

Growth, Resilience and Commitment

This past year has been one of growth, resilience, and renewed commitment to our mission: to improve life in western Lane County through effective philanthropy.

At the Western Lane Community Foundation, we are deeply grateful for the generosity of donors, volunteers, and community partners who believe in the power of giving. Together, we have provided critical support to local nonprofits, expanded educational opportunities through scholarships, and strengthened programs that make our community more vibrant, compassionate, and resilient.

Every grant awarded and every scholarship given is more than a number—it represents hope, opportunity, and a brighter future for our neighbors. None of this would be possible without your trust and support.

As you read through this Annual Report, we invite you to reflect on the impact we have made together. Whether it is helping families in need, supporting the arts, expanding educational pathways, or addressing hunger and housing insecurity, your contributions are transforming lives.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for walking beside us in this work. With your continued partnership, we look forward to building an even stronger future for Florence, Mapleton, Dunes City, Deadwood, and the many communities that make western Lane County such a special place to call home.

With gratitude, Western Lane Community Foundation Board of Directors

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

For more information about the Western Lane Community Foundation, to be added to our mailing list, learn how to apply for foundation grants or scholarships, and how you can help your community and yourself through giving or making charitable contributions, please call us at 541-997-1274, email wlcf@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.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT JIM WATERMAN

My wife and I take our grandchildren to Washington DC when they are 14. It is not only a time to love and bond with them, but to impart a sense of pride and respect for the history of our democracy. At the end of one day of being out and about, good old grandpa (me) said, "Let's not take Uber, let's take the city bus. It goes right by our hotel." If I were looking for a culturally immersive experience, I got more than I bargained for. When we got on the bus, with maybe six or eight others, a man was sitting on the floor facing us. The bus driver was encased in a COVID-cave, with no view of where we were sitting. It was immediately evident that the man was seriously mentally ill, and he began to focus on our grandson, Calvin, saying horrible, paranoid, threatening things. Calvin just sat there and didn't react. One man came and sat in front of Calvin. Even the homeless lady dug in her bag and pulled out a kitchen knife, saying, "he understands this language", as she held it up in front of her face. At the next stop, the mentally ill man got off. The man sitting next to Calvin turned to him and said, "You're going places, son." When we got back to the hotel, we talked together, with Calvin's parents on the phone, and made sure he understood that what happened had nothing to do with him but was a symptom of a man's brain disorder. What really stays with me about this experience was the instant sense of community on the bus. Everyone was immediately concerned that Calvin was safe and came to our rescue to protect him and us. Coretta Scott King is guoted as saying, "The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."

Western Lane Community Foundation is designed to support the compassionate actions of members of our community. The first compassionate action is the planning that people do with their estates, and the trust they put in WLCF to distribute their funds every year to community non-profits doing the hands-on work of compassionate care in our community. Others express their compassion by designating funds for scholarships, with hopes that a more educated populace will do the work of community-building. Seeing this happen year after year as a board member is like a refreshing tonic, reminding me that there is indeed greatness in our community, and it is evident by the compassionate actions of our non-profits and students. That WLCF has been doing this for fifty-one years now is reason to celebrate.

Thank you for supporting Western Lane Community Foundation.

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Western Lane Community Foundation Board of Directors recognizes that in order to create an inclusive and vibrant community, we must understand and value both our individual differences and our common ground Western Lane Community Foundation actively supports diversity, equity, and inclusion.

FUNDS MANAGED BY WLCF

Advised Funds

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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 Dick Smith Fund Don & Judy Swartz Fund Don Tiegen Fund Dona Candela Fund Dr. Sabry Mason Fund Ethan Dougherty Memorial Fund Funke Cemetery Fund Garry and Virginia Kelly Fund Gary and Annie Schmidt Fund Geraldine Merz Fund Grandma Carmela Petrosino Fund Hardison Fund Harold and Elizabeth Anson Fund Howard Fund J.L. (Jake) Mann Family Fund Jeanne and Owen Welles 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 McGrew Fund Miles Pioneer Family Fund Miss Gavle Fund Morris M. Moorhead Fund MRK Scholarship Fund Mrs. George E. Martin Museum Fund OCHS Employee Appreciation 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 Thomas L. and Barbara C. O'Halloran Fund Tom and Johnna Emmanuel Fund

