



2021 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.

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

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. 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.

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.

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."

QUARTER THREE:

Old Mill Center for Children & Families

Old Mill Center 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. For 43 years they have provided a multifaceted approach to address the needs of children 18 and under struggling with mental and behavioral health issues stemming from causes such as abuse, trauma, homelessness, and domestic violence. Their continued and constant goal is to keep children safe and in their homes.

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.

Safe Haven Humane Society

Safe Haven Humane Society envisions a community where every adoptable, treatable companion animal has a loving home and where every loving home has the opportunity to care for a companion animal. They are guided by the belief that no adoptable or treatable companion animal should be unnecessarily euthanized due to space, time, appearance, or treatable conditions. They are committed to giving a new chance to companion animals who would otherwise be discarded, strengthening the human-animal bond through education, helping people and their companion animals stay together through the support of programs and services, and leading responsibly with compassion.

Corvallis Sustainability Coalition

The goal of the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition is to promote an ecologically, socially, and economically healthy city and county. Their Harvest Sunshine project has resulted in many more households in Corvallis making the transition from fossil fuel-derived energy to renewable solar energy. Now with their Solarize Corvallis project, they're partnering with Oregon Clean Power Cooperative to help local businesses and schools make the transition to solar.

QUARTER FOUR:

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 local 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."

Community Outreach

For more than 49 years, Community Outreach, Inc. has been dedicated to serving those at risk of or experiencing homelessness through their mission of helping people help themselves lead healthy and productive lives. The people they serve range in age from newborns to people in their mid-eighties and include men, women, families with children, and veterans. Community Outreach, Inc. provides a range of services designed support the most vulnerable members of our community as they work toward stability. These services include housing, affordable childcare, mental and behavioral health counseling, medical and dental care, workforce development, life skills training, food, and information and referral services.

Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center

The Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center is a safe, equitable, cross-cultural learning community providing educational and community resources with the goal of promoting mutual understanding between cultures, and providing citizenship, educational, and cultural resources. It is a welcoming space that fosters connection, serving over 6,000 participants annually consisting of immigrants, refugees, children, seniors, international visitors, and other underserved populations. Programs include English classes, tutoring, conversation partners and circles, cooking classes, citizenship tutoring, school field trips, multicultural arts, speaker presentations, language resources, workshops, and other diverse, educational programs which aid in language development, culture sharing, and community building.

Marys River Watershed Council

The mission of Marys River Watershed Council is to inspire and support voluntary stewardship of the Marys River watershed. Primary program areas include restoration works with landowners to restore natural function to streams, wetlands, prairies and oak savannas; education in partnership with local schools and nonprofits; and outreach through a variety of approaches to raise awareness, inspire stewardship, and advance diversity, equity, and inclusion in our watershed. The Watershed Council works closely with local teachers, other non-profit and municipality partners, and Benton County youth to engage in direct, hands-on classroom and field environmental education opportunities.