

Western Lane Community Foundation

FALL 2022

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



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This Town Moves on Volunteers

"Like the Duracell bunny, Western Lane Community Foundation (WLCF) just keeps going on and on, and people who catch that energy will continue to keep the vision alive."

Rev. Richard (Dick) Smith

Side by side, Dick and Harriett Smith were together for nearly 70 years and they helped shape the character of what it means to give back to your community.



Pictured with Dick is Harriett, aka "Happy Feet" the clown. She combined her interests in humor and modern dance

and was a "fool for Christ" to groups from Connecticut to Panama and from Arizona to Oregon.

Dick Smith helped to create WLCF in 1973 along with many other Florence Rotarians, and he served as one of the first Executive Directors. During his retirement years, he helped raise over \$3,000,000 for agencies and organizations in Florence.

We lost two giants in our community when Harriett and Dick passed away in 2021. Both were 98 years young. True to their passion of giving back, the **Dick & Harriett Smith Fund** was established in 2022 with funds to be dispersed to their favorite organizations:

- * Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw Endowment Fund
- * Siuslaw Public Library Endowment Fund
- * Peace Harbor Hospital Endowment Fund
- * DY Chapter of the PEO Endowment Fund of SLCF
- * WLCF board to be used at its discretion for a project or projects outside the normal grant cycle.



If you would like information on how you can be a donor like Dick and Harriett, please call 541.997.1274 or visit our

website www.wlcfonline.org.

WLCF will be using a new grant application format beginning with the 2023 grant cycle. Applications will be available to complete between March 15, 2023 and May 15, 2023.

Visit our website for more information: www.wlcfonline.org



Message from the President

Sandy Kuhlman

The last year has seen Western Lane Community Foundation work towards finding its way back to normalcy. We were excited to return to in person Board meetings in May after a two-year hiatus. It was great to come together in-person and experience an esprit de corps that cannot be captured via Zoom.

We were proud to see the endowment reach \$12 million at year end 2021 and the funds available for distribution through agency endowments, directed endowments, grants and scholarships exceed \$500,000. Grant awards were down from prior years as many non-profits and the schools were still playing catch up from the last couple of years and not ready to request funding for new projects. We did roll out a new Grant application and are excited about rolling out our new grant timeline and online grant system in the upcoming year.

Scholarships have been a real area of growth thanks to the generosity of donors. We were very excited about funding more scholarships than in the history of WLCF with over \$100,000 in awards to our high school and

continuing education students. This investment in the future of the Western Lane Community is truly what the Foundation is all about.

As WLCF approaches the end of its 5th decade, the Board is working to address future needs to support the growing number of funds, the increase in administrative demands, data security and evolving technology. We are coming together as a Board to brainstorm solutions, maintain the solid footing the Foundation has established since its founding in 1974, and move it forward as our community continues to grow. We are looking at needing to expand beyond volunteer support for the first time in our history with an eye towards ensuring we are doing our due diligence in meeting our responsibility as community fiduciaries.

None of these goals could be met without the support of our donors, an amazing Board of Directors, our outstanding Executive Director and a community committed to the well-being and growth of its residents.

Thank you, one and all.

WLCF focuses its
giving in four
major areas:

culture

medicine & science

education

social / civic services

2022 Board of Directors



Front Row: Susan Tive, Sandy Kuhlman, Karen Skulley and Sally Wantz

Back row: Bonnie Rose Allen (inset), Tim Moffett, Bob Orr, Cindy Forsythe and Jim Waterman

