

# **CELEBRATING 50 YEARS!**

This year marks a monumental milestone for the Western Lane Community Foundation (WLCF) as we celebrate 50 years of dedicated service to our community. Since our inception in 1974, WLCF has been committed to enhancing the quality of life for residents in Western Lane County through generous grants, scholarships, and community projects.

Over the past five decades, we have seen remarkable growth and transformation. From our humble beginnings, we have expanded our reach and impact, thanks to the unwavering support of our donors, volunteers, and community partners. Today, WLCF manages over \$13 million in assets and distributes more than \$500,000 annually in grants, scholarships, and distributions to local non-profits.

Our journey has been filled with countless stories of hope, resilience, and community spirit. We have supported local schools, healthcare facilities, environmental initiatives, and countless other projects that have made a lasting difference in the lives of our residents. Each grant and scholarship awarded is a testament to the power of community and the belief that together, we can achieve great things.

As we look back on our achievements, we are filled with gratitude for the trust and support we have received from our community. It is this collective effort that has enabled us to reach this significant milestone. We are also excited about the future and the opportunities that lie ahead. Our commitment to fostering a vibrant, thriving community remains as strong as ever.

To commemorate our 50th anniversary, WLCF will be hosting a party at the Florence Events Center on October 4th, 2024. This celebration will not only honor our past but also inspire future generations to continue the legacy of giving and community service. We invite you to join us in this celebration and to reflect on the impact we have made together.

> Thank you for being a part of our journey. Here's to the next 50 years of making a difference, together!

FALL 2024

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT JIM WATERMAN

Don't you love it when people think ahead? It is not that common, really. When people do it in business, they sometimes make a fortune. When people do it with friends and family, they often receive a bountiful harvest of love and care.

Fifty years ago, some members of the local Rotary Club were thinking ahead. What would happen if we put money aside, maybe through our wills or just as gifts, and used the profits or interest from the investment each year to fund non-profit community organizations for special projects to make Western Lane a better place? At first, there was very little money and impact. They thought ahead, though, and here we are exactly 50 years later. That seed of an idea has resulted in the slow but steady growth of funds to the point where every year, hundreds of thousands of dollars assist members of Western Lane County with scholarships and non-profit projects that help our community in so many ways every year.

Being able to read scholarship and grant applications each year gives my heart a lift. It is a counterweight to the worry engendered by the nightly news. It lets me see the part of our community that brings help and hope to those who need it. It exposes me to students who are thriving and planning for the future. Being on the Board is a responsibility, yes, because we want to ensure that the funds are used as intended and dispersed fairly. However, being on the Board is like a celebration of humanity at its best. Because people thought ahead, and continue to plan ahead with their resources in their wills or trusts, children are nurtured, people are educated, struggling people are given a hand in a myriad of ways and many worthy community non-profits are assisted.

Thank you for your interest in and support of WLCF.

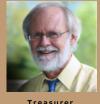
We are helping others to make Western Lane County a better place because of you.



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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.

