



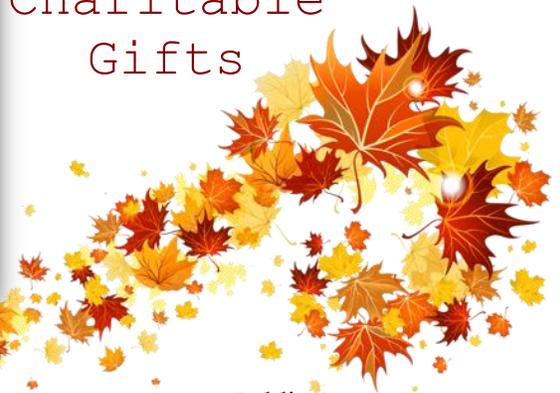
FALL 2015

# Western Lane Community Foundation 2014 ANNUAL REPORT



Fish Eggs to Small Fry's

Charitable  
Gifts



## COMMUNITY GRANTS

Making Music



Public Art



Pedaling Knowledge



Preserving History



Children's Theater



Endowments

REMAINDER TRUSTS

Scholarship Funds

## Message from President Cindy



It is very rewarding to work with the Board of WLCF. These nine individuals, along with the seemingly tireless effort of our Executive Director, Gayle Waiss, are helping our community in so many positive ways. One big effort this year was the creation of a video to share our mission and processes with groups and individuals in Western Lane County. Why is this important? We want to make positive impacts on our community, and one way to do that is to spread the word. If you belong to a group that would like a presentation, please leave a message on our voicemail. We will come to your meeting, to share information about our 40-year organization, the methods we use and the people we have helped through the years. By spreading the word, not only will more groups and individuals apply for grants and scholarships, but more people will learn how easy it is to leave a legacy in our community, making an impact in perpetuity.

Cindy Forsythe, Board President

### Western Lane Community Foundation Board Members and Staff

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Cindy Forsythe

Vice President: Tom Bassett

Secretary: Pat Stewart

Treasurer: Roger McCorkle

Lis Farm Jim Grano Ray Mans

Dee Osborne Nancy Walker

Executive Director: Gayle Waiss

Executive Assistant: Carol Hart

**VOLUNTEERS ALL !**



Front L to R: Dee Osborne, Cindy Forsythe, Tom Bassett, Pat Stewart. Back row L to R: Roger McCorkle, Nancy Walker, Lis Farm, Jim Grano and Ray Mans

## Roger says farewell to the WLCF Board

After twelve years of dedicated service to the Western Lane Community Foundation, Roger McCorkle is leaving the board. Roger's service on the board was certainly not one of limited duties! He was bookkeeper for one year and treasurer for eleven. For an organization that receives, administers and distributes over five million dollars of charitable funds, that is a huge task in itself. Add that it is a completely volunteer position and it makes it an astonishing accomplishment. In addition, Roger served on the Southern Willamette Valley Council for the Oregon Community Foundation, which gave us strong representation for our area.

Roger's commitment to Western Lane Community Foundation and this community came to a pinnacle this past spring as he and his wife Sherrie established a McCorkle \$500 scholarship. Roger, a retired educator, and Sherrie started this new scholarship for a graduating Siuslaw senior who has been able to overcome obstacles and demonstrates character, compassion and a desire to learn.

Roger's experience and knowledge has been a huge asset to the WLCF board. Over the dozen years Roger served on the WLCF, he was a huge benefit to all boards that he worked on. He will be missed but not forgotten, as I'm sure there will be more than one or two phone calls in the future asking him for assistance or a recollection.

Thank you, Roger.



# Western Lane Community Foundation Managed Funds

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

- Justin Black Scholarship Fund
  - Cocciolo Family Scholarship Fund
  - Noel & Mary Dobyngs Scholarship Fund
  - SVB A.E. "Pony" Ellingson Scholarship
  - Fund Joe & Pearl Ellingson Scholarship Fund
  - Larry & Florence Englund Scholarship
  - Fund Judd Huntington Scholarship
  - Fund Hal & Lee Hylton Scholarship Fund
  - Johnston Family Scholarship Fund
  - Art & Jean Waldren Koning Scholarship Fund
  - "Electrical" Willard Myers Scholarship Fund
  - Joan Orr Scholarship Fund
  - Alan & Virginia Robertson Scholarship Fund
  - Jack & Bobbie Saubert Scholarship Fund
  - Siuslaw Valley Bank Scholarship Fund
  - Elmer Waite Memorial Scholarship Fund
  - Dick & Barbara Whitmore Scholarship Fund
  - Roger & Sherrie McCorkle Fund
- Total Scholarship Funds \$ 967,090**

