



2019 Donation recipients

QUARTER ONE:

Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence (CARDV)

CARDV's mission is two-fold: 1) To provide services and support to those affected by sexual and domestic violence 2) To provide education and leadership within the community to change the societal conditions that cultivate these forms of violence. During 2017 CARDV responded to 6,297 crisis and support line calls; provided crisis response support to 3,579 adults and 658 children and teens; sheltered 116 adults and 85 children for a total of 3,092 bed nights; helped 860 adults and 30 teens navigate the legal system; provided medical accompaniment to 190 adults and 25 teens.

First Alternative Co-op Recycling Center

The Co-op Recycling Center provides multiple resources for most of your recycling needs in Corvallis and the rest of the valley. They are the only place in town where you can recycle Styrofoam and are a focal point in South Town that helps fulfill our community's needs for recycling items that would otherwise go to the landfill. In an average year they recycle 3,700 lbs. of metal, 1,420 cubic yards of Styrofoam, 840 cubic yards of commingle items and 510 cubic yards of glass. The center is operated on a zero dollar budget; community support is vital to its success.

Jackson Street Youth Services

Jackson Street Youth Services promotes safety, stability, and well-being for youth. They work to prevent homelessness by showing a path to long-term success through building positive relationships and teaching skills for self-sufficiency. It also provides partnerships for youth between education and employment training. Trained staff assist youth in setting and achieving educational and employment goals, creating healthy connections within the community, and, when possible, reuniting the youth with his or her family. Their ultimate vision is to end youth homelessness by providing the necessary services to youth who are either currently homeless or at-risk for becoming homeless.

South Corvallis Food Bank

South Corvallis Food Bank's mission is to increase sustainable food security in south Corvallis by providing emergency food boxes, information, and opportunities with compassion and respect. Each month they serve on average 1,100 individuals, 40% of whom are children. Their emphasis on healthy food enables clients to eat a nutritious diet, including seasonal fresh local produce when available. In 2017 they distributed 3,940 lbs. of produce from SAGE (Starker Arts Garden for Education) and 2,135 lbs. from Produce For the People, in addition to much local produce donated by individuals and farmers and 52,972 lbs. of non-local produce from Linn Benton Food Share.

QUARTER TWO:

CASA–Voices for Children

CASA-VFC serves approximately 120 children annually from birth to 18 years of age. CASA-VFC continues to serve 100% of the children in Benton County within the Child Welfare System - this means each child is provided with an advocate that can voice their best interest, giving them the best chance to heal from trauma. Recently, in June, seven new advocates were sworn in to become voices for abused and neglected children. There are no other community organizations that offer a similar service or mission in Benton County. CASA-VFC is proud to provide a voice for each abused and neglected child in the Child Welfare System in Benton County.

Chintimini Wildlife Center

CWC provides care for injured and orphaned wildlife, with the goal of returning them to their natural habitat while fostering a connection between people and wildlife through education. In 2017, they served over 1,600 wildlife patients through rehabilitation at their animal hospital. They provide outreach education by presenting raptor ambassadors at nearly 100 presentations to people within the community of all ages, and engage the community's youth in spring and summer camps at their Center.

Corvallis Daytime Drop-in Center/HELP

CDDC's mission is to respond to significant needs of local individuals, especially those who are experiencing homelessness, low income, mental health, or dual diagnosis issues by providing dignified personal assistance and advocacy. The CDDC provides a warm, safe, day-time haven for the local population of those people who are homeless or nearly homeless, where they may access services including mental health counseling, medical screenings, assistance with obtaining housing, and much more. HELP, a project of CDDC, provides free temporary employment assistance to those same individuals.

Heartland Humane Society

Heartland's mission is to create a more compassionate community by teaching humane messages to youth, caring for homeless animals, and strengthening the human-animal bond. Beans for Bags funds will be used for the general operation of the shelter in support of the Adoption Program, Lost and Found Services, Humane Education for youth, the Pet Food Bank, and the Safe Housing Program. Heartland Humane Society is proud to have served Corvallis and the surrounding communities for over 50 years and we hope to continue to do so for many years to come.

