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A FRESH LOOK FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE: UPDATING OUR LOGO IN ANTICIPATION OF OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

As we approach a significant milestone in the history of the Western Lane Community Foundation (WLCF), we are excited to unveil a new logo that reflects our evolution, growth, and the anticipation of our 50th anniversary in 2024. This redesigned emblem represents our dedication to continuing our mission of community support for the next half-century and beyond.

Over the years, WLCF has made a profound impact on Western Lane County, providing vital resources, fostering community connections, and supporting countless initiatives that have improved the lives of our residents. As we prepare to celebrate our 50th anniversary in 2024, we saw it as the perfect opportunity to refresh our visual identity to better align with the vibrant future we envision.

Our new logo embodies the essence of WLCF—community, growth, and progress. The design draws inspiration from the natural beauty of Western Lane County, featuring sweeping, graceful lines that evoke the contours of our breathtaking landscapes. The choice of colors reflects the diverse communities we serve, representing unity, inclusivity, and the myriad of voices that make our region so special.

While our logo may have changed, our core values remain steadfast. Our commitment to fostering community well-being, supporting local initiatives, and strengthening Western Lane County remains as strong as ever. Our refreshed logo is a reflection of our readiness to embrace the future, build upon our rich history, and continue making a positive impact for the next 50 years and beyond.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who have been part of the WLCF journey over the past five decades. Your support, dedication, and collaboration have made it possible for us to reach this significant milestone. As we look ahead to our 50th anniversary celebration in 2024, we invite you to join us in this exciting new chapter.

Our updated logo serves as a symbol of our commitment to advancing our mission and embracing the future with open arms. Together, we will continue to build a stronger, more vibrant Western Lane County for generations to come. Thank you for being a part of this incredible journey, and here's to the next 50 years of making a difference together.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT SANDY KUHLMAN

It's exciting to be able to report on another year of growth and progress for the Western Lane Community Foundation. We've wrapped up our grant cycle, awarded both high school and continuing education scholarships and are beginning to think about 2024 – our 50th anniversary!

This year we are particularly pleased to have completed three major initiatives. We rolled out an online grant platform with the 2023 grant cycle, which updated our grant process and made it more efficient for both applicants and the Foundation Board.

Our second significant initiative was contracting for administrative services to support the Board. While we have historically taken great pride in being an all-volunteer organization, in March, the Board contracted with Jenna Bartlett of Siuslaw Consulting to provide much-needed administrative support. Jenna has embraced the mission of the Foundation, and provided the support needed by our volunteer board to manage a \$10+ million trust with over 90 funds.

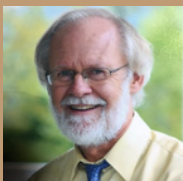
Our third special initiative was rebranding and developing a new logo for WLCF's 50th anniversary. We are proud of the image it presents for the Foundation and how it displays our missions from scholarships to our philanthropic giving along with our presence from the coast to the upriver forest.

The 2023 grant cycle was particularly rewarding. Applications were back up to pre-Covid volume and the quality of the applicants was excellent. We were proud to award over \$100,000 in grant funding. A great turnout at the award ceremony hosted by the Rotary Club of Florence made for a super celebration. Thank you to the community that has made all of this possible. Special thanks to the Rotary Club of Florence for its ongoing support.

Over the last couple of years, our scholarship program has grown to equal our grant funding. This year over \$100,000 in scholarships were awarded to both high school graduates and students who are continuing their pursuit of higher education.

In closing, I would like to express my personal appreciation for WLCF and all it does to enhance the quality of life in Western Lane. 2023 will conclude my tenure on the board. During the last six years, I have had the honor and privilege to watch the Foundation grow, to see our impact in the community expand and to help tackle the challenges that have come with that growth. Having spent two years as treasurer and two as president I can attest that it takes each member of the board to keep us going but we could not do it without our volunteer Executive Director, Gayle Vinchesi. Gayle has served Western Lane for 15 years as both a board member and our ED. She has the legacy knowledge that helps steer us and keeps us true to our mission. It's Gayle's support that has been invaluable to me as I took on both the Treasurer's and the President's role. The gratification of having worked with such an amazing group of people over the last six years is a memory I will cherish. Thanks to each and every one and thanks to Western Lane for being the dynamic and giving community that you are.

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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

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
 Kim Tiarney 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
 OCHS Employee Appreciation Fund
 Robert E. Metz Memorial Fund
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 Shirley Wilson Fund
 Siuslaw News Fund
 Siuslaw Valley Bank Fund
 Thomas L. and Barbara C. O'Halloran Fund
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 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
 Dr. Brittany Hartzell Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Cocciolo Family Scholarship Fund
 Elmer Waite Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Fresh Start 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
 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 Club (BGC) of Western Lane County
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 Continuing Education 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
 John and Patricia Hardison Children's
 Charitable Fund
 Last Resort Players Fund
 New Life Lutheran Church Fund
 Oregon Coast Humane Society Fund
 Presbyterian Church Endowment 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
 C.R.O.W. Testa Family Fund

FUND TOTALS AS OF 2ND QUARTER 2023

ADVISED FUNDS....\$6,129,725.52
 SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS....\$2,247,110.18
 AGENCY ENDOWMENT FUNDS....\$1,338,036.07
 OTHER FUNDS....\$251,698.79
 TOTAL....\$10,215,400.94

HERITAGE ROLL COMMUNITY PEOPLE HELPING COMMUNITY PEOPLE

Bruce and Rose Arnhold
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John Percy
Gini Read
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Gary and Penny Saubert
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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 here, please call our office and let us add you to the Heritage Roll.