## AGENCY ENDOWMENT FUNDS

- |                                    |                                       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| The Alzheimer's Fund               | Florence Area Humane Society Fund     |
| Boys & Girls Club Fund             | Florence Event Center Fund            |
| Project Graduation Fund            | Florence Performing Arts Fund         |
| Last Resort Players Fund           | Nazarene Church of Florence Fund      |
| Delta Gamma Fund                   | Siuslaw Public Library Fund           |
| Siuslaw Pioneer Museum Fund        | Peace Harbor Hospital Foundation Fund |
| Karen Lyn Food Share Memorial Fund |                                       |
- Total Agency Endowment Funds \$ 676,570**

## ADVISED FUNDS

- Anson Fund
  - Martha A. Beechler Library Fund
  - Ron & Mary Cleve Boehi Fund
  - Tom Cheronos & Joyce Keener Fund
  - Louise Coopey Fund
  - DePue Animal Fund
  - Aldred L. "Si" Ellingson Memorial Fund
  - Lyndall Ellingson Fund
  - Funke Cemetery Fund
  - Ulva Marie Fyfe Fund
  - James Hevee Memorial
  - C.D. (Dave) Holman Memorial Fund
  - Lars & Diane Lind Fund
  - Jake Mann Family Fund
  - Mrs. George E. Martin Fund
  - Dr. Sabry Mason Fund
  - Vernon & Marion May Trophy Fund
  - Ladona (Chris) Mehlum Memorial Fund
  - Geraldine Merz Fund
  - Metz Memorial Fund
  - Bud & Dorie Miles Family Fund
  - Miles Pioneer Family Fund
  - Morris M. Moorhead Fund
  - Thomas & Barbara O'Halloran Fund
  - "Grandma" Carmela Petrosino Fund
  - Larry W. Pfaff Fund
  - Gary D. Schmidt Memorial Fund
  - Don & Judy Swartz Memorial Fund
  - Siuslaw News Fund
  - Siuslaw Bank Charitable Fund
  - L.L. "Stub" Stewart Fund
  - Donald J. Tiegen Fund
  - Welles Fund
  - Shirley Wilson Fund
- Total Advised Funds \$ 3,417,368**  
**Other Funds: \$219,638**

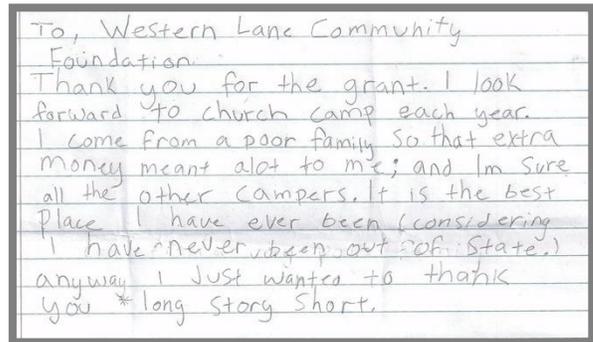
## 2014 TOTAL MANAGED FUNDS \$5,280,758

Western Lane  
Community  
Foundation  
2014-15  
Grant  
Recipients



Through its “Discretionary Grant Program” WLCF awarded over \$90,000 to non-profits listed below.

- Bright Beginnings Pre- K**, Social studies, growth & development; \$900
- C.R.O.W.**, Once Upon a Mattress musical; \$2,000
- DanceAbility International**, DanceAbility in Florence; \$1500
- Deadwood Creek Services, Inc.**, Clerestory window restoration; \$5000
- Deadwood Pioneer Cemetery**, Deadwood Cemetery records; \$2680
- Florence S.T.E.P.**, Chillers for STEP Egg to Fry program; \$5400
- Florence Area Humane Society (2 grants)**, Metal Storage Unit, \$2500, and Computer Replacements; \$2600
- Florence Evangelical Church**, Summer Camp Scholarships; \$750
- Florence Food Share**, Generator; \$9,700
- Florence Regional Arts Alliance**, Public outdoor art; \$2,500
- Florence Senior Center Inc.**, Senior Center addition; \$1,500
- Friends of the Florence Events Ctr**, Florence Festival of Books website; \$750
- Helping Hands Coalition**, Voucher program; \$6,500
- Mapleton School District (2 grants)**, Documentary Education movies, \$1,000, Picnic tables, \$1,000;
- Parenting Now!**, Parent/child memory book, \$350;
- PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Med Ctr.**, Light Up A Life fundraiser, \$1,000;
- Seacoast Entertainment**, Youth access to the performing arts, \$1,000;
- Siuslaw Elementary School (8 grants)**, 4th/5th Reading Club, \$230, Easi-Speak USB recorder, \$350, Reading Club, \$500, Math Reads, \$560, Under the desk pedals, \$575, 3rd grade student planners, \$671, Projector, Easi-Speak USB, talk board, \$1050, Mimio boards for kindergarten, \$3020;
- Siuslaw High School (2 grants)**, Student Atlases of the World, \$312, and Video production class, \$2,500;
- Siuslaw High School ASPIRE**, \$900;
- Siuslaw Public Library**, ASQ-3 Station, \$620;
- Siuslaw School District 97J (4 grants)**, Siuslaw Salmon/Watershed raincoats, \$365, Instruments/curriculum Music K- 5, \$413, MATE ROV Program, \$2,700, Lego Robotics Program, \$6,500
- Siuslaw Watershed Council**, Kayak trips, \$800
- Siuslaw Pioneer Museum**, Morris Moorhead Grant Payment for museum building, \$20,000



