

WESTERN LANE



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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Giving Where We Live

This past year has been a meaningful reminder of what is possible when a community comes together with generosity, purpose, and a shared commitment to making a difference.

At Western Lane Community Foundation, our mission remains at the heart of everything we do: to improve life in western Lane County through effective philanthropy. That mission is brought to life each day by the donors, volunteers, nonprofit partners, and community members who believe in investing in the place we call home.

Together, we are helping local organizations meet important needs, creating educational opportunities through scholarships, and investing in programs that strengthen and enrich our communities. From addressing hunger and housing needs to supporting the arts, education, youth, seniors, and other vital services, the impact of this generosity can be felt throughout western Lane County.

Behind every grant and scholarship is a story—a student pursuing a dream, an organization expanding its reach, a family finding support, or a community program becoming stronger. These are the stories that remind us that philanthropy is about much more than dollars given. It is about people helping people and creating opportunities that can have an impact for generations.

As you explore this Annual Report, we hope you see not only what Western Lane Community Foundation has accomplished, but what we have accomplished together. Every donor, volunteer, partner, and supporter plays a role in this work, and we are deeply grateful for the trust you place in the Foundation.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for being part of this work and for believing in the future of western Lane County. Together, we will continue building stronger communities and creating opportunities for Florence, Mapleton, Dunes City, Deadwood, and the many people who make this 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 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.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT JIM WATERMAN

Sometimes I feel like I'm walking on a train track with a train coming toward me. I know it's coming, and I know I need to deal with that reality. I find myself asking, "Where do I go? How do I move ahead?"

As we approach the end of another year, there is no shortage of noise competing for our attention. We are reminded daily of the things that divide us, while at the same time our mailboxes, inboxes, and social media feeds fill with requests for support. Many of those causes are worthwhile, but it can leave us wondering: Where can my giving make a meaningful difference? How can I know that the resources I give will be used responsibly and have a lasting impact?

For more than 50 years, Western Lane Community Foundation has offered one answer to those questions: invest in the community we call home.

Through WLCF, individuals and families can make gifts today or include the Foundation in their wills or trusts, creating a legacy that can benefit western Lane County for generations. Those gifts are carefully stewarded, allowing the Foundation to provide grants to local nonprofit organizations and scholarships to students pursuing their educational goals.

What makes this work especially meaningful is its local focus. Our volunteer Board of Directors is made up of people who live here, understand this community, and care deeply about its future. Each year, WLCF supports organizations addressing needs right here at home—from hunger and housing to education, the arts, youth programs, health, community services, and so much more.

I often ask myself, "What is the antidote to division and mistrust?" Perhaps part of the answer is simply finding ways to work together.

That is what I see happening every day through WLCF and the nonprofit organizations we support. People with different backgrounds, experiences, beliefs, and perspectives come together around something they share: a desire to make western Lane County a better place to live.

Perhaps that is one of the greatest values of Western Lane Community Foundation. It is not only the dollars awarded through grants and scholarships. It is the opportunity to connect generosity with need, neighbors with neighbors, and today's gifts with tomorrow's possibilities.

When we invest in our community, we invest in one another—and that is a legacy worth building.

2025/2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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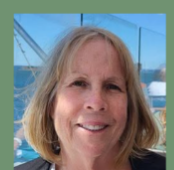
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Western Lane Community Foundation Board of Directors recognizes that in order to create an inclusive and vibrant community, we must understand and value both our individual differences and our common ground Western Lane Community Foundation actively 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
 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
 Laglo 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 Gayle 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
 Tom Cheronos and Joyce Keener Fund
 Ulva Marie Fyfe Fund
 Zimmerman/Watson Fund

Scholarship Funds

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
 Ethan Dougherty 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 Dobyngs 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