2023/2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

# FUNDS MANAGED BY WLCF

Advised Funds	Scholarship Funds
Alfred L. "Si" and Charlene Ellingson Fund	A.E. "Pony" Ellingson Scholarship Fund
Bart Mealer and Susy Lacer Fund	Agnes C. Myers Scholarship Fund
Bud and Dorie Miles Fund	Alan and Virginia Robertson Scholarship Fund
C.D. (Dave) Holman Memorial Fund	Barnum Scholarship Fund
Chamberlen Fund	Boys and Girls Club (BGC) of Western Lane County
Chandler Family Fund	Continuing Education Fund
Chappell Fund	Dr. Brittany Hartzell Memorial Scholarship Fund
Chris Mehlum Fund	Cocciolo Family Scholarship Fund
Coopey Fund	Elmer Waite Memorial Scholarship Fund
DePue Animal Fund	Fresh Start Scholarship Fund
Dick Smith Fund	Hal & Lee Hylton Memorial Scholarship Fund
Don & Judy Swartz Fund	Jack and Bobbie Saubert Scholarship Fund
Don Tiegen Fund	Joan Orr Endowment Fund
Dona Candela Fund	Joe and Pearl Ellingson Scholarship Fund
Dr. Sabry Mason Fund	Johnston Family Scholarship Fund
Funke Cemetery Fund	Judd Huntington Scholarship Fund
Garry and Virginia Kelly Fund	Justin Black Scholarship Fund
Gary and Annie Schmidt Fund	Koning-Cooper Family Scholarship Fund
Geraldine Merz Fund	Lyle Hartzell Scholarship Fund
Grandma Carmela Petrosino Fund	Larry and Florence Englund Scholarship Fund
Harold and Elizabeth Anson Fund	Marteen Wick Future First Citizen Fund
Howard Fund	Nielsen Scholarship Fund
J.L. (Jake) Mann Family Fund	Noel and Mary Dobyns Scholarship Fund
Jeanne and Owen Welles Fund	Nusbaum Family Scholarship Fund
Kim Tiearney Fund	Orr Family Scholarship Fund
L.L. Stewart Fund	Pat Knipe Visual Arts Scholarship Fund
Larry Pfaff Fund	Peace Harbor Hospital
Lars & Diane Lind Fund	Health Professions Scholarship Fund
Lyndall Ellingson Memorial Fund	Diane and Jim Ramirez Fund
Marion May Trophy Fund	Richard and Barbara Whitmore Scholarship Fund
Martha Beechler Library Fund	Roger and Sherrie McCorkle Scholarship Fund
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Morris M. Moorhead Fund	Aganay Endowmant Euroda
Mrs. George E. Martin Museum Fund	Agency Endowment Funds
OCHS Employee Appreciation Fund	Alzheimer Support Fund
Robert E. Metz Memorial Fund	Boys and Girls Club (BGC) of Western Lane County
Ron and Cheryl Prchal Fund	C.R.O.W. Testa Family Fund
Ron and Mary Cleve Boehi Fund	Delta Gamma, ESA Fund
Seaver Fund	DY Chapter of PEO Endowment Fund
Shirley Wilson Fund	Florence Church of the Nazarene Fund
Siuslaw News Fund	Florence Events Center Fund
Siuslaw Valley Bank Fund	Florence Food Share Endowment Fund
Thomas L. and Barbara C. O'Halloran Fund	Food Backpack for Kids Fund
Tom and Johnna Emmanuel Fund	Last Resort Players Fund
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Ulva Marie Fyfe Fund	New Life Lutheran Church Fund
	Oregon Coast Humane Society Fund

Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund

Siuslaw Outreach Services Hardison Fund

Siuslaw Outreach Services Unrestricted Fund

Project Graduation Fund

Siuslaw Pioneer Museum Fund

Siuslaw Watershed Council Fund

Siuslaw Public Library Fund

#### FUND TOTALS AS OF 2ND QUARTER 2024

ADVISED FUNDS....\$9,648,001.06 SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS....\$2,534,007.87 AGENCY ENDOWMENT FUNDS....\$1,494,910.30 OTHER FUNDS....\$285,471.47 TOTAL....\$13,962,396.70

## HERITAGE ROLL COMMUNITY PEOPLE HELPING COMMUNITY PEOPLE

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Bruce and Rose Arnhold Marv Cleve Boehi Bonnie Compton Larry and Florence Englund William and Kimberly Fleenor Cindy Forsythe Nancy Ragan Gardiner Christopher and Catherine Giovinco Carol Hart **Rosemary Lauria** Kay McCurdy John Percy Gini Read John and Frances Rickaby Arthur Rule 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.