The 2015-16 grant application deadline is January 15, 2016. Grant Application is available online at [www.wclfonline.org](http://www.wclfonline.org)

**WLCF honored with 2014 Nonprofit Achievement Award**



Cindy Forsythe, WLCF board President, accepted the 2014 Nonprofit Achievement Award at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Siuslaw Awards banquet in January 2015. The award is given each year to a non-profit organization that demonstrates good stewardship of donor dollars and sound business practices while meeting commitment to its organization mission. This award capped off a 40-year anniversary celebration of Western Lane Community Foundation giving back over \$2,400,000 to charities, organizations, schools, hospital and students through grants and scholarships in the Florence, Mapleton, Dunes City and Deadwood area. WLCF, a 501(c)(3), was founded in 1974 with an initial investment of \$3500 and manages over \$5,000,000 in assets.

## Heritage Roll

Bruce & Rose Arnhold  
 Judy Dahlberg  
 Christopher & Catherine Giovinco  
 Rosemary Lauria  
 John Percy  
 Arthur Rule  
 Dick & Harriet Smith

Ron & Mary Cleve Boehi  
 William & Kimberly Fleenor  
 Carol Hart  
 Kay McCurdy  
 Bob & Gini Read  
 Penny Saubert  
 Shirley Wilson

Cindy Forsythe  
 Nancy Ragan Gardiner  
 Linda and David Lauck  
 Harold Nusbaum  
 John & Frances Rickaby  
 John Seaver

The people above have included in their wills plans for a charitable gift or bequest to WLCF or have designated the Oregon Community Foundation to administer a charitable remainder trust for WLCF. In this way they have been assured that proceeds from their estates will go to the causes and programs they desire. People who would like more information should call WLCF at 997- 1274. If you have named WLCF in your will and do not see your name here, please call our office to let us add you to the Heritage Roll.

### Geraldine Merz Fund (established 1980)

It has been written that Geraldine always had the “spirit of youth.” She possessed the ability to relate with any age and nurturing a child’s learning gave her great joy. She had a limitless intellectual curiosity in the world around her that reflected in the students she taught at Upper Fiddle Creek School in Ada. Geraldine lived in Florence for more than 50 years. She was active in Community affairs, including the Ada Grange, Western Lane Hospital Auxiliary, Siuslaw Parks and Recreation District, Siltcoos Home Extension Program, Friends of the Florence Library, AARP and the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw.

Her enthusiasm for life and what one person could accomplish was shared many times with her family, friends and acquaintances. With this in mind she made generous commitments of time and money to the community she loved.

Geraldine had always regretted not learning how to swim in Minnesota as a child, so in the late 1970s when a couple of local youngsters had drowned, she decided that she would contribute funds to a taxing district that was being established to provide recreational activities, with an emphasis that her fund be used to build a swimming pool. She thought kids should have a good place to learn to swim.

In 1980 Geraldine established a fund with WLCF for use by the Siuslaw Parks and Recreation District. She wrote, “My wish is that this money, both principal and income it generates, be made available to the district to be used at its discretion, toward the accomplishment of a public swimming pool.” Efforts to bring this about at the time were unsuccessful and dwindled most of her generous gift. Her instructions were that if the pool was not built in five years, any remaining money would go to the WLCF unrestricted fund, for use at the discretion of the board of directors. That provision took effect in 1991.



Since that time the Geraldine Merz Fund, with the help of her family who in 1997 and 1998 added to the fund, has consistently given grants to recreational youth summer programs and projects. Geraldine’s legacy of community involvement has extended through her son Bob and his wife Shirley, their children Cindy Forsythe, Julie Hart, their children and Laura Merz.

Bob and Shirley Merz’s wish for the future for the fund is to continue filling the void of recreational, educational and cultural opportunities for area youth in the summers. “We want to give something to the community that the schools can’t provide.”

Geraldine Merz Fund is a sustainable way to see that Geraldine’s legacy and Bob and Shirley’s wish be granted.

