



OREGON EMPLOYEES CHARITABLE FUND DRIVE

Get involved in Oregon

Do you and your family earn an Adjusted Gross Income* of \$57,000 or less? You may qualify for FREE tax preparation supported by United Way. There are two ways that you can access free tax prep services:

1) Go to MyFreeTaxes.com. This nationwide website lets you use H&R Block's online tax-prep software for free. [Get organized](#), or [start filing](#) your taxes now.

2) Get in-person help with filing your taxes. All free tax-prep sites throughout Oregon are operated by [CASH Oregon](#). If you're in Clark County (WA), go to the [Community Housing Resource Center](#).

* Adjusted Gross Income (total gross income minus specific deductions).

BE A VOLUNTEER!

Search for your volunteer opportunity at HandsOn.org, or one of HandsOn's three local Action Centers in Oregon:

- [Greater Portland](#)
- [Mid-Willamette Valley](#)
- [Linn-Benton](#)

VolunteerMatch also has a search page to help you find local volunteer ideas. [Search VolunteerMatch...](#)

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

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Your Gifts at Work in Oregon

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What did your donation do this year?

The Employees' Charitable Fund Drive funds charities doing work throughout Oregon -- hundreds of nonprofits providing almost any service you can think of to Oregonians. Taking care of veterans, boosting arts and culture, researching diseases, protecting clean water and air -- you name it, there's a CFD-funded charity doing it. These are just a FEW examples of the good works you and other State & University employees make possible:

Consumer Credit Counseling Service - Jackson County

A 78-year-old woman living on her own in a public housing project, along with a 72-year-old retired banker, are partnered in the [Money Management Program](#) and have been for six years. Besides volunteering for the MMP Program, the banker also is a long term care ombudsman with her church and likes to volunteer for special events for children. In the volunteer's capacity as a bill payer she was doing her monthly review of the credit card charges for the month and noticed charges for children's clothing, and checks made out to client's care giver. The volunteer made a report to Protective Services. As a result of their investigation the care giver was discharged and was required to reimburse the client. A new care giver was assigned. The volunteer reported that while the client has multiple problems she is proud of the fact that they are making progress.



Northwest Dance Project

Dance professionals from [Northwest Dance Project](#) worked with group of youths in a public housing program over a 6-week period developing a hip-hop dance routine that they proudly performed for family and friends at the end of the session.

(Photo from Northwest Dance Project)

Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides

The resurgence of bed bugs in the U.S. is leading people to take drastic, dangerous measures. [NCAP](#) works in Oregon to help people safely prevent and control bed bug infestations. The majority of its energy is focused on multi-family low-income housing complexes. NCAP offered one story of their work: "Khory was just starting a new life. He quit drinking and was going back to school. It was an exciting time in his life, but his fresh start was almost lost when he found out he had brought bed bugs to his new apartment from the rehabilitation center. To kill the bed bugs, he sprayed large amounts of bug killer but it did not solve the problem, and he was despondent (to the point of considering relapsing with alcohol.) Fortunately, he connected with NCAP staff, who offered him information he needed to successfully get rid of the bugs and stop exposing himself to toxic chemicals."

Equity Foundation

[Equity Foundation](#) provides scholarships to LGBT students in Oregon and SW Washington. Last year, our scholarship funds provided nearly \$58,000 to local students. One low-income student, Christina, sent this appreciation for her recent scholarship: "By the time I had my diploma handed to me by my principal, I had not received any [financial] aid. It was pretty disheartening, and I was very stressed out about starting college because of it. However, in August, I received word from Equity Foundation. They were going to award me my first scholarship. It was such a relief knowing that I wouldn't have to place the burden of paying for my textbooks on my parents while I searched for a job. It made my transition into college a lot less stressful and I am very grateful to Equity Foundation."