



**OREGON
EMPLOYEES
CHARITABLE
FUND DRIVE**

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YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

Get involved in Oregon:

Children's Trust Fund of Oregon — Visit the NEW Family Building Blocks facility on State Street in Salem, Fri., Sept. 30 at their Open House. [Learn more...](#)

United Way (multiple cities) — Does your work team want to volunteer as a group this fall or winter? Sign up for Day of Caring or Days of Service in your community, or do something on your own: [Portland](#), [Salem](#), [Roseburg](#)

Habitat for Humanity — Help build or maintain affordable homes for Salem-area families, veterans, and other residents. [Learn more...](#)

Local Independent Charities — Saturday Academy in Portland needs adults working in a science field to mentor students. [Learn more...](#)

EarthShare Oregon — Plant trees, restore wetlands, and care for our local trails! Outdoor service opportunities abound: [Learn more...](#)

MRG Foundation — Live in Central Oregon and want to protect human rights? Become a Human Dignity Coalition volunteer — for a day, or for more! [Learn more...](#)

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 non-profits 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.**

Time to make your pledge for 2017!

There are more than 850 charities eligible to receive gifts through the [State Employees' Charitable Fund Drive](#). That's 850 charities working right now, every day, to make our state the place we know it can be.

Want to know what organizations are doing with the generous gifts of State employees? You might be surprised to know just how MUCH they do with limited resources.



Community Health Charities helped fund the medical treatment of a child (like Eden, in the photo at left) with leukemia through St. Jude's Children's Hospital. State employees' gifts helped her family (and others) save kids' lives without bankrupting families with medical bills.

United Way of the Columbia Gorge pays for 335 local elementary and middle school kids to attend the Columbia Gorge Peace Village, so that children from low income families can plant seeds for a lifetime of non-violent conflict resolution, healthy and sustainable nutrition, community service and stress-reduction and management skills.

Black United Fund sponsors school chess clubs, including t-shirts and chess boards for each member, 50 hours of chess instruction and free entrance to chess tournaments. Chess teaches critical thinking

and patience to kids who try it.

Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence funds shelters and support services for hundreds of families escaping domestic violence statewide, saving lives and protecting women and kids from experiencing more trauma at home.

Work for Art funds Portland Columbia Symphonic Orchestra, which brings its "Instrument Petting Zoo" to community events. There, kids can try a musical instrument for the first time, and get to walk among the musicians while they play a public concert.

Equity Foundation funds Gay-Straight Alliance groups in many Oregon high schools, helping create an atmosphere with less bullying and more support for LGBTQ students. About \$8 a paycheck to Equity Foundation can get a group started in an school.

EarthShare Oregon funds nonprofits like Bark, who bring hundreds of Oregonians out to learn about the ecosystem and experience the wild lands of Mt. Hood National Forest. Just \$11 a paycheck will fund a whole day's outing for a group to learn about forest preservation issues.



But these things won't continue without Oregonians who care doing what they can to make it possible — with donations, with volunteer time, with their voices speaking up for others. Giving is going on now — **just go to <http://ecfd.oregon.gov> to pledge your gift to any of 850+ nonprofits.**