FUND TOTALS AS OF 2ND QUARTER 2025

Tom Cherones and Joyce Keener Fund

Ulva Marie Fyfe Fund

Zimmerman/Watson Fund

ADVISED FUNDS....\$13,085,435.07 SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS....\$2,849,972.99 AGENCY ENDOWMENT FUNDS....\$1,650,391.47 OTHER FUNDS....\$290,215.22 TOTAL....\$17,876,014.75 A.E. "Pony" Ellingson Scholarship Fund Agnes C. Myers Scholarship Fund Alan and Virginia Robertson Scholarship Fund Dan Barnum Scholarship Fund Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County Continuing Education Fund Dr. Brittany Hartzell Memorial Scholarship Fund Cocciolo Family Scholarship Fund Elmer Waite Memorial Scholarship Fund Fresh Start Scholarship Fund Gary & Annette Foglio Scholarship Fund Hal & Lee Hylton Memorial Scholarship Fund Jack and Bobbie Saubert Scholarship Fund Joan Orr Endowment Fund Joe and Pearl Ellingson Scholarship Fund Johnston Family Scholarship Fund Judd Huntington Scholarship Fund Justin Black Scholarship Fund Koning-Cooper Family Scholarship Fund Lyle Hartzell Scholarship Fund Larry and Florence Englund Scholarship Fund Marteen Wick Future First Citizen Fund Nielsen Scholarship Fund Noel and Mary Dobyns Scholarship Fund Nusbaum Family Scholarship Fund Orr Family Scholarship Fund Pat Knipe Visual Arts Scholarship Fund Peace Harbor Hospital Health Professions Scholarship Fund Diane and Jim Ramirez Fund Richard and Barbara Whitmore Scholarship Fund Roger and Sherrie McCorkle Scholarship Fund WLCF Scholars Fund

Agency Endowment Funds

Memory Care Respite Fund Boys and Girls Club (BGC) of Western Lane County Fund C.R.O.W. / Testa Family Fund Delta Gamma, ESA Fund DY Chapter of PEO Endowment Fund Florence Church of the Nazarene Fund Florence Events Center Fund Florence Food Share Endowment Fund Food Backpack for Kids Fund KXCR Fund Last Resort Players Fund New Life Lutheran Church Fund Oregon Coast Humane Society Fund Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund **Project Graduation Fund** Siuslaw Outreach Services Hardison Fund Siuslaw Outreach Services Unrestricted Fund Siuslaw Pioneer Museum Fund Siuslaw Public Library Fund Siuslaw Watershed Council Fund

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2024 CONTRIBUTORS TO THE Western Lane Community Foundation Fund

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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 listed here, please call our office to have us add you to the Heritage Roll.

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Frank and Florence Williams

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.

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WLCF AWARDS OVER \$186,000 TO LOCAL NON-PROFITS