# WESTERN LANE

## 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.

> Chester and Connie Bradley David and Ardel Bralev Melissa Brauer Mark and Cynthia Chandler Sandra Davidson Larry and Florence England Lyle and Arlene Hartzell Gary and Mary Kadel Virginia Kelly Leroy Krzycki Estate Shirley Long Liseanne Luce Robert and Candice Margole Roger McCorkle Roger and Sherrie McCorkle Johan Mehlum Shirley Merz Nusbaum Estate Fred and Linda O'Halloran Ronald and Cheryl Prchal Pauline Rose Rotary Club of Florence Annie Schmidt Kathryn Schwartz Zinta and Ojars Sovers **Tierny Trust** Kim Trierney Trust Ronald and Nancy Van Vleet Gayle and Brian Vinchesi Rex and Rebecca Brauer Wardlaw Button and Jon Watkins John Wick Frank and Florence Williams Byron Ken Wilson

## 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. Contributions are acknowledged by the Foundation and used to support the goals established by the donor.

### FALL 2024 WLCF AWARDS OVER \$100,000 TO LOCAL NON-PROFITS

Jim Waterman, WLCF President, announced that 27 non-profit organizations received over \$117,000 for the WLCF 2024/2025 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 16th, 2024 at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Florence, grants were awarded to the following organizations:

Mapleton Water District was awarded \$9,594.00 to help fund additional administrative staff hours; First Methodist Free Lunch Program was awarded \$6,500.00 to help continue the Florence Free Lunch Program; Deadwood Community Services was awarded \$6,400.00 to help fund the 2024 Deadwood Summer Camp; Children's Repertory of OR Workshops, Inc. was awarded \$5,000.00 to help fund the 2024 Summer Arts Instruction; Food Backpack for Kids was awarded \$5,500.00 to help fund food purchases for at-risk children; Lane Arts Council was awarded \$5,000.00 to help build the Lane Arts Council Artist Residency Program at Siuslaw Elementary School; Oregon Coast Humane Society was awarded \$5,000.00 to help fund the new Compassion Corner, building sanctuary spaces for animals and people; Siuslaw Family Connection was awarded \$5,000.00 to help fund their community family engagement initiative; Siuslaw Outreach Services, Inc was awarded \$5,000.00 to help fund basic needs vouchers; Siuslaw Vision was awarded \$5,000.00 to help fund catalyzing childcare opportunities in the Siuslaw region; Siuslaw Watershed Council was awarded \$5,000.00 to help fund their 2024 Watershed Camp and Wilderness Weekend; Siuslaw Youth Soccer Association was awarded \$5,000.00 to help fund their new field painter and supplies; Mapleton Middle/High School Business Class was awarded \$4,719.60 to help fund their Business PBL (Salty's Sales); Siuslaw Baseball Softball Association was awarded \$4,700.00 to help fund their fiberglass pitching mound; Safe Shelter for Siuslaw Students was awarded \$4,405.00 to help fund their annual back-to-school clothing giveaway; Siuslaw High School was awarded \$4,019.00 to help fund their Natural Resource Wildland Fire Fighting Course; Bright Beginnings Christian Preschool was awarded \$4,000.00 to help fund their outside play area; Siuslaw Transportation Solutions (formerly Rods N Rhodies Inc.) was awarded \$2,4,00.00 to help fund their Transportation Solutions Project; Western Lane Crisis Association was awarded \$3,414.05 to help fund their community outreach program; Florence Arts, Culture & Entertainment (F.A.C.E.) was awarded \$3330.00 to help fund their 2024 Festival of Books; Mapleton Food Share was awarded \$3,000.00 to help fund their food purchases; Florence Farmers Market was awarded \$2,893.00 to help fund their employee and promotions upgrades; Oregon Coast Emergency Repeater, Inc. was awarded \$2,608.98 to help fund the replacement of older outdated computers; Boys & Girls Clubs of Western Lane County was awarded \$2,500.00 to help fund the 2024 Air Academy; Northwest Housing Alternatives was awarded \$2,500.00 to help fund art for Shore Pines at Munsel Creek; Florence Food Share was awarded \$2,475.00 to help fund parking lot repairs; Pregnancy and Parenting Center was awarded \$1,000.00 to help fund technology upgrades.

