



**OREGON
EMPLOYEES
CHARITABLE
FUND DRIVE**

**JULY
2016**

YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

Get involved in Oregon:

Sept. 14, 11 am—1 pm — Charitable Fund Drive Kickoff — Capitol Mall, Salem. Dozens of Oregon nonprofits will be on hand to share information, prizes, and ways you can help our community.

You can also volunteer:

Children’s Trust Fund — Prevent Child Abuse Oregon is looking for new members to fill statewide subcommittees on Policy & Advocacy, and Education & Awareness. [Learn more...](#)

Black United Fund — Help a Portland-area high school student navigate college and scholarship applications -- be a College Prep Mentor! [Learn more...](#)

Work for Art — Be a [Music Camp Volunteer](#) with Ethos Music Center in Portland this summer! Contact mmooss@ethos.org before July 14th to learn more or sign up to teach music, help with recess, and other classroom assistance.

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.**

The Fund Drive needs you!

The Charitable Fund Drive is aiming to raise more than \$850,000 for Oregon charities this fall, but we can’t raise a dollar without State and University employees leading the charge.

Help the Fund Drive reach our goal of informing 100% of State and University employees of their charitable giving options at work -- become a Site Coordinator! Site Coordinators are the face of the Fund Drive in their office. They plan fun events, get the word out to their co-workers, and engage others in the joy of giving back.

If you want to help, contact the Charitable Fund Drive at cmoteam@earthlink.net or 503-636-4058. You can also look up your Agency’s overall Coordinator ([list online here](#)) and contact them directly.

What is your donation doing today?

Turning around lives

United Way of Columbia County — Community Action Team Transitional Housing

A single mother and her daughter were staying at the local shelter. She had no job, no home, and no transportation. Her only source of income was \$230 per month of child support. She enrolled in our transitional housing program, and began meeting regularly with one of our case managers. Three months later she got a full time job and was able to start paying her court fines to get her driver’s license reinstated. Nine months later she purchased a car and paid off all her fines. She also found better employment and has been able to put money in her savings account. She is currently working on getting her hours switched around to reduce the amount she pays for child care. Once she is done with our program, we have no doubt that she will continue to do well and live even more independently.

Bringing students into State Parks

EarthShare Oregon — Oregon State Parks Foundation



The first Cottonwood Crossing Summer Institute was held in June 2015. Eight students traveled to Cottonwood Canyon State Park for an outdoor learning lab to complete field studies in archaeology, invasive species, writing and photography, and also to earn college credits. The participants, hailing from the eastern Oregon communities of Arlington, Condon, La Grande, and Boise, Idaho, spent six days camping and learning. Oregon State Parks Archaeologist Nancy Nelson led groups in archaeology, focusing on some of the unique stacked rock formations and petroglyphs in the area. Students learned how to take great care and practice responsible environmental stewardship when coming into contact with historic and prehistoric artifacts, among other projects they completed.

These are only two of the 850 charities eligible to receive gifts through the [State Employees’ Charitable Fund Drive](#). **Giving begins September 1st**, so mark your calendars, and tell your co-workers too!