Funds Managed By WLCF

Advised Funds

Alfred L. "Si" and Charlene Ellingson Fund
 Bart Mealer and Susy Lacer Fund
 Bud and Dorie Miles Fund
 C.D. (Dave) Holman Memorial Fund
 Chamberlen Fund
 Chandler Family Fund
 Chappell Fund
 Chris Mehlum Fund
 Coopey Fund
 DePue Animal Fund
 Diane and Jim Ramirez Fund
 Don & Judy Swartz Fund
 Don Tiegen Fund
 Dr. Sabry Mason Fund
 Funke Cemetery Fund
 Garry and Virginia Kelly Fund
 Gary and Annie Schmidt Fund
 Geraldine Merz Fund
 Grandma Carmela Petrosino Fund
 Harold and Elizabeth Anson Fund
 J.L. (Jake) Mann Family Fund
 Jeanne and Owen Welles Fund
 Joan Orr Endowment Fund
 Kim Tiearney Fund
 L.L. Stewart Fund
 Larry Pfaff Fund
 Lars & Diane Lind Fund
 Lyndall Ellingson Memorial Fund
 Marion May Trophy Fund
 Martha Beechler Library Fund
 Miles Pioneer Family Fund
 Morris M. Moorhead Fund
 Mrs. George E. Martin Museum Fund
 Robert E. Metz Memorial Fund
 Ron and Cheryl Prchal Fund
 Ron and Mary Cleve Boehi Fund
 Seaver Fund
 Shirley Wilson Fund
 Siuslaw News Fund
 Siuslaw Valley Bank Fund
 Testa Family Fund
 Thomas L. and Barbara C. O'Halloran Fund
 Tom and Johnna Emmanuel Fund
 Tom Cheronos and Joyce Keener Fund
 Ulva Marie Fyfe Fund

Scholarship Funds

A.E. "Pony" Ellingson Scholarship Fund
 Agnes C. Myers Scholarship Fund
 Alan and Virginia Robertson Scholarship Fund
 Brittany Hartzell Baguley Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Cociolo Family Scholarship Fund
 Elmer Waite Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Fresh Start Scholarship Fund
 Hal & Lee Hylton Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Jack and Bobbie Saubert Scholarship Fund
 Joe and Pearl Ellingson Scholarship Fund
 Johnston Family Scholarship Fund
 Judd Huntington Scholarship Fund
 Justin Black Scholarship Fund
 Koning-Cooper Family Scholarship Fund
 Larry and Florence Englund Scholarship Fund
 Marteen Wick Future First Citizen Scholarship Fund
 Noel and Mary Dobyns Scholarship Fund
 Nusbaum Family Scholarship Fund
 Pat Knipe Visual Arts Scholarship Fund
 Peace Harbor Hospital Health Professions Scholarship Fund
 Richard and Barbara Whitmore Scholarship Fund
 Roger and Sherrie McCorkle Scholarship Fund
 WLCF Scholars Fund

Agency Endowment Funds

Boys and Girls Clubs (BGC) of Western Lane County
 BGC of Western Lane County Continuing Education Fund
 Delta Gamma, ESA Fund
 Florence Area Humane Society Fund
 Florence Church of the Nazarene Fund
 Florence Events Center Fund
 Florence Food Share Endowment Fund
 Food Backpack for Kids Fund
 John and Patricia Hardison Children's Charitable Fund
 Last Resort Players Fund
 New Life Lutheran Church Fund
 Project Graduation Fund
 Seacoast Entertainment Association Fund
 Siuslaw Outreach Services Hardison Fund
 Siuslaw Outreach Services Unrestricted Fund
 Siuslaw Pioneer Museum Fund
 Siuslaw Public Library Fund

FUND TOTALS AS OF 1ST QUARTER 2022

Advised Funds	\$ 6,822,776.49
Scholarship Funds	\$ 2,146,032.24
Agency Endowment Funds	\$ 1,353,299.06
Other Funds	\$ 256,004.17
TOTAL.....	\$ 10,578,111.96

Heritage Roll

Bruce and Rose Arnhold	Carol Hart
Mary Cleve Boehi	Rosemary Lauria
Bonnie Compton	Kay McCurdy
Larry and Florence Englund	John Percy
William and Kimberly Fleenor	Gini Read
Cindy Forsythe	John and Frances Rickaby
Nancy Ragan Gardiner	Arthur Rule
Christopher and Catherine Giovinco	Gary and Penny Saubert
	Annie Schmidt
	John Wick

The people listed 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 estate will go to the causes and programs they desire. If you would like more information about creating a legacy at WLCF, call 541-997-1274. If you have named WLCF in your will and do not see your name here, please call our office and let us add you to the Heritage Roll.