FUND TOTALS AS OF 2ND QUARTER 2026

ADVISED FUNDS....\$14,824,496.61
 SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS....\$3,227,629.59
 AGENCY ENDOWMENT FUNDS....\$1,491,943.50
 OTHER FUNDS....\$297,960.42
 TOTAL....\$19,842,030.12

HERITAGE ROLL COMMUNITY PEOPLE HELPING COMMUNITY PEOPLE

2025 CONTRIBUTORS TO THE Western Lane Community Foundation Fund

Bruce and Rose Arnhold
Mary Cleve Boehi
Brian and Linda Culy
Larry Englund
William and Kimberly Fleenor
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Nancy Ragan Gardiner
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Michael S. and Christine Conner
Tom Bassett
Rich Bailey

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Aaron Holmes & Londi Tomaro
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Bart Mealer
Bob Orr
Button Watkins
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Daniel A Lagalo Estate
Estate of Randolph McGrew
Frances Fickaby
Frank Williams
Friends of the SPL
Gold Seal Associates
Greg Dougherty
Kady Sneddon
Kitchen Klutter
Larry Englund
Mark & Cynthia Chandler
Myrna Klupenger
Nosh Eatery
Randal Ransom
Robert Orr
Rotary Club of Florence
The Mehlum Family Foundation
Zimmerman Trust

The people listed have included in their estate planning a charitable gift or bequest to WLCF or have designated the WLCF to administer a charitable remainder trust. By doing so, they are assured that proceeds from their estate will benefit 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.



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.

WLCF AWARDS OVER \$177,000 TO LOCAL NON-PROFITS

Gayle Vinchesi, WLCF Volunteer Executive Director, announced that 31 non-profit organizations received over \$177,000 for the WLCF 2026 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 7th, 2026 at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Florence, grants were awarded to the following organizations:

BACK2YOUTH \$5,000 Empowerment Camps; **Boys & Girls Clubs of Western Lane County** \$5,000 Great Futures Start Here. Youth Development; **Bright Beginnings Christian Preschool** \$10,000 Bright Beginning Enhancement Grant; **Children's Repertory of OR Workshops, Inc. (C.R.O.W.)** \$3,800 15h Year of Summer Arts; **Daughters of The American Revolution- 2026** \$2,600 Daughters of the American Revolution; **First Step Florence-** Solutions for Housing Security \$5,223 Fence Build; **Florence Arts, Culture & Entertainment** \$4,410 The FACE Florence Festival of Books 2026; **Florence Farmers Market** \$5,000 Outreach and Media Development; **Florence Food Share** \$12,000 Eggs for Florence, Nourishing our Neighbors; **Florence Regional Arts Alliance** \$9,142 FRAA's Creative Center Community Outreach; **Food Backpack for Kids** \$5,000 Provide Children with Nutritious Meals; **Helping Hands** \$2,000 NW Lane Resilience Corridor Curriculum; **Lane Arts Council** \$5,000 In-School Artist Residency Program; **Mapleton Food Share** \$10,000 Food Purchase; **Mapleton School District** \$10,000 Kitchen Construction; **Memory Care Respite of Florence** \$5,200 Rebrand and Grow Adult Day Care Program; **Methodist Church Free Lunch Program** \$7,500.00 Methodist Church Free Lunch Program; **Oregon Coast Humane Society** \$10,000.00 The SARAH Fund; **PFLAG Florence, OR** \$2,500 Coast Leadership Forum and Speakers; **Pregnancy and Parenting Center** \$1,400.00 PPC Printing; **Safe Shelter for Siuslaw Students** \$2,900 Youth Activities Consortium; **Siuslaw Childcare Friends** \$5,000 Childcare Workforce Development; **Siuslaw Elementary School** \$600.93 PBIS Speakers & Sound Improvement Grant; **Siuslaw Outreach Services, Inc.** \$4,880 Sound System for Community Events; **Siuslaw Valley CERT** \$8,319.50 Revitalization of the CERT Program; **Siuslaw Vision** \$7,500 Building Community in Western Lane County; **South Willamette Valley Honor Flight** \$5,000 2026 Fall Flight for Florence Veterans; **TransPonder** \$5,000 QT Community Supply; **US Naval Sea Cadets Shark Division** \$6,000 Sea Cadets Shark Division: Training Assistance and Mileage; **West of the Tunnel** \$5,000 Stories of our Community; and **Willamette Farm and Food Coalition** \$5,000 Advancing Food Equity in Florence and Mapleton.

