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# Western Lane Community Foundation

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2019 ANNUAL REPORT



## WLCF Helps Organizations During Covid-19

2020 has been anything but normal. The WLCF grants season kicked off with the cancellation of the 2019-20 award distribution event originally planned in mid-March as communities shuttered doors to stay home due to coronavirus. To ensure these needed funds were in the hands of the recipients as quickly as possible, the awards were immediately mailed to the grant recipients.

Understanding that the needs of the community quickly shifted, the WLCF Board of Directors worked throughout the year with several organizations to shift the focus of funding to help our community deal with the crisis. Also approved by the Board, were numerous extension requests for delayed use of funds due to the shutdown. The following are some highlights of how these funds were used to support our communities:

**The Boys & Girls Club** after-school program at the teen center received an award for installation of safety film for the windows of their facility. Through thrifty spending and thoughtful budget management, the Club was able to purchase and install



**B&G Club Take & Bake Meals**

the project with a savings. Rather than return the remaining WLCF funds, the Club was asked to meet the emergent needs of the community in response to the virus.

The Boys and Girls Club typically feeds up to 70 at one time, five days per week, with year-round programs. But now, with families staying safely at home, the need for take home meals became evident. The Boys and Girls Club stepped up to the plate to fulfil the need by providing more than 300 take and bake meals to families to ensure that none went hungry during the worst part of the Covid crisis.

All of the meals were prepared in the Club's kitchen and their team assembled and delivered the meals to those community members most in need. Families could just pop them in the oven and enjoy a hearty, hot meal.

**Food Backpacks for Kids** delivers over 100 meals to food challenged children in the Florence and Mapleton areas on school-year weekends. They provide and deliver food bags to the schools who in turn distribute the food to at-risk kids with little to no food at home. Providing nutritious food to hungry local kids is their singular purpose.

When coronavirus began and schools closed, this meant many kids faced an extreme hunger reality. The Food Backpack for Kids Program was able to jump into action. They increased inventory, adjusted for food shortages, instituted CDC protocols, and extended the program to deliver to kids homes. With the help of grant funding from WLCF the organization purchased a cargo van to transport food delivered by local veterans and volunteers who self-quarantined for the program to ensure these kids received both safe and nutritious food.



## Message from the President



President Jim Grano

Western Lane Community Foundation Board of Directors members may serve two three-year terms. This system creates an overlap in membership that injects new talents and perspectives while ensuring ongoing experience and stability. My six years ends December 31, 2020.

During my tenure, I have teamed with nearly 20 terrific men and women who volunteer time and effort to improving life in our region. This continual rotation of Board members brings fresh insights, and I have witnessed a few major improvements and countless “tweaks” that better our work on behalf of this community.

I’m going to miss being a WLCF member!

What will I miss? That’s easy to describe... the camaraderie, dedication, and decision-making skills of fellow Board members and our non-Board volunteers; diligently reading 40+ grant applications each year, all the while learning more about the invaluable non-profit organizations we have working for our community; interviewing grant applicants and being at Rotary to present the checks that give so much to so many; being absolutely amazed by the youth of this region and their aspirations to continue their educations post-high school with the help of WLCF donors’ scholarships --- reading their applications gives hope for our future; the same is true of the

Continuing Education Scholarships that help with the costs of 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> years at school, with attending specialized vocational training, and for assistance returning to school for a variety of reasons later in life; and finally, I will miss WLCF being a responsive resource for unforeseen community needs, especially in 2020, as you will discover reading the articles in this report.

We Board members are stewards of the perpetual funds that wonderful people of this region have entrusted with WLCF to enhance the lives in our community --- it’s a responsibility we uphold, and we are honored to serve !

## Departing Volunteer, Arlis Ulman

Arlis Ulman has spent the last 22 years helping Western Lane Community Foundation meet its mission. She started on the Board of Directors in 1997 filling the spot vacated by Stu Johnston. At that time, Dick Smith was the Executive Director for the Foundation. Dick immediately asked Arlis to take over the task of scholarship distribution and recordkeeping. “I had no idea how to do that” Arlis says “I just made it up as we went along”. At the time,

WLCF administered just 5 scholarships, but that did not last long. The number gradually increased to the current 25, thanks to generous community donors. Arlis developed the recordkeeping system and helped with the selection of the recipients until she left the Board in 2003. She has continued as Scholarship Administrator since that time, keeping the process on an even keel for these many years. Arlis has really enjoyed the contact with the

students, seeing their successes and sharing their challenges. “I hope I have helped these kids meet their educational goals. It has been a real joy to be involved.”

Arlis retired from this important position this year, which was bittersweet for everyone. “These are big shoes to fill; Arlis has left an indelible mark on the organization, and on the lives of many students “says Board President Jim Grano.