## 2014 Contributors to the Western Lane Community Foundation Fund

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 Oregon Community Foundation  
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 Mark & Cynthia Chandler  
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For more information about the Western Lane Community Foundation, how to apply for foundation grants or scholarships, how you can help your community and yourself through giving, or to make charitable contributions, please call 541- 997- 1274 email: [wlcfc@oregonfast.net](mailto:wlcfc@oregonfast.net) or visit our website: [www.wlcfonline.org](http://www.wlcfonline.org) Charitable gifts in the form of contributions, endowments, charitable remainder trusts, etc., are needed and appreciated by the community recipients of your generosity. Contributions are acknowledged by the Foundation and used to support the goals established by the donor.



## WESTERN LANE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

### Who are we and what do we do?

We have been part of the philanthropic fabric of western Lane County for 40 plus years, so why doesn't everyone know WLCF?

Many new people who have moved into our area aren't familiar with who we are. Or there are those who might have been in the area but have never had the occasion to need an organization to distribute newly acquired funds to use toward their charitable giving. These are a couple of scenarios that would beg the question.

The current board has created community outreach goals to answer these and many more questions for prospective donors.

With the help of Videographer Gary Quinn, WLCF has created a video that addresses the questions of WLCF being a non-profit organization chartered for the purpose of receiving, administering, and distributing charitable funds for the benefit of residents in western Lane County.

Mr. Quinn did an excellent job of capturing the area we live in, with examples explaining our scholarship and community grant programs as well as the different levels of charitable giving: endowments, remainder trusts, or advised funds.

We invite you to view it online at [wlcfonline.org](http://wlcfonline.org) or stop by our office and check out a copy.

### How to get in touch with us!

- How to apply or establish a grant or scholarship?
- How do I give a charitable contribution?



Call: 541-997-1274

Email: [wlcfc@wlcfonline.org](mailto:wlcfc@wlcfonline.org)

Online: [wlcfonline.org](http://wlcfonline.org)

Stop by: 491 Laurel Street West

Mail: PO Box 1589

Florence, Oregon 97439

**2014 WLCF  
Siuslaw High School  
Scholarship  
Recipients.**



<b>Scholarship:</b>	<b>Awarded to:</b>
Joan Orr	Desiree Senner & Cody Burkhart
Jack and Bobbie Saubert	Keenan Bishop, Dakota Boyd, Todd Denning & Carley Senner
Dick and Barbara Whitmore	Jacob Kirby
Larry and Florence Englund-mechanics	Austin Riley
Larry and Florence Englund-most improved	Alissa Brooks
Hal and Lee Hylton Memorial	Sam Johnson
Art and Jean Koning	Randall Greenburg
Alan and Virginia Robertson	Anna Warnecke
Noel and Mary Dobyns	Arianna Perez
Willard Myers	Jacob Kirby
Judd and Lucy Huntington	Justice Thoms
Justin Black	Maygan Sturm
Elmer Waite	Kylie Brandt
Cocciolo Family	Makahla Huff
Joe and Pearl Ellingson	Jaymie Dotson
Don Tiegen	Ileena Berkshire
Arlis Ulman Nursing Scholarship	Sari Withers
Beachcomber Community	Alison Brown
Beachcomber Community	Katrina Greenleaf
Beachcomber Community	Adrianna Roberts

**New Continuing Education  
Scholarships**

Western Lane Community Foundation added five new \$1,000 WLCF Continuing Education Scholarships.

These scholarships are to address financial need for students of all ages who could use help in finishing their higher education, enter postgraduate programs and help adults returning to higher education due to career or family changes or job loss. Applicants must already hold a diploma from high school, including home school, or achieved their GED.

While academic achievement is one criteria used in determining recipients, other qualifying characteristics include financial need, outside activities, work history and volunteerism.

This year's CES awardees were Jorge Loza Sanchez, Hannah Wartnik, Zana Mosley, Kylie Brandt, and Daniel Loza Sanchez.

**Scholarships come from permanent endowment funds that benefactors have established with Western Lane Community Foundation, thereby assuring that scholarship awards will be available year after year, even after the benefactors are gone.**



**2015 WLCF  
Siuslaw High School  
Scholarship  
Recipients.**



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**WESTERN LANE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION  
December 31, 2014 and 2013**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 45,567	\$ 44,173	<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Investments managed by Oregon Community Foundation	<u>5,280,758</u>	<u>5,344,900</u>	Current distributions obligated	\$ 250,930	\$ 244,940
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>\$ 5,326,325</u>	<u>\$ 5,389,073</u>	Total liabilities	<u>250,930</u>	<u>244,940</u>
			<b>Net Assets:</b>		
			Unrestricted	970,260	975,370
			Temporarily restricted	<u>4,105,135</u>	<u>4,168,763</u>
			Total net assets	<u>5,075,395</u>	<u>5,144,133</u>
			Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 5,326,325</u>	<u>\$ 5,389,073</u>