Community People
Helping Community
People

Our Mission is to
improve life in
western
Lane County
through effective
philanthropy.

2021 Contributors to the Western Lane Community Foundation Fund

Thank you to the following individuals, families, trusts, and organizations who have made generous donations to the Western Lane Community Foundation to be used for funding in our community.

Bradley, Chester and Connie
Braley, David and Ardel
Brauer, Melissa
Chandler, Mark and Cynthia
Davidson, Sandra
England, Larry and Florence
Hartzell, Lyle and Arlene
Kadel, Gary and Mary
Kelly, Virginia
Krzycki, Leroy Estate
Long, Shirley
Luce, Liseanne
Margole, Robert and Candice
McCorkle, Roger
McCorkle, Roger and Sherrie
Mehlum, Johan
Merz, Shirley

Nusbaum Estate
O'Halloran, Fred and Linda
Prchal, Ronald and Cheryl
Rose, Pauline
Rotary Club of Florence
Schmidt, Annie
Schwartz, Kathryn
Sovers, Zinta and Ojars
Tierny Trust
Trierney, Kim Trust
Van Vleet, Ronald and Nancy
Vinchesi, Gayle and Brian
Wardlaw, Rex and Rebecca Brauer
Watkins, Button and Jon
Wick, John
Williams, Frank and Florence
Wilson, Byron Ken

WESTERN LANE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTS

\$63,500 AWARDED TO LOCAL NON-PROFITS

Sandy Kuhlman, WLCF President, announced 21 non-profit organizations will be receiving over \$63,500 for the WLCF 2021/2022 grant cycle. These funds represent WLCF's ongoing mission of supporting projects or programs providing needed services or facilities for which public funds are not available, or insufficient, and to contribute to the cultural, economic, educational, or social betterment of our community. Their intent is to award large enough sums to make a significant and visible impact on a demonstrated need in our Western Lane community. At a meeting of the Florence Rotary Club, grants were award to the following organizations:

Boys and Girls Club Florence Air Academy ~ \$1000 to support the 2022 Air Academy; **Cascadia Coastal Coalition** ~ \$3,700 to fund Emergency Go Kits; **Disabled American Veterans (DAV)** ~ \$5000 toward the purchase of new carpet; **Every Child Lane County** ~ \$1000 for its My NeighborOR program; **First Methodist Free Lunch Program** ~ \$2,500 to stock its kitchen to prepare for in-person dining; **First Step Florence** ~ \$5,000 to seal and weatherize Transitional Housing trailers; **Florence Regional Arts Alliance** ~ \$1,000 for its Art C.A.R.E project; **Florence Senior Center** ~ \$4,700 for a new convection; **Forest Today & Forever** ~ \$2,000 to provide Forest Discovery Kits for children ages ten to twelve; **Friends of 90 X 30** ~ \$5,000 for its Roots of Empathy Program; **Lane Arts Council** ~ \$5,000 for its Fiesta Cultural Events in Western Lane County; **Mapleton Foodshare** ~ \$2,500 for its remodeling project; **Nurturely** ~ \$5,100 for its Rural Health Equity initiative; **Oregon Coast Humane Society** ~ \$1,500 for its "What's Measured Matters" initiative; **Pregnancy & Parenting Center** ~ \$1,000 towards its technology initiative; **Project Graduation** ~ \$3,500 for its Class of 2022 to have a safe & fund grad night; the Siuslaw High School Project Graduation for the Class of 2022's safe & fun grad night; **Safe Shelter for Siuslaw Students** ~ \$1,900 to support its Conscious Discipline Parenting classes; **Siuslaw Lions Club** ~ \$4,000 for its eye program; **Siuslaw Outreach Services** ~ \$2,500 for its Gap Filler Voucher Program; * **Siuslaw Elementary School** ~ \$600 for its Ecology Encounter Program at Camp Baker; **Siuslaw Watershed Council** ~ \$5,000 for the purchase of an enclosed trailer.