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



## WLCF WELCOMES THE GARY & ANNETTE FOGLIO CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

This year, WLCF proudly announces the establishment of the Gary and Annette Foglio Continuing Education Scholarship Fund, a new initiative designed to support our deserving students in Western Lane County. This fund, made possible through the generous contributions of Gary and Annette Foglio, reflects their deep commitment to education and community service.

Gary and Annette Foglio, both with strong roots in Oregon, have always been driven by a profound sense of duty to their communities. Gary, hailing from Milwaukie, Oregon, gained valuable work experience in his family's trucking business, while Annette, from Florence, Oregon, pursued higher education with notable involvement in school and community activities. Their shared values of hard work, dedication, and community service have profoundly shaped their lives and inspired this scholarship fund.

The Foglios' commitment to education and community is evident through their extensive volunteer work and dedication to fostering youth development. The Gary and Annette Foglio Scholarship Fund aims to alleviate financial burdens for students, enabling them to focus on their studies and personal growth. Continuing education scholarship not only provides financial relief but also serves as a beacon of support for students who exhibit self-motivation and a strong desire to succeed.

The Foglios' vision for this scholarship fund is not just about financial assistance but also about inspiring a new generation of leaders and innovators. Their hope is that recipients of the scholarship will be empowered to pursue their academic and career goals with renewed vigor and, in turn, give back to their communities, continuing the cycle of generosity and support.

As part of the Western Lane Community Foundation, the fund will be managed in accordance with WLCF's policies and investment strategies, ensuring that the scholarships are both sustainable and impactful. WLCF will distribute funds annually, guided by its grant percentage payout policy, to ensure the long-term viability and effectiveness of the scholarship.



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# 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 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.

## EMPOWERING OUR FUTURE: SIUSLAW HIGH SCHOOL'S NEW CTE NATURAL RESOURCE WILDLAND FIRE FIGHTING OPPORTUNITY

In 2024, Siuslaw High School received a generous grant of \$4,019 from the Western Lane Community Foundation to support their innovative Career and Technical Education (CTE) Natural Resource Wildland Fire Fighting Course. This course is a unique blend of ecology, conservation, and practical fieldwork, aimed at preparing students for careers in natural resource management and wildland fire fighting.

The CTE Natural Resource Wildland Fire Fighting Course is designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to manage and preserve our natural resources effectively. By integrating the principles of ecology and conservation, the course emphasizes the importance of sustainable land, water, wildlife, and forest management. Students engage in hands-on learning experiences, collaborating with local organizations to implement conservation strategies in real-world settings.

One of the standout features of this course is its focus on wildland fire fighting. As wildfires become increasingly prevalent, the need for trained professionals in this field has never been greater. Students learn about fire behavior, suppression techniques, and the ecological impacts of wildfires. This comprehensive training not only prepares them for potential careers in firefighting but also instills a deep understanding of the critical role fire plays in ecosystem management.

Through this program, students have the opportunity to meet and learn from professionals working in the field of natural resources. Guest speakers, field trips, and internships provide invaluable insights into various career paths, from forestry and wildlife management to environmental planning and conservation. These experiences help students build a network of contacts and gain a clearer vision of their future career goals.

The grant from the Western Lane Community Foundation has been instrumental in enhancing the quality and scope of the CTE Natural Resource Wildland Fire Fighting Course. It has enabled the purchase of essential equipment, resources, and materials, ensuring that students receive the best possible education and training. The support from WLCF underscores the importance of investing in our youth and empowering them to become stewards of our natural environment.

