



**OREGON
EMPLOYEES
CHARITABLE
FUND DRIVE**

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YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

Get involved in Oregon

Children's Trust Fund -- Help with **Metropolitan Family Services'** after school programs, mentor K-3 students, or help with big fundraisers like Classic Wines Auction! [Learn more...](#)

EarthShare Oregon -- Feb. 28 -- Plant trees at Friends of Trees' volunteer day at Woodmansee Park in Salem. [Learn more...](#)

Equity Foundation -- Help with health education, participate in a Spanish/English language exchange, or other **Edúcate Ya** leadership and education programs in the Portland area. [Learn more...](#)

Habitat for Humanity -- The Salem Habitat has volunteer openings at its ReStore, where Habitat sells used building materials. Contact Rich or Chris at 503-485-4845. [Learn more...](#)

Work for Art -- If you pledged \$60 or more through the Charitable Fund Drive (but did not ask to be anonymous), you will receive an Arts Card, which affords you 2-for-1 tickets at many arts and culture organizations. [See the current list...](#)

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 nonprofits 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.

Thank you for a successful Fund Drive

Charitable Fund Drive pledging has wrapped up across the state. You and thousands of your co-workers contributed \$863,363 to more than 850 Oregon charities!

State agencies' giving was honored at an event in December, and University giving wrapped up at the end of January. Thanks and congratulations to all who volunteered to raise funds for your generosity and success.

University staff and faculty banded together to raise \$370,721 for more than 850 charities throughout the state. The Universities who increased giving over last year are: Southern Oregon University (a 49% increase in donations!) and Oregon Institute of Technology (a 22% increase).

Planning to deduct your charitable giving on your taxes?

Anyone who makes a donation through the Charitable Fund Drive is giving to an IRS-certified 501(c)(3) nonprofit. You can claim those donations as deductions on your 2014 federal tax return, if:

- You made the pledge to donate in 2013, and money was withheld from your pay during 2014. (You have to wait a year to claim your 2014-15 donation.)
- You itemize your deductions rather than taking a standard deduction
- You keep proof of the gift pledge AND payment:
 - The email / letter from the Charitable Fund Drive confirming your pledge, OR
 - An email/letter from your chosen charity acknowledging your pledge
 - AND Your end-of-year paystub or W-2 proving money was deducted from your pay

If you have questions, ask a tax adviser about how to deduct charitable gifts. You can always log on to the [State](#) or [University](#) pledge website, and click "My Pledges and Profile" to see your history of online pledges and email a copy of the gift confirmation to yourself.

There's always time to give (your time)

The Charitable Fund Drive may have wrapped up at both State Agencies and most of our Universities, but money is not the only way State and University employees are giving.



For example, Portland State University staff and students volunteered for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service on Jan. 19th. But don't think Dr. King's birthday is our only opportunity to volunteer during the year. Non-profits, in fact, need people with skills, experience, or just a desire to help year-round.

Take a look at either [HandsOn.org's Willamette Valley](http://HandsOn.org) or [Portland Action Centers](#), or at VolunteerMatch to find the needs that exist in your area anytime. Also, if you forgot to pledge in 2014, there's still time for [State](#) and [University](#) employees to give -- log on and pledge as soon as you can!