BUF Community Unity Silent Auction & Banquet.** Wed., Feb. 20, Governor Hotel, Portland. [Sign up to get more information.](#)
- **Work For Art Portland Taiko** — "Mochitsuki" — Two performances of the powerful Taiko drums will energize the Japanese American New Year's Celebration. Jan. 27, 1:00 pm and 3:15 pm at Portland Community College, Sylvania Campus. See [this website](#) for more info.

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