2022 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
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Melissa Brauer
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Sandra Davidson
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Gayle and Brian Vinchesi
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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 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.

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

Sandy Kuhlman, WLCF President, announced that over 20 non-profit organizations will be receiving over \$100,000 for the WLCF 2023/2024 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 18th, 2023 at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Florence, grants were awarded to the following organizations:

Western Lane Fire & EMS Authority was awarded \$9,313.00 to help fund Western Lane Crisis Response; **Boys & Girls Clubs of Western Lane County** was awarded \$7,500.00 to help fund the Healthy Habits Hunger Abatement and Nutrition Project; **Florence Food Share** was awarded \$7,500.00 to expand their Emergency Food Pantry; **Eugene Symphony** was awarded \$7,500.00 to help develop the Encouraging Young Musicians to Achieve Program at Siuslaw School District; **Food Backpack for Kids** was awarded \$7,500.00 to help expand their Upriver Project; **Lane Arts Council** was awarded \$5,000.00 to help build the Lane Arts Council Artist Residency Program at Siuslaw Elementary School; **Mapleton Elementary School Leadership** was awarded \$5,000.00 toward their Preschool Playground; **Mapleton Middle/High School Partnership to Promote Positive Youth Development** was awarded \$5,000.00 to help build Ophelia's Place; **Siuslaw Vision** was awarded \$5,000.00 to help build their Operations & Capacity; **Siuslaw School District #47J** was awarded \$4,600.00 to help expand the Viking Voices & Visions Podcast Program; **First Methodist Free Lunch Program** was awarded \$4,500.00 to help continue the Florence Free Lunch Program; **Deadwood Community Services** was awarded \$4,425.00 to help continue the Deadwood Oral History & Archives Project; **Chintimini** was awarded \$4,000.00 to help expand the Oregon Wildlife Science (OWLS) Field Trips for Lane County Second Graders; **Siuslaw Watershed Council** was awarded \$3,500.00 to help fund their Office Sanitation Improvements; **Cascadia Coastal Coalition** was awarded \$3,200.00 to help continue their 2023 Western Lane Disaster Education and Emergency Communications Project; **Siuslaw Family Connection** was awarded \$3,000.00 to begin funding their Project Connect & Play; **Oregon Coast Humane Society** was awarded \$2,500.00 to help continue their Veterinary Care for Community Animals Program; **Mapleton School District** was awarded \$2,400.00 to expand funding the Mapleton Youth Basketball Program; **Deadwood Community Services** was awarded \$2,400.00 to help continue funding the Deadwood Community Center Grounds Revitalization; **Mapleton Food Share** was awarded \$2,250.00 to help expand the Transportation Assistance Program; **Rods N Rhodies Inc.** was awarded \$2,000.00 to help fund their Transportation Solutions Project; **Florence Regional Arts Alliance** was awarded \$2,000.00 to support the Data Sharing from the Americans for the Arts AEP6 Survey.

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 wlcfc@wlcfoonline.org or visit the WLCF website at www.wlcfoonline.org



WELCOMING JENNA BARTLETT: A NEW ERA OF SUPPORT AT WESTERN LANE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Introducing Jenna Bartlett: The Newest Addition to the Western Lane Community Foundation Team

The Western Lane Community Foundation (WLCF) has reached an exciting milestone with the addition of Jenna Bartlett to our team. As the newly appointed Administrative Assistant, Jenna's arrival marks a significant turning point for WLCF, as we welcome our first professional support member.

Jenna brings with her a wealth of experience in administrative roles and a strong passion for community service. Her dedication to making a positive impact and commitment to our mission embodies the spirit of collaboration and service that defines WLCF. Jenna's impressive background and genuine enthusiasm for our work have quickly endeared her to our team and partners.

In her new role, Jenna plays a crucial part in ensuring the smooth operation of WLCF's day-to-day activities. Her exceptional communication skills, attention to detail, and organizational prowess have already made a profound difference in the efficiency and effectiveness of our organization. Jenna has become an essential pillar of support for our Executive Director and Board of Directors, allowing them to focus more of their energy on advancing WLCF's mission and programs.

With Jenna Bartlett's professional expertise and unwavering dedication, we are better equipped than ever to make a positive impact on our community. The addition of Jenna to the WLCF team represents a significant step forward in our commitment to serving Western Lane County. We look forward to the growth and progress Jenna will undoubtedly bring to our organization in the coming years.