Jim Waterman, WLCF President, announced that 27 non-profit organizations received over \$186,000 for the WLCF 2025 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. On July 8th, 2025 at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Florence, grants were awarded to the following organizations:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Western Lane County \$5,000.00 Unlock Future Success with Art Education, Bright Beginnings Christian Preschool \$3,762.51 Bright Beginning Enhancement Grant, Cascadia Coastal Coalition \$5,262.00 2025 Western Lane Emergency Communications and Education Project, Children's Repertory of OR Workshops, Inc. (C.R.O.W.) \$6,200.00 Summer of Fun - Arts Instruction for youth, Disabled American Veterans CHAPTER 23 \$5,000.00 Parking Lot Repair/Reseal/Restripe, Emergence \$5,000.00 Finding Recovery on the Coast, Eugene Symphony \$10,000.00 Empowering Rural Youth through Music:, Eugene Symphony & Florence Partnership, First Step Florence- Solutions for Housing Security \$10,000.00 First Step Florence Operational Support; FLORENCE AREA SALMON TROUT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM \$5,000.00 Chinook and Lamprey Restoration in the Siuslaw: empowering a new generation of landscape managers; Florence Arts, Culture & Entertainment \$3,395.00 The FACE Florence Festival of Books 2025; Florence Emergency Cold Weather Shelter Committee \$4,401.00 Bridges Program of Florence; Florence Food Share \$8,000.00 Increasing Regional Whole Foods for Florence Food Share Clients; Florence Regional Arts Alliance \$3,000.00 FRAA Strategic Plan; Helping Hands \$2,038.00 Compostable to Go; KXCR Community Radio Partners \$6,579.28 KXCR Radio Operating Annual Expenses and Upgrades: Mapleton Food Share \$5,000.00 Secure Community Services: Methodist Church Free Lunch Program \$6,500.00 Methodist Church Free Lunch Program; Oregon Coast Humane Society \$10,000.00 Pawsitive Impact: A Vision for Accessible Veterinary Care; Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative \$5,041.00 ODRC Community and School Group Outreach; Pregnancy and Parenting Center \$1,700.00 Curriculum 2025; Safe Shelter for Siuslaw Students \$3,400.00 Child Safety and Abuse Prevention System Implementation Project; Siuslaw Elementary School \$4,109.00 PBIS Projector / Screen Grant; Siuslaw Family Connection \$4,285.00 Family Playzone; Siuslaw High School Athletics \$10,000.00 Pole Vault (PV) Landing System; Siuslaw Outreach Services, Inc. \$5,000.00 Basic Needs Vouchers and Community Clothing Connection; Siuslaw Pioneer Museum \$10,000.00 West Wall Reconstruction and Community Engagement Initiative; Siuslaw Transportation Solutions \$5,000.00 Transportation Solutions; Siuslaw Vision \$5,000.00 Connecting the Community in Western Lane County; Siuslaw Watershed Council \$902.00 Siuslaw Watershed Council Sign Creation and Installation; Siuslaw Watershed Council \$5,000.00 Siuslaw Watershed Council 2025 Strategic Planning Initiative; Siuslaw Watershed Council \$9,200.00 Summer Experiential Learning Program Funding; US Naval Sea Cadets Shark Division \$5,250.00 Sea Cadets Shark Division: Training Assistance and Survival & Camping Gear; and West Lane Emergency Communications Network \$4,100.00 WLECN Repeater Replacement Project.

Congratulations to all of these fine organizations! Should you have any questions or wish more information regarding how to leave a legacy or contribute to an existing fund, please email wlcf@wlcfonline.org or visit the WLCF website at www.wlcfonline.org



TWO LONG TERM BOARD MEMBERS SAY FAREWELL



It takes dedicated volunteers to serve on the board of directors for any non-profit. And serving on the board for Western Lane Community Foundation is no different. For the past six years, I've been fortunate to be among the best volunteers in Florence who have worked tirelessly to improve life in western Lane County through effective philanthropy. It's awe inspiring to know that we have countless contributors to our Foundation where their money is distributed according to their wishes and after careful board review. It's been my pleasure to work with wonderful community members who give of their time and talent to help shape the lives of so many people and organizations in western Lane county. I wish to thank our Executive Director, Gayle Vinchesi, for keeping us on an even keel and Jenna Bartlett, our Administrative Assistant, for becoming an integral part of our future. And a special thanks to all the board members who I've grown to know and appreciate over the years.

Warm regards, Sally Wantz

It has been an honor to serve on the board of the Western Lane Community Foundation. Over these past years years, I've had the privilege of working alongside such dedicated colleagues, all committed to improving the lives of our neighbors in western Lane County. I am grateful for the friendships, the shared vision, and the impact we've made together. Though I am stepping away from the board, I will continue to support and cheer on the Foundation's vital work in our community.



With gratitude, Bob Orr

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WLCF is a 50I(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 wish 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.

FLORENCE FOOD SHARE **DOUBLES MILK SUPPLY** THANKS TO LOCAL FOUNDATION GRANT



A recent grant from the Western Lane Community Foundation (WLCF) is set to significantly improve food access for families in western Lane County. Florence Food Share has been awarded \$8,000 in funding, which will be used to purchase more than 9,000 gallons of fresh milk annually from Umpqua Dairy.

The additional supply will nearly double the amount of milk available in the pantry, ensuring that more households have access to this essential and nutritious food item. Umpqua Dairy, headquartered in Roseburg with a distribution center in Coos Bay, has long served the Florence area.

Colin Morgan, Executive Director of Florence Food Share, emphasized the impact of this support. "Our goal is to increase local dairy products available for at least 4,200 people who are living on low incomes and experiencing food insecurity in rural, western Lane County," Morgan said. "We thank Western Lane

Community Foundation for their generous support in helping us achieve these goals."

