



**OREGON  
EMPLOYEES  
CHARITABLE  
FUND DRIVE**

**JUNE  
2015**

# YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

## Get involved in Oregon

**Community Health Charities - American Diabetes Association** "Tour de Cure" Bike Ride -- July 25, 2015 -- Get a team together today for this fundraiser ride in the Hillsboro area. [Learn more...](#)

**EarthShare Oregon -- Opal Creek Ancient Forest Center** - Learn fly fishing, photography, writing or outdoor skills while experiencing wilderness this summer and fall. [Learn more...](#)

**MRG Foundation -- Momentum Alliance** -- Volunteer to help its **Student Alliance Project** cultivate diverse young leaders (age 14-23) in Oregon and SW Washington. [Learn more...](#)

**Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence** -- Help Clackamas Women's Services by donating much-needed Asian and Latin American foods, among other items! [See the wish list...](#)

**United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley** -- In search of Salem-area Loaned Executives, a "Gifts In Kind" Coordinator, and more summer and fall help. [Learn more...](#)

For more volunteer ideas, visit the "Make an Impact" page at [ecfd.oregon.gov](http://ecfd.oregon.gov).

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## Big issues, personal impacts

The more than 850 nonprofits who are eligible to earn State and University workers' donations often work on big, complex issues. Child abuse prevention, domestic violence, poverty and economic inequality, protecting the environment -- these are just a few of the toughest. But nonprofit work improves the lives of thousands of Oregonians. Here are just a few recent stories we've heard:

**Children's Trust Fund of Oregon** -- Amber held her newborn daughter, Grace, and she felt terrified. Most new parents are scared of the unknown, but Amber was scared of the known. Abuse and neglect was her family history, the only model she had for parenting. Amber desperately wanted to be a good parent, but now, looking into Grace's eyes, she had no idea how to do it.

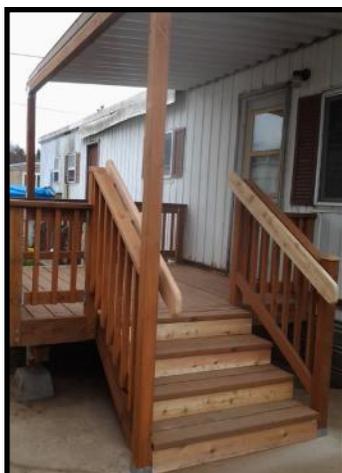


Then a home visitor from The Next Door, a grantee of Children's Trust Fund, came into her life. She and Amber met weekly, taking on the challenge of changing a generational pattern of abuse. It was a daunting task for both of them, but the benefits to Grace would last a lifetime.

Through parenting education and support provided by The Next Door's home visitation services, Amber learned a positive way of parenting that provides a safe and nurturing home for her daughter. Both she and Grace are now thriving.

**United Way of Columbia County** -- "DW" has a life threatening cancer diagnosis, a cancer that has recently come out of remission. At the same time dealing with a divorce and loss of the custody of her daughter. Due to the loss of her daughter in the household, her household income dropped 25%. She found it difficult to cope, but also struggling to keep up with her bills. When she came to Community Action Team, a United Way grantee, she was open to counseling about her monthly budgeting and spending. Community Action Team was able to provide the financial counseling and, using United Way donations, they were able to get her back on track.

**Habitat for Humanity of Oregon** -- Springfield-Eugene Habitat for Humanity's Site Supervisor, Byron Williams, and the volunteer crew built a beautiful new deck on a mobile home in Veneta! The deteriorating deck and stairs were replaced with all new ones, and repairs were made to the porch roof and trailer tongue. These improvements are a great benefit to the elderly homeowners, who can now safely access (and enjoy) their home for years to come.



Do you know someone who would benefit from a home repair? Springfield-Eugene Habitat for Humanity is currently accepting applications and is eager to complete repair projects for low-income veterans, elderly, and/or disabled homeowners. There is currently no wait list for the program. Eligible projects: Exterior Painting; Landscaping; Accessibility Ramps, Gutter Repair, Deck and Stair Repair. Call

(541) 741-1707 for information and to apply. Some other Habitat Affiliates around the state offer similar services to low-income residents.