We extend our warmest welcome to Jenna Bartlett and celebrate this new era for WLCF.

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 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.



A Grant Story UPRIVER REACH

During the 2023 grant cycle, Western Lane Community Foundation (WLCF) received a significant number of requests from the upriver community, including Mapleton and Deadwood, and ultimately awarded grants to five Mapleton nonprofit organizations or school district programs and supported two requests from Deadwood Creek Services (DCS). A total of \$18,150 was awarded in Mapleton, and \$6,825 was awarded in Deadwood.

Previous WLCF grant funds awarded to DCS were used to enhance the Deadwood Community Center, a gathering place for all manner of community activities. Funds this year allowed for the completion of an adjacent youth playground (see photo). We are heartened by the increased representation in these small Western Lane communities and encourage continuing participation.

Representatives from DCS offered the following feedback when queried how this year's (and previous) WLCF grant awards will impact the Upriver community. "Generous funding from WLCF continues to have a positive impact on the Deadwood community. Upgrades to our Deadwood Community Center facilities, including an improved covered porch and new playground equipment for our youth, will continue to serve our community for many years to come.

WLCF funding is instrumental in two projects that are currently engaging diverse members of our upriver community: the revitalization of our Community Center's grounds and funding towards our local oral history & archives project. Thank you to WLCF for supporting Deadwood Creek Services and our upriver communities!"



2023 WLCF HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS RECIPIENTS

WLCF Awarded 29 Scholarships totaling \$101,250 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.

Scholarship	Amount	Student
The Dr. Brittany Hartzell Memorial Scholarship	\$4,000 per year for four years	Noel Hernandez
The Harold Nusbaum Scholarship	\$4,000 per year for four years	Jake Blankenship and Faith Lumadue
The Jack and Bobbie Saubert Scholarship	\$2,250 per year for four years	Alex Goss
The John Seaver Scholarship	\$2,000 per year for four years	Ian Sissel
The Harold Nusbaum Scholarship	\$4,000.00	Kyle Hughes, Owen Harklerode, Gillian Norton and Lucian Murphy
Marteen Wick Future First Citizen Award	\$2,500.00	Ian Sissel
The Harold Nusbaum Scholarship	\$2,000.00	Gabi Jarman
The Art and Jean Koning Scholarship	\$2,000.00	Wade Richmond
The Larry and Florence Englund Scholarship for Automotive Education	\$1,500.00	Kristine Wall
The Larry and Florence Englund 'Late Bloomer' Scholarship	\$1,500.00	MJ Fontenat
The Alan and Virginia Robertson Scholarship	\$1,250.00	Hunter Petterson
The Joan Orr Scholarship	\$1,150.00	Megan Davis and Sam Ulrich
The Hal and Lee Hylton Scholarship	\$1,000.00	Jonathan Rose
The Richard and Barbara Whitmore Scholarship	\$1,000.00	Matt Mans
The Pat Knipe Visual Arts Scholarship	\$1,000.00	Haley Johnson
The Art and Jean Koning Scholarship	\$750.00	Ruby McKeown
The Justin Black Scholarship	\$500.00	Hailee Outlaw
The Noel and Mary Dobyns Scholarship	\$500.00	Daniela Hernandez
The Judd and Lucy Huntington Scholarship	\$500.00	Jay Rose
The Johnston Family Scholarship	\$500.00	Elyse Stewart
The Beachcomber Community/Dan Barnum Scholarship	\$500.00	Desi Tupua
The Coccio Family Scholarship	\$500.00	Carson McGinley
The Elmer Waite Scholarship	\$500.00	Bailey Myrick



CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

WLCF is proud to present the following scholarships to these individuals

\$3,000 Don Tiegen

Brea Blakenship

\$2,000 Roger McCorkle

Ava Glowacki

\$2,000 Western Lane Community Foundation

Hannah Rannow

Denali Sleeper

\$1,500 John Seaver

Brooklyn Cahoon

\$1,000 Peace Harbor Hospital Health Profession

Hannah Rannow

\$1,000 Glenn Butler

Zoe Alberty

\$1,000 Western Lane Community Foundation

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WESTERN LANE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND DECEMBER 31, 2022

ASSETS	2021	2022
Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents.	\$ 143,025	\$ 203,699
Investments managed by Oregon Community Foundation	\$ 12,278,833	\$ 10,831,985
Total Assets	\$ 12,421,858	\$ 11,035,685
LIABILITIES and NET ASSETS		
Liabilities:		
Current distributions obligated	\$ 343,420	\$ 364,496
Funds held in trust	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total liabilities	\$ 343,420	\$ 364,496
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted **	\$ 810,281	\$ 618,203
Temporarily restricted	\$ 11,411,182	\$ 10,213,782
Total net assets	\$ 12,078,438	\$ 10,831,985
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 12,421,858	\$ 11,035,685