Congratulations to all of these fine organizations! Should you have any questions or wish for more information regarding how to leave a legacy or contribute to an existing fund, please contact Gayle Vinchesi, Executive Director, at 541-997-1274 or email her at wlcfc@wlcfonline.org.

ECOLOGY ENCOUNTER PROGRAM - by Shannon Graham, Siuslaw Elementary Teacher



Observing the size of a tree- so big!

This year, the first graders that were able to attend Camp Learn-a-Lot at Camp Baker had an incredible 3-day hands-on forest ecology experience! They learned plant and animal identification, the layers of the forest, decomposition, about bugs and insects, and lifecycles. They also participated in crafts, games, and daily campfire sing-a-longs. They completed a service project fun style competition for Camp Baker as a thank you for being able to use it. The camp hosts were blown away with what they accomplished and were incredibly appreciative.

According to Shannon Graham, "This was the best Camp Learn-a-Lot experience of my first grade career and one of the best ever overall learning experiences with my students. Hands down, the icing on top was that after an incredibly challenging year doing distance learning they got to enjoy a dose of normal, amazing, outdoor togetherness which felt like a celebration for persevering through the most challenging school year ever."



Found a bald eagle's feather! He left it in forest after pictures.



Observing the size of a tree stump and observing tree rings.



Oregon
Community
Foundation

WLCF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that believes in managing funds for the long term and has placed its permanent funds with Oregon Community Foundation where assets are allocated to provide a consistent return through economic fluctuations.

How Easy is it to Contribute?

Now it is easier than ever to contribute to the health of our community by donating any amount ... **yes, any amount** ... directly to the Western Lane Community Foundation **FUND**. AND you get to choose whether your contribution goes to support our local graduating seniors or those who've been out of school for over a year but wishing to continue their education. Or maybe you prefer your contribution be used to support our local non profits. **You choose**. How easy is that? Contact our office and we'll meet to discuss the possibilities.

Contact Gayle Vinchesi at 541.997.1274 or wlcfc@wlcfonline.org



Focus on Continuing Education: JENNIFER DIETZ



Jennifer Dietz was awarded the Arlis Ulman Nursing Education Scholarship and the Don Tiegen Continuing Education Scholarship in August of this year. Jennifer is studying Nursing at Lane Community College in Eugene. She moved to Florence in 2012 from San Diego, where she was a corporate meeting planner, to assist her aging parents. She has worked for Siuslaw School District as a Human Resource Specialist since 2013.

In deciding her career change, Jennifer indicates that she has had the passion for nursing since her sibling battled childhood leukemia. Her aptitude tests and interests all pointed to nursing. However, she fell into another career due to her need for employment. *"Attending school and working is extremely difficult, especially in nursing. I was not able to support myself and attend school, and the fact that I was working excluded me from the financial aid I needed."* Jennifer feels extremely fortunate that the School District supports a desire for further education, flexing her schedule as much as possible to allow attendance. *"The support from Western Lane Community Foundation is humbling and almost overwhelming"* Jennifer said, allowing her to pursue her dream of becoming an RN. *"It is almost shocking to know that this community is allowing me to follow my dream, knowing I will be back to serve the community when I finish. **The impact of this gift is life-changing.**"*

Western Lane Community Foundation is working to expand the number of scholarships available for continuing education. See below for information on how you can be a part of this program.

For More Information

For more information about the Western Lane Community Foundation, to be added to our mailing list, 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 us at 541-997-1274, email wlcfc@wlcfonline.org, or visit our website at 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.