As we celebrate 50 years of community impact, we are proud to highlight the achievements of Siuslaw High School and its commitment to fostering the next generation of conservationists and firefighting professionals. This program exemplifies the Foundation's mission to support educational initiatives that benefit our community and the environment.

## 2024 WLCF HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS RECIPIENTS

#### WLCF Awarded 24 Scholarships totaling \$123,500 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 Adelaide Lake; the Harold Nusbaum Scholarships of \$4,000 per year for four years were awarded to Corduroy Holbrook, Jane Lacouture, Riley Olson and Mya Smith; the Jack and Bobbie Saubert Scholarship of \$2,500 per year for four years was awarded to Cate Waggoner; the John Seaver Scholarship for \$2,500 per year for four years was awarded to Billie Massey; The Marteen Wick Future First Citizen Scholarship of \$2,500 was awarded to Cate Waggoner; the Art and Jean Koning Scholarship of \$2,000 was awarded to Samantha Cody; the Larry and Florence England 'Late Bloomer' Scholarship of \$1,500 was awarded to Brynlee Manues and Alexander McKenzie; the Alan and Virginia Robertson Scholarship of \$1,250 was awarded to Daelyn McGee; the Joan Orr Scholarships of \$1,000 each were awarded to David Sassone and Rosa Velasco Mendez; Joe and Pearl Ellingson Scholarship of \$2,000 was awarded to Kylee Carson; the Hal and Lee Hylton Scholarship of \$1,000 was awarded to Cort Waggoner; the Richard and Barbara Whitmore Scholarship of \$1,000 was awarded to Cort Waggoner; the Kathleen Nielsen Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000 was awarded to Brayden Linton; the Pat Knipe Visual Arts Scholarship was awarded to Parker Sydow; the Willard Myer Scholarship of \$750 was awarded to Hunter Pimlott; the Justin Black Scholarship of \$500 was awarded to Charlotte Evans; the Noel and Mary Dobyins Scholarship of \$500 was awarded to Jacob Freudenthal; the Judd and Lucy Huntington Scholarship of \$500 was awarded to Quinn Hammond; the Johnston Family Scholarship of \$500 was awarded to Jessika Vargas; the Cocciolo Family Scholarship of \$500 was awarded to Ashley Hennessee; and the Elmer Waite Scholarship of \$500 was awarded to Meika Shappell.





## CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

WLCF is proud to present the following scholarships to these individuals

\$2,500 Roger McCorkle
Ellie Halpin
\$2,000 Western Lane Community Foundation
Anika Miller
James Smith
Elisha Young
\$1,500 Don Tiegen
Kym Prater
\$1,500 John Seaver
Brooklyn Cahoon

# \$1,000 Peace Harbor Hospital Health Profession\$750 Dan BarnumHannah RannowZoe Alberty\$1,000 Glenn Butler\$750 Western LanFaith LumadueZoe Alberty\$1,000 Fresh Start\$500 Diane and JinNatalie JohnstonZoe Alberty\$1,000 Western Lane Community Foundation\$500 Western LanHannah RannowKym PraterNatalie JohnstonFaith Lumadue

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#### WESTERN LANE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND DECEMBER 31, 2023

ASSETS	2022	2023	
Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents.	\$203,699	\$216,169	
Investments managed	\$10,831,985	\$13,242,669	
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Foundation			
Foundation			
Total Assets	\$11,035,685	\$13,458,837	
LIABILITIES and NET ASSETS	2022	2023	
Liabilities:			
Current distributions			
obligated	\$364,496	\$389,808	
Funds held in trust	<b>\$</b> 0	\$0	
Total liabilities	\$364,496	\$389,808	
Net Assets:			SCAN HERE
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Unrestricted **	\$618,203	\$523,436	
Temporarily restricted	\$10,213,782	\$12,719,133	
Total net assets	\$10,831,985	\$13,242,569	
Total Liabilities and			
Net Assets	\$11,035,685	\$13,458,837	
			*2023 Annual Report Published Fall 2024