

# Your Gifts at Work in Oregon

## Charitable Fund Drive offering easy online pledging starting Sept. 1

A new, easier way to give to charities launches September 1st — State employees will be able to give through the Charitable Fund Drive online.

With this system, all State employees be able to make their pledge quickly and without using paper. In addition, you will be able to research CFD-eligible nonprofits with this same system — **without even logging in**. This database will be an easy way for anyone to find nonprofits that they may need help from, not just to make a donation to. The CFD **wants the online pledging system to serve as a resource** for you, your friends, your family members, anyone who may need help.

You will be able to start making pledges on September 1st (if you're a State employee). University System employees can start pledging on October 10th. After those dates, just go to <http://ecfd.oregon.gov> and click on "Pledge Now" to start searching for charities and make your donation.

## How more CFD charities are helping those affected by economy

Last month, in this newsletter, we highlighted programs that many of the charities that benefit from the CFD are using to make life better for Oregonians affected by economic difficulties. There were so many that we couldn't fit them all in that space. Here are a couple more:

United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley is overseeing investment of \$135,376 of Federal Emergency Food and Shelter funds into the Marion and Polk county region, which has seen an increase in calls for emergency assistance such as food boxes, shelter beds, and help with rent payments. United Way awarded these funds to 14 local organizations, which are already using them to support more citizens in need.

Pet Over-Population Prevention Advocates (POPPA) made a change this year to reallocate all its limited funds to **spay and neuter only cats and/or other small companion animals** such as rabbits, rats, guinea pigs, or hamsters. This will prevent deaths of these animals, which are much more likely to be abandoned alongside a rural road and expected to fend for themselves, especially when they wind up pregnant. POPPA assists with hundreds of low-cost spay/neuter surgeries every year.

## Welcome to Heather McDaniel, new member of CFD committee

The Charitable Fund Drive is overseen by a committee of state employees who ensure that the campaign is run according to Oregon Administrative Rules. They also do a great job of advocating for their co-workers to get involved in the CFD at their own worksites! The newest member of this committee is Heather McDaniel, with Western Oregon University in Monmouth.



Two United Ways honored the State of Oregon Charitable Fund Drive as outstanding 2008 campaigns. Above, Dawson Officer from United Way of Benton and Lincoln Counties (left) and Pam Albee from United Way of the Columbia-Willamette (right) present awards to Kris Kautz, Deputy Director of the Department of Administrative Services (center).

## Get involved in Oregon

- Work for Art — Sat., July 18, 9 am-5 pm — Gresham Art Walk. More than 90 artists will display and sell works in downtown Gresham; plus free activities for children.
- United Way of Deschutes County — Sun., July 26 — Register your team of four today for United Way Golf Classic, at Sunriver Resort's Crosswater Club or call 541-593-1145.
- Children's Trust Fund of Oregon — Parent Enhancement Program in Benton County has a series of summer family picnics offering resources for parents and fun activities for kids. See dates and locations HERE.
- Local Independent Charities — DePaul Treatment Center's annual Freedom Award Luncheon on Wed., July 15th in downtown Portland helps raise funds for those in need of alcohol and drug addiction treatment. Get tickets...
- MRG Foundation — Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center hosting free summer hikes to spectacular forest treasures in Southern Oregon. See hike schedule here...
- United Way of Lane County — Sign up your team of co-workers, friends, neighbors, or just yourself for the 2009 Day of Caring, Sept. 16 & 17. This annual volunteer day brings hundreds of local residents together to provide much-needed services for the Lane County community.

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