2022 WLCF High School Scholarship Recipients

Name of Scholarship	Amount	Student
Dr. Brittany Hartzell-Baguley	\$4,000 a year for 4 years	John Corser
Harold Nusbaum	\$4,000 a year for 4 years	Rylee Colton and Ava Glowacki
Jack and Bobbie Saubert	\$2,250 a year for 4 years	Winnie Zhen
Harold Nusbaum	\$4,000	Zoe Alberty, Madeleine Danielsson, Alizabeth Norton, Danali Sleeper, Imanol Pelayo and Joseph Slaghter
Harold Nusbaum	\$3,000	Brooke Olson
John Seaver	\$2,000	Chad Hughes
Art and Jean Koning	\$2,000	Hayden Houlihan
Roger and Sherrie McCorkle	\$2,000	Jesus Garcia
Larry and Florence England	\$1,500	Thomas Hamblin
Alan and Virginia Robertson	\$1,250	Christian Fleming
Joan Orr	\$1,250	Hayden Muller and James Smith
Joe and Pearl Ellingson	\$1,000	Opal Burruss and Jahala Blake
Hal and Lee Hylton	\$1,000	Camp Lacouture
Richard and Barbara Whitmore	\$1,000	Alexia Clark
Art and Jean Koning	\$750	Henry Rankin
Willard Myer	\$750	Ethan Halpin
Justin Black	\$500	Alexandra Dorantes
Noel and Mary Dobyins	\$500	Haylee Cole
Judd and Lucy Huntington	\$500	Nathan Pfaff
Johnston Family	\$500	Morgan Delle
Beachcomber Community/Dan Barnum	\$500	Kayley Potter
Cocciolo Family	\$500	Cameron Kentta
Elmer Waite	\$500	Jackie Hendrick-Davis



WLCF Awarded
32 Scholarships totaling
\$112,550 to Siuslaw &
Mapleton High School
Students

These scholarships were made possible by the wonderfully generous bequests of past and present individuals and families of this community. These represent WLCF's ongoing mission of investing in Western Lane Community's youth by encouraging and supporting their desire to further their education. Congratulations to all these fine young individuals.

Marteen Wick Future First Citizen Scholarship ~ AVA GLOWACKI \$2,500

Continuing Education Scholarship Recipients

WLCF is proud to present the following scholarships to these individuals

\$3,000 Arlis Ulman Health Careers

Jennifer Dietz

\$2,000 Krzycki

Gracie Freudenthal

\$1,600 Don Tiegen

Jennifer Dietz

\$1,600 WLCF

Ellie Halpin

Jared Northrop

Jordan Northrop

Carissa Pearson

Brooklyn Cahoon

\$1,500 John Seaver

Hannah Rannow

\$1,000 Glenn Butler

Margo Fleming

NEW THIS YEAR:

\$1,000 Peace Harbor Hospital
Health Profession

Brooke Vanderpool

Our Western Lane community should be very proud of these individuals who are pursuing their continued education to further their careers.



Return Service Requested

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for future communications!

**Western Lane Community Foundation
Statements of Financial Condition
December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2021**

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$82,357	\$143,025
Investments managed by Oregon Community Foundation	\$9,480,228	\$12,278,833
Total Assets	<u>\$9,562,586</u>	<u>\$12,421,858</u>

<u>LIABILITIES and NET ASSETS</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Liabilities:		
Current distributions		
obligated	\$347,370	\$343,420
Funds held in trust	\$0	\$0
Total liabilities	<u>\$347,370</u>	<u>\$343,420</u>
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted **	\$1,069,621	\$810,281
Temporarily restricted	\$8,145,594	\$11,411,182
Total net assets	<u>\$9,215,215</u>	<u>\$12,078,438</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$9,562,585</u>	<u>\$12,421,858</u>

*** 2021 reflects reclassification between Unrestricted
and Temporarily Restricted*