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@wlcfonline.org or visit the WLCF website at www.wlcfonline.org



A FOND FAREWELL TO TWO DEDICATED BOARD MEMBERS



Serving on the Board of Directors these past few years has given me a deeper appreciation for the vibrancy of Western Lane County. I am particularly inspired by the students who apply for scholarship funds each year; their ambition and community spirit give me immense confidence in our future. While my time on the board is ending, my support for this work continues. It has been a true privilege to witness the generosity and initiative that make our community thrive!

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Daryl Edwards

It has been an honor to serve as a WLCF Trustee. I have chaired the grants committee, which has given me the opportunity to become familiar with the work of groups serving individuals and families in our community. Florence is fortunate to have so many people and agencies who work tirelessly to improve the quality of life for our more vulnerable residents. It has meant a great deal to me to be a part of funding their work. I appreciate what WLCF does for our community and have felt honored to be a part of such a dedicated group of volunteers.

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Beth Evans



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.

WLCF GRANT HELPS KEEP LOCAL STORIES ALIVE



The stories of western Lane County are as varied as the people who call it home—and thanks in part to support from the Western Lane Community Foundation, more of those stories will continue to be told.

West of the Tunnel, created by longtime journalist and journalism educator Will Yurman, is an independent online publication dedicated to sharing the people, events and issues that shape life along the Lane County coast. A 2026 WLCF grant will help support the essential operating costs that allow Yurman to continue reporting, photographing and documenting the community.

Since launching WestoftheTunnel.org three years ago, Yurman has introduced readers to an extraordinary range of local voices. His work has included conversations with Vietnam veterans Charlie and Terri Pennington, graduating seniors at Mapleton High School, local residents struggling to make ends meet, and longtime veterinarian Dr. John Bachmann as he prepared for retirement.

The site also explores education, arts and culture, the environment, and other issues affecting western Lane County. Yurman's reporting has reached beyond the coast as well, with stories republished by other Oregon news organizations. Visitors to West of the Tunnel more than doubled in 2025 compared with the previous year.

At the heart of the project is a simple idea: communities are stronger when people have access to accurate information and opportunities to better understand their neighbors.

WLCF funding will help cover the behind-the-scenes necessities that make this work possible, including equipment, software, digital storage, website support and insurance. Yurman donates his time as the site's editor, reporter and producer.

By supporting West of the Tunnel, WLCF is investing not only in local journalism, but also in connection—preserving the stories of our communities, encouraging conversation and helping western Lane County better understand itself.

Learn more and explore the stories at WestoftheTunnel.org.