Arlis Ulman

# Funds Managed By WLCF

## Advised Funds

- Anson Fund
- Martha A Beechler Library Fund
- Ron & Mary Cleve Boehi Fund
- Tom Cheronos & Joyce Keener Fund
- The Chamberlen Fund
- Chandler Fund
- Chappell Endowment Fund
- Louise Coopey Fund
- DePue Animal Fund
- A. E. "Pony" Ellingson Scholarship Fund
- Aldred L "Si" Ellingson Memorial Fund
- Lyndall Ellingson Fund
- Tom & Johnna Emmanuel Endowment Fund
- Funke Cemetary Fund
- Ulva Marie Fyfe Fund
- John & Patricia Hardison Children's Charitable Endowment Fund
- 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
- Bart Mealer & Suzy Lacer Fund
- 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
- Joan Orr Fund
- "Grandma" Carmela Petrosino Fund
- Larry W Pfaff Fund
- Jim & Diane Ramirez Fund
- Gary D Schmidt Memorial Fund
- John Seaver Fund
- Don & Judy Swartz Memorial Fund
- Siulsaw News Fund
- Siuslaw Valley Bank Advised Fund
- L.L. "Stub" Stewart Fund
- Donald J Tiegen Scholarship Fund
- Welles Fund
- Shirley Wilson Fund

**Total Advised Funds \$6,213,724**  
**Other Funds \$262,595**

**2019 Total Managed Funds**  
**\$8,712,786**

## Scholarship Funds

- Justin Black Scholarship Fund
- Boys and Girls Club Scholarship Fund
- Cocciolo Family Scholarship Fund
- Noel & Mary Dobyys Scholarship Fund
- Joe & Pearl Ellingson Scholarship Fund
- Larry & Florence Englund Scholarship Fund
- Dr. Brittany Hartzell Baguley Memorial Scholarship
- Judd Huntington Scholarship Fund
- Hal & Lee Hylton Scholarship Fund
- Johnston Family Scholarship Fund
- Pat Knipe Visual Arts Scholarship Fund
- Art & Jean Waldren Koning Scholarship Fund
- Roger & Sherrie McCorkle Scholarship Fund
- "Electrical" Willard Myers Scholarship Fund
- Joan Orr Scholarship Fund
- Alan & Virginia Robertson Scholarship Fund
- Jack & Bobbie Saubert Scholarship Fund
- Elmer Waite Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Dick & Barbara Whitmore Scholarship Fund
- Marteen Wick Florence First Citizen Memorial Fund

**Total Scholarship Funds \$1,167,564**

## Agency Endowment Funds

- The Alzheimer's Fund
- Boys & Girls Club Fund
- Delta Gamma Fund
- Florence Event Center Fund
- Florence Food Share/Karen Lyn Food Share Memorial Fund
- Florence Performing Arts/Seacoast Fund
- Humane Society/Oregon Coast Humane Society Fund
- Last Resort Players Fund
- Nazarene Church of Florence Fund
- Peace Harbor Hospital Foundation Fund
- Project Graduation Fund
- Siuslaw Public Library Fund
- Siuslaw Pioneer Museum Fund
- Siuslaw Outreach Services Unrestricted Fund
- Siuslaw Outreach Services Hardison Fund
- Food Backpack for Kids Fund

**Total Agency Endowment Funds \$1,068,903**



Community People  
Helping Community  
People

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

# Heritage Roll

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|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Bruce & Rose Arnhold               | Kay McCurdy            |
| Mary Cleve Boehi                   | Harold Nusbaum         |
| Bonnie Compton                     | John Percy             |
| Larry & Florence Englund           | Bob & Gini Read        |
| William & Kimberly Fleenor         | John & Frances Rickaby |
| Cindy Forsythe                     | Arthur Rule            |
| Nancy Ragan Gardiner               | Gary & Penny Saubert   |
| Cristopher & Catherine<br>Giovinco | Annie Schmidt          |
| Carol Hart                         | Dick & Harriet Smith   |
| Rosemary Lauria                    | John Wick              |
|                                    | Shirley Wilson         |

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.

## 2019 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.

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Beachcomber Tavern, Inc.              | Roger & Sherrie McCorkle        | David & Lisa Walter-Sedlacek |
| Kathleen Butler                       | Sheldon Meyer                   | Button Watkins               |
| Cynthia Chandler                      | Rotary Club of Florence         | Barbara Whitmore             |
| Chappell Trust, Robert & Diane        | Annie Schmidt                   | Frank & Florence Williams    |
| Larry & Florence Englund              | Albert J Schurr Revocable Trust |                              |
| Friends of the Siuslaw Public Library | Siuslaw Public Library District |                              |
| William Garrow                        | SHS-Project Graduation          |                              |
| Howie & Cindy Goldstein               | Stephen Skidmore                |                              |
| Gary & Mary Kadel                     | Marilou & Stephen Smith         |                              |
| Virginia Kelly                        | Richard & Harriet Smith         |                              |
| Robert & Kay King                     | Rae Stutzman                    |                              |
| Linda B Morris-Lauck                  | Kathryn M. Swartz               |                              |
| Laurel Bay Gardens                    | The Topsy Mule LLC              |                              |
|                                       | Brian & Gayle Vinchesi          |                              |



# Western Lane Community Foundation Grant Recipients

Jim Grano, WLCF President, and Rick Klessig, Grant Program Chair, announced that 32 local non-profit organizations were receiving grant awards totaling more than \$87,090 in the 2020 grant cycle. These checks represented the 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.

