



## 2020 Donation recipients

### **QUARTER ONE:**

#### **Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence (CARDV)**

The mission of the CARDV is two-fold: To provide services and support to those affected by sexual and domestic violence, and to provide education and leadership within the community to change the societal conditions that cultivate these forms of violence. In the past year, CARDV responded to 5,742 calls and sheltered 118 adults and 111 children for a total of 2,312 bed nights. They provided medical accompaniment to 160 adults and 32 youth, and CARDV advocates helped 772 adults and 31 teens navigate the legal system. CARDV also provided 211 Community Education presentations in local area middle and high schools, reaching 5,514 students.

#### **Corvallis Bicycle Collective**

Education is one of the Bicycle Collective's fundamental services. From Open Streets Corvallis, Corvallis Spring Roll, and other community events, to leading workshops during National Bike Month, to mentoring volunteers and shop users every day, bicycle education is integrated into everything they do. The Collective continues to provide tools, stands, and technical assistance at no cost to users of their do-it-yourself community bicycle shop. CBC gets more people on bikes and supports creating conditions that empower people to ride.

#### **Jackson Street Youth Services**

Helping youth 24/7/365 by promoting safety, stability, and well-being. They work to prevent homelessness by showing a path to long-term success through building positive relationships and skills for self-sufficiency. Their vision is to end youth homelessness by providing necessary services to youth either currently homeless or at-risk. It's crucial that youth and families are aware of their services and how to access them. They can be reached at 1(800)901-2904 or at [www.jsysi.org](http://www.jsysi.org). As one youth said, "I was broken inside. I felt worthless and unwanted. I will never forget how hard the staff fought for me; they were my advocates when no one else was."

#### **Ten Rivers Food Web (TRFW)**

The TRFW mission is to activate and perpetuate personal, institutional, and public decisions that incorporate and support environmental, economic, and social factors for a resilient food web. TRFW is at an exciting point in its history. They've added 4 new board members. With a cohesive working board, they have begun to rethink what they aim to accomplish. After 14 years of existence, they are poised to become a leader in the local food system. One example of being a leader would be to engage a specific rural community in a FEAST community conversation, in collaboration with the Oregon Food Bank and other local partners.

## **QUARTER TWO:**

### **CASA -Voices for Children**

Recruiting, training, and professionally supporting court appointed volunteers to advocate for each abused and neglected child in Benton County within legal custody of the State. They give a voice to children by advocating for every child's birthright to a safe, nurturing, forever family; changing lives by believing it is possible. Volunteers make sure children don't get lost in the overburdened legal and social service system, or languish in inappropriate group or foster homes. They stay with each case until it is closed, and the child is placed in a safe, permanent home. For many abused children, their CASA volunteer will be the one constant adult presence in their lives.

### **Corvallis Environmental Center**

The Corvallis Environmental Center provides place-based education programming, food insecurity solutions, and energy efficiency services to the community through their facilities and local schools. Their mission is to educate, engage, and inspire people to actively create a healthy and sustainable community today and for generations to come.

### **Benton Habitat for Humanity**

Bringing people together to make safe, decent and affordable housing achievable for everyone in our community, Benton Habitat is a non-profit organization founded in 1991, dedicated to eliminating substandard housing through constructing and preserving homes. Working in partnership with low-income families, Benton Habitat has built 39 homes and is in progress on the construction an additional 6 Habitat homes. To date, over 204 people, including 129 children, live in Habitat homes throughout Benton County.

### **Marys Peak Search and Rescue – Region Three K9 SAR Unit**

The K9 SAR's mission is to support the community by having well-trained, nationally certified canine teams able to assist 24/7 with missing person searches, and emergency response missions in a variety of capacities. They also use public relation opportunities to teach children, youth, and other community members' safety in wilderness and urban environments. The unit is composed of volunteers from the local community who train and handle their own dog. SAR dog handlers receive almost no compensation from their agency partners for the considerable out-of-pocket expenses necessary to prepare a dog for search and rescue service.