QUARTER THREE:

Coastal Range Food Bank

The Coastal Range Food Bank's mission is providing assistance to individuals and families so they can help themselves. CRFB has a strong commitment to linking our clients to additional resources that will help address both their short and long-term needs. They continually look for new partnerships and this year we became a WorkFare site for qualifying SNAP recipients with the Oregon Employment Department and the Department of Human Services. CRFB is located in an isolated area with few local jobs sites. CRFB's participation in this program provides a place where SNAP recipients can complete their required hours.

Corvallis Environmental Center

CEC's mission is to educate, engage, and inspire people to get involved in creating a healthy, sustainable community. CEC's SAGE garden, a 1-acre educational plot located in a central community park area, grew over 7,000 pounds of produce, all of which was donated to local hunger relief organizations, like the food bank and Stone Soup. They have also piloted a "Veggie Rx" project that partners with community health centers to screen individuals for issues of food insecurity and then issues them tokens to redeem at our bi-weekly farmstand where they can obtain fresh, local produce for free. Through programs focused on environmental literacy, food and farming education, local food security, energy conservation and climate action, the CEC believes in the power of community partnerships to build collaboration and achieve common goals, ultimately bettering the health and wellbeing of Corvallis and beyond.

Greenbelt Land Trust (GLT)

Greenbelt Land Trust works to conserve and to protect in perpetuity the native habitats, working lands, and lands of natural beauty that connect mid-Willamette Valley residents to the natural world. A four-county land trust, they work closely with landowners and conservation partners in Benton, Linn, Marion, and Polk Counties to create effective conservation strategies that protect wildlife habitat for threatened and endangered species, water quality, and recreational opportunities. GLT acquires land through purchase, conservation easements, and occasionally through land donations. In 29 years, they have protected over 3,000 acres of critically important lands that are in permanent protection by the Trust, and are being managed to build resilient water systems, enhance wildlife habitat, and restore productive ecosystems.

Philomath Community Gleaners

Philomath Community Gleaners is a non-profit community membership organization in which members work side by side to provide a "helping hand" not a "handout". Members glean food, household supplies, and wood. There are currently 280 members, including 58 gleaner households and 52 adoptee households. Adoptees are elderly or disabled. There are 92 children under 18. In July 2018 they collected over 11,000 pounds of food from local stores and farms. When they have more produce and bread than members can use they distribute excess to other gleaner groups, Community Outreach, food banks, and soup kitchens. This food is of immense help in the Philomath community.

QUARTER FOUR:

Mary's River Gleaners

The purpose of Marys River Gleaners is to provide food related and firewood assistance for low-income, disabled or elderly individuals in the Corvallis community. They glean surplus foods and cooperate with like-minded organizations to ensure food justice and maximize utilization of the full range of resources from edible non-perishables to firewood to compostables. Membership is divided into two sub-groups, Adoptees and Gleaners. Adoptees are identified as people who are disabled or elderly and Gleaners are identified as families that have an able-bodied individual within the family. All gleaner families are required to participate in 8 hours of volunteer service each month.

Old Mill Center for Children & Families

Old Mill Center for Children and Families is a community-based, family-oriented center empowering children and families of diverse backgrounds to optimize their potential through specially designed education and therapy programs. A multifaceted approach addresses the needs of children aged 0 - 18 who struggle with mental and behavioral health stemming from causes such as abuse, trauma, adult substance abuse, or domestic violence. In addition to offering in-home support and education for new parents, respite childcare, and counseling for children and families, Old Mill Center offers critical early education for some of the community's most vulnerable children.

Senior Dog Rescue of Oregon

The mission of Senior Dog Rescue is to rescue, rehabilitate, and re-home homeless senior dogs. A success story: a dog named Hank had been beaten, suffered from seizures and a disfigured leg. Because of this, he was very fearful of everything. He was taken in and with the help of a great foster mom, hard work, some training, and significant vet care, Hank recovered well enough to be adopted by a wonderful family. He will be on seizure medication for life, but he is now happy in his new home. Our volunteers, donors, and friends made this possible.

Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services

WNHS is a private, nonprofit community development organization with a 25-year history of improving lives and strengthening communities through quality affordable housing, homeownership, economic opportunity, and community partnerships. Services include the development of multifamily rental housing (382 apartments at 19 urban and rural locations) and 55 owner-occupied housing units; resident and community health services; and a NeighborWorks Home Ownership Center. A focus on healthy homes, neighborhoods, and communities informs their approach to housing development, management, and community engagement.