Due to the coronavirus, the gathering of grant recipients and award distributions normally scheduled at the Rotary Club of Florence March meeting was cancelled and grant funds were mailed to recipient organizations. A total of \$87,090 in discretionary grants were awarded to the following organizations:

**Boys & Girls Club Florence Air Academy** for the summer aviation program; **Boys & Girls Club of Western Lane County** for child safety and security upgrades; **CASA of Lane County** for their rural outreach program; **CAFA** for their at-risk family workshop; **C.R.O.W.** for costumes, sets, and props for their Mary Poppins production; **Deadwood Creek Services** for a playground equipment update; **Florence Food Share** for asphalt driveway repair; **Florence Regional Arts Alliance** for artist-in-residence classes for Siuslaw Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades; **Food Backpack for Kids** for food pick up/delivery/distribution; **Friends of Florence Events Center** for the Florence Festival of Books; **Helping Hands Coalition** for their voucher program; **Lane Arts Council** for Siuslaw Middle School mural project; **Mapleton Elementary School, Otter Sports** for 1-6 grade youth sports; **Mapleton Food Share** for food purchase; **Mapleton High School** for a concession stand menu board; **Mapleton Community Preschool** for active play equipment; **Oregon Coast Emergency Repeater, Inc.** for their emergency communication link; **Oregon Coast Humane Society** for low income/senior community member veterinary care; **Oregon Trail Council Boy Scouts of America** for Camp Baker radio tower; **Pregnancy & Parenting Center** for service capacity upgrades; **Safe Shelter for Siuslaw Schools** for host home development; **Seacoast Entertainment Association** for children's live performance arts events; **Siuslaw Education Foundation** for upper-level math graphing calculators; **Siuslaw Elementary School** for the Camp Learn-a-Lot program; **Siuslaw Elementary School** for author studies for reading literacy program; **Siuslaw School District** for community outreach training; **Siuslaw High School HOSA Chapter** for the HOSA State & International Leadership Conferences; **Siuslaw Mat Club** for a portable weight scale; **Siuslaw Outreach Services, Inc.** for emergency vouchers & agency adaptation; **Siuslaw Pioneer Museum** for event enhancement equipment; **Siuslaw Watershed Council** for community meeting room furniture replacement; **UofO Foundation/Ctr for Prevention of Abuse & Neglect** for the Roots of Empathy program.

The Foundation was founded in 1974 and is a community trust, private non-profit organization attracting, administering, and distributing private charitable resources for the benefit of residents of Western Lane County. Only the income generated by invested Foundation assets is awarded as grants each year. Assets at the end of 2019 exceeded \$8 million under the auspices of Oregon Community Foundation, and thus more than \$260,000 will be awarded in 2020 for designated giving, scholarships and discretionary grants.

**The 2020—2021 grant application deadline is January 15, 2021.**

**Grant application is available online at [www.wlcfonline.org](http://www.wlcfonline.org)**

# New Siuslaw Regional Scholarship Application



*WLCF focuses its giving in four major areas: culture, medicine and science, education, and social and civic services.*

For many years, local high school seniors hoping to receive scholarship assistance to attend college completed individual local scholarship applications. Steady growth in the number of local scholarship providers and the total dollar amount of those scholarships meant that students had to complete more and more individual applications; in 2019, 40 or more --- each one similar to the others, but with slight variations. Different deadlines throughout the spring meant that an application was due every few days, with multiple applications due on certain key dates. The growing burden on students, school staff, and the volunteers in the ASPIRE program was an indicator that changes needed to be made. Moreover, scholarship providers were experiencing a reduction in the number of submissions due to "application overload". There had to be a better way.

In 2018, a group formed to develop a common application that could be used by many local scholarship providers, thereby significantly decreasing the amount of paperwork for students while increasing the number of applications each provider would receive. The group consisted of representatives from: Western Lane Community Foundation (Jim Grano and Bart Mealer), ASPIRE (Steve Moser and Bob Orr) and Siuslaw Vision (Stephanie Sarles).

The group developed a format accepted by over 50 providers, and Bart Mealer subsequently developed a fillable online form. The new application form (the Siuslaw Regional Scholarship Application) was first used by Siuslaw and Mapleton High School students in the 2019-20 school year.