## **QUARTER THREE:**

### **Coastal Range Food Bank, Inc. (CRFB)**

Coastal Range Food Bank has been in operation for 26 years. They provide a five-day supply of food to food-insecure families and individuals, filling the emergency gap for households that are out of food. Their holistic definition of food insecurity guides every aspect of planning. CRFB's definition of the causes of hunger: "Food insecurity is the short-term or persistent inability of a person to meet their minimum food requirements. Emergency and chronic food insecurity can be the result of physical or mental health issues, educational, cultural, addictions, and a lack of appropriate life choices, poverty, or inadequate access to employment."

### **Grace Center for Adult Day Services**

Grace Center's mission is to optimize the cognitive and physical abilities of seniors and adults with disabilities so they can remain as independent as possible and in their homes. Their vision is to be leaders in an approach to long term care that will change the way our culture views aging. Their core values: equality, empowerment, excellence, and commitment. Their program offers therapeutic activities such as art, live music, gardening, therapy animals, and community outings. Specializing in memory care and post-rehabilitation for adults with dementia, recovering from strokes or brain injuries, neurological disorders such as Parkinson's disease, and more. These services provide important respite for family caregivers.

## **Chintimini Wildlife Center**

Chintimini Wildlife Center provides care for injured and orphaned wildlife, with the goal of returning them to their natural habitats and fostering a connection between people and wildlife through education. Chintimini is home to a wildlife rehabilitation clinic, a raptor education program, and a youth education program. In 2018, they guided over 1,900 wildlife patients through rehabilitation at their animal hospital. They provide outreach education by presenting “raptor ambassadors” to people of all ages and backgrounds within the community, and engaging the community’s youth in spring and summer camps.

## **DevNW (formerly Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services)**

A private, nonprofit community development organization with a 27-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 and owner-occupied housing units; resident and community health services; and a NeighborWorks HomeOwnership Center. A focus on healthy homes, neighborhoods, and communities is a unifying theme in DevNW’s work and informs their approach to housing development and management, and resident and community engagement. DevNW has a successful history of partnering with First Alternative Natural Foods Co-op, shares similar goals of caring for the community and providing quality, healthy resources.

## **QUARTER FOUR:**

### **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 from farmers, stores, and public and private lands. In 2018 they logged 10,325 volunteer hours, 13,870 donated miles, and distributed 156,106 pounds to members. Operated under the 501(c)(3) status of Philomath Community Services, Philomath Community Gleaners is the largest gleaner group in Linn and Benton Counties, with facilities like a walk-in refrigerator and freezer, to support the large amounts of fresh produce that are processed by members.

### **Greenbelt Land Trust**

Greenbelt Land Trust works to conserve and protect in perpetuity native habitats, working lands, and lands of natural beauty that connect residents to the natural world. Greenbelt Land Trust works alongside landowners and conservation partners in Benton, Linn, Marion, and Polk Counties to create innovative strategies to protect wildlife habitat, water quality, and recreational resources. They acquire land through purchase, conservation easements, and occasionally donations. Over 3,600 acres of critically important lands are currently under permanent protection by the Trust. Each year, they bring thousands of people onto the land for free public education events, and maintain over 18 miles of recreation trails.

### **Lumina Hospice & Palliative Care**

Lumina Hospice & Palliative Care, a community grown nonprofit, provides compassionate care and support for individuals, families and caregivers facing serious illness or end-of-life. Lumina Hospice & Palliative Care is a nonprofit providing compassion, comfort, and support to Mid-Willamette Valley residents facing a serious illness or difficult medical decisions. They help patients live out the rest of their lives on their own terms, among people who care. Founded as Benton Hospice Service in 1980, they are the recognized regional source for the continuum of end-of-life services. “We built our reputation on a commitment to promote dignity, respect choices, ease suffering and honor the grieving process.”

### **Senior Dog Rescue of Oregon (SDRO)**

SDRO’s mission is to rescue and rehome dogs ages 6 and up. They save older dogs left at shelters, dogs whose owners have died, and dogs whose families have come apart. In the past 20 years SDRO has rescued and rehomed more than 1,000 dogs. All dogs are fostered by volunteers. They see the vet for bad teeth, skin conditions, overall health and well-being, and neutering before they are rehomed. SDRO is run completely by volunteers. All donations go exclusively toward rehoming old dogs.