The grant not only reflects WLCF's mission of improving life in western Lane County through philanthropy, but also highlights the power of local partnerships in addressing food insecurity. Florence Food Share continues to play a central role in local hunger relief, distributing food to thousands of residents each year. Located at 2190 Spruce Street,

the pantry is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday and Wednesday evenings from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Community members are welcome to visit and see what is available.

For more information, or to learn how to support this

project, call 541-997-9110 or visit www.florencefoodshare.org.

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2025 WLCF HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS RECIPIENTS

WLCF Awarded 25 Scholarships totaling \$97,750 to Siuslaw and 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.

The Dr. Brittany Hartzell-Baguley Scholarship of \$5,000 per year for four years was awarded to Kamora Lake; Harold Nusbaum Scholarships of \$4,000 per year for four years were awarded to Addison McNeill; the Jack and Bobbie Saubert Scholarship of \$2,500 per year for four years was awarded to Makali Lade; the John Seaver Scholarship for \$2,500 per year for four years was awarded to Abbigail Maldnado; The Marteen Wick Future First Citizen Scholarship of \$2,500 was awarded to Macali Lade; the Art and Jean Koning Scholarship of \$2,000 was awarded to Joel Sissel; the Larry and Florence England 'Late Bloomer' Scholarship of \$1,500 was awarded to Aiden Covey; the Elmer Waite Scholarship of \$1,500 was awarded to Michael Felkins; the Alan and Virginia Robertson Scholarship of \$1,250 was awarded to Claire Lindell; the Joan Orr Scholarships of \$1,250 each were awarded to Ashlyn Hart and Louis Engel; Joe and Pearl Ellingson Scholarships of \$1,000 was awarded to Evelynn McMaster; the Hal and Lee Hylton Scholarship of \$1,000 was awarded to Max Reynolds; Richard and Barbara Whitmore Scholarship of \$1,000 was awarded to Darcy Edman; the Kathleen Nielsen Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000 was awarded to Raymundo Brito; the Pat Knipe Visual Arts Scholarship of \$1,000 was awarded to Nik Shelton; the Willard Myer Scholarship of \$750 was awarded to Sawyer Larson; the Justin Black Scholarship of \$500 was awarded to Hailey Hilsdorf; the Noel and Mary Dobyns Scholarship of \$500 was awarded to Tianna Mobley; the Judd and Lucy Huntington Scholarship of \$500 was awarded to Helen Buruss; the Johnston Family Scholarship of \$500 was awarded to Kim Martinez-Munos and the Cocciolo Family Scholarship of \$500 was awarded to Jordyn Waiss.



CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

WLCF is proud to present the following scholarships to these individuals

\$4,000 Gary and Annette Foglio

Cynthia Costa

\$3,000 Arlis Ulman Heath Careers

Cate Waggonner

\$2,500 Roger McCorkle

Jennifer Chaney

\$2,500 Western Lane Community Foundation

Zoe Alberty Meika Shappell **Courtney Stone** James Smith

Jane Lacouture Rilev Olson Quinn Hammond Owen Harlerode

\$2045 Western Lane Community Foundation \$1,000 Peace Harbor Hospital Health

Ian Sissel

\$1,500 Don Tiegen

Elisha Young

\$1,500 John Seaver

Faith Lumadue

\$1,250 Fresh Start

Jenna Bartlett-Anderson

\$1,250 Western Lane Community Foundation Jacob Blankenship

Jenna Bartlett-Anderson Jacob Blankenship

Zoe Alberty

Meika Shappell

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\$750 Dan Barnum

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\$500 Diane and Jim Ramirez

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WESTERN LANE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
JANUARY 1, 2024 AND DECEMBER 31, 2024

ASSETS Assets:	2023	2024
Cash and cash equivalents.	\$216,169	\$160,851
Investments managed by Oregon Community Foundation	\$13,242,669	\$15,471,774
Total Assets	\$13,458,837	\$15,632,625
LIABILITIES and NET ASSETS Liabilities: Current distributions	2023	2024
obligated	\$389,808	\$595,997
Funds held in trust	\$0	\$0
Total liabilities	\$389,808	\$595,997
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted qq	\$523,436	\$430,020
Temporarily restricted	\$12,719,133	\$15,202,605



Total Liabilities and Net Assets

Total net assets

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