Once the application forms were received in the SHS counseling office along with supporting documents (transcript, letters of recommendation, resume, and activity chart), Counselor Moser distributed the application packets to the providers specified by the students. Students and school personnel reported that the new process saved significant amounts of time and stress, and scholarship providers reported an increase in the number of applications that each one received. Despite the complications that arose from the Coronavirus outbreak, applications were collected from a large number of senior class members, and the annual scholarship awards ceremony was successfully conducted (albeit online).

The first-year use of the SRSA was universally deemed to be a great success!

## 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](mailto:wlcfc@wlcfonline.org), or visit our website at [wlcfonline.org](http://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.**

**WLCF is a  
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Non-profit**



# 2019-20 WLCF High School Scholarship Recipients

Jared Northrop	Dr. Brittany Hartzell-Baguley Scholarship	\$2500 for 4 Years
Hannah Rannow	John Seaver Scholarship	\$1000 for 4 years
Kelsey Larson	Jack and Bobbie Saubert Scholarship	\$1000 for 4 years
Amelia Wells	Joan Orr Scholarship	\$1000
Ramiro Ramirez	Joan Orr Scholarship	\$1000
Chloe Madden	Alan and Virginia Robertson Scholarship	\$1000
Elissa Hurley	Pat Knipe Visual Arts Scholarship	\$1000
Zachary Stinger	Larry and Florence Englund Scholarship	\$1000
Trinity Holmes	Joe and Pearl Ellingson Scholarship	\$750
Theryn Schwertferger	Joe and Pearl Ellingson Scholarship	\$750
Ricardo Loza-Sanchez	Art and Jean Koning Scholarship	\$750
Kaleigh Anderson	Art and Jean Koning Scholarship	\$750
Olivia Olmstead	Roger and Sherrie McCorkle Scholarship	\$750
Lillian Wells	Justin Black Scholarship	\$500
Nina Aaron	Hal and Lee Hylton Scholarship	\$500
Jonah Jarman	Johnston Family Scholarship	\$500
Brooklyn Cahoon	Elmer Waite Scholarship	\$500
Caleb Hennessee	Willard Meyers Scholarship	\$500
Layla Blakely	Judd and Lucy Huntington Scholarship	\$500
Margot Fleming	Richard and Barbara Whitmore Scholarship	\$500
Wendy Vaughn	Noel and Mary Dobyngs Scholarship	\$500

Marteen Wick Future First Citizen Scholarship

Tiffany Hine \$2500

Beachcomber Community Dan Barnum Memorial Scholarships

Brayson Myrick \$2500 Caleb Hennessee \$2000 Lindsey Long \$500

**WLCF Awarded**

**25 Scholarships totaling**

**\$38,250 to**

**Siuslaw & Mapleton High**

**School Students**

Scholarships come from permanent endowment funds that benefactors have established with WLCF, thereby assuring scholarship awards will be available year after year.

# Continuing Education Scholarship Recipients

\$3000 Arlis Ulman Scholarship Nursing Program at LCC

- Jennifer Dietz

\$2000 WLCF Scholarships each to:

- Jordan Northrop
- Mikaela Siegel

\$1200 Don Tiegen Scholarship

- Elisha Young

\$1000 John Seaver Scholarships each to:

- Rochelle Lewis
- Rosa Sanchez-Hernandez
- Halee Richards

\$1000 WLCF Scholarships each to:

- Alexandra South
- Brandy Dalbeck

\$1000 Glenn Butler Scholarship

- Evan Teter

\$1000 Linda Lauck Scholarship

- Sean Burns

\$1000 Beachcomber Community Dan Barnum Scholarships awarded each to:

- Elizabeth Lemhouse
- Jeri Kelly



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**Western Lane Community Foundation  
Statements of Financial Condition  
December 31, 2018 and 2019**

<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>LIABILITIES and NET ASSETS</u></b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>
Assets:			Liabilities:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$60,743	\$66,840	Current distributions		
			obligated	\$257,357	\$335,636
Investments managed by			Funds held in trust	\$0	\$0
Oregon Community			Total liabilities	<u>\$257,357</u>	<u>\$335,636</u>
Foundation	<u>\$6,970,121</u>	<u>\$8,911,341</u>			
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$7,030,864</u></b>	<b><u>\$8,978,181</u></b>	<b>Net Assets:</b>		
			Unrestricted	\$887,125	\$929,765
			Temporarily restricted	\$5,886,382	\$7,712,780
			Total net assets	<u>\$6,773,507</u>	<u>\$8,642,545</u>
			<b>Total Liabilities and</b>		
			<b>Net assets</b>	<b><u>\$7,030,864</u></b>	<b><u>\$8,978,181</u></b>