2026 WLCF HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS RECIPIENTS

WLCF Awarded 32 Scholarships totaling \$156,000 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 **Mitchell/Anderson Scholarship** of \$12,500 per year for two years was awarded to Owen Burt and Abigail Jones; The **Dr. Brittany Hartzell-Baguley Scholarship** of \$5,000 per year for four years was awarded to Nyx Harklerode; **Harold Nusbaum Scholarships** of \$4,000 per year for four years were awarded to Danin Lacouture and Camden Linton; the **Jack and Bobbie Saubert Scholarship** of \$2,500 per year for four years was awarded to Logan Harris; the **John Seaver Scholarship** for \$2,500 per year for four years was awarded to Mia Snider; The **Ethan Dougherty Memorial Scholarship** and the **Miss Gayle Scholarship** totaling \$2,500 was awarded to Husky Scribner; The **Marteen Wick Future First Citizen Scholarship** of \$2,500 was awarded to Danin Lacouture; the **Joe & Pearl Ellingson Scholarship** of \$2,500 was awarded to Ramil Beers; the **Joan Orr Scholarship** for \$2,500 was awarded to Austin Nunez and Kylee Stinger; the **Art and Jean Koning Scholarship** of \$2,250 was awarded to Micah Blankenship; the **Larry and Florence England 'Late Bloomer' Scholarship** of \$1,500 was awarded to Will Johnson and Keira Johnson; the **Alan and Virginia Robertson Scholarship** of \$1,250 was awarded to Jacob Mann; the **Elmer Waite Scholarship** of \$1,000 was awarded to Ava Borgnino; the **Hal and Lee Hylton Scholarship** of \$1,000 was awarded to Adilyn Holbrook; **Richard and Barbara Whitmore Scholarship** of \$1,000 was awarded to Michaela Norton; the **Pat Knipe Visual Art Scholarship** of \$1,000 was awarded to Annie Poole; the **Justin Black Scholarship** of \$1,000* was awarded to Elliott Dotson; the **Noel and Mary Dobyns Scholarship** of \$1,000* was awarded to Achilles Gonzaga; the **Judd and Lucy Huntington Scholarship** of \$1,000* was awarded to Thomas Morgan; the **Johnston Family Scholarship** of \$1,000* was awarded to Jessica Lopez; the **Cocciolo Family Scholarship** of \$1,000* was awarded to Hawkin McIlvane; the **Lyle Hartzell Scholarship** of \$1,000* was awarded to Garin Fidler; the **Agnes C. Myers Scholarship** of \$1,000* was awarded to Alayna Krause and the **Western Lane Community Foundation Scholarship** of \$1,000 was awarded to Averie Walker, Heidi Weiss, Colton Johnson and Natalee Stevens. *\$500 supplemented by WLCF.



2026 CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

WLCF is proud to present the following scholarships to these individuals

\$4,000 Gary and Annette Foglio

Ava Glowacki

\$3,000 Arlis Ulman Heath Careers

Haley Johnson

\$3,000 Don Tiegen

Reann Kelley

\$3,000 Western Lane Community Foundation

Jaycen Brandow

Quinn Hammond

Owen Harklerode

Adelaide Lake

Kamora Lake

Brayden Linton

Abigail Maldonado

Parker Sydow

Cate Waggoner

Elisha Young

\$2,545 Western Lane Community Foundation

Jennifer Chaney

\$2,500 Roger & Sherrie McCorkle

Corduroy Holbrook

\$2,091 Western Lane Community Foundation

Megan Alberty

\$2,000 Western Lane Community Foundation

Sophia Montoya

Evelynn McMaster

\$1,750 Western Lane Community Foundation

Devon Weinstein

\$1,500 Diane & Jim Ramirez & Don Barnum

Courtney Stone

\$1,500 Western Lane Community Foundation

Courtney Stone

\$1,250 Fresh Start

Devon Weinstein

\$1,000 Peace Harbor Hospital Health

Sophia Montoya

Evelynn McMaster

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Jacob Blankenship

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WESTERN LANE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION JANUARY 1, 2025 AND DECEMBER 31, 2025

ASSETS	2024	2025
Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents.	\$160,851	\$206,569
Investments managed by Oregon Community Foundation	\$15,471,774	\$20,868,628
Total Assets	\$15,632,625	\$21,075,197
LIABILITIES and NET ASSETS	2024	2025
Liabilities:		
Current distributions obligated	\$595,997	\$665,809
Funds held in trust	\$0	\$0
Total liabilities	\$595,997	\$665,809
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted qq	\$430,020	\$875,242
Temporarily restricted	\$15,202,605	\$19,534,146
Total net assets	\$15,632,625	\$20,409,388
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$15,632,625	\$21,075,197



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