



**OREGON  
EMPLOYEES  
CHARITABLE  
FUND DRIVE**

**Get involved  
in Oregon**

**MRG Foundation -- CRAG Law Center** is hosting the Wild & Scenic Film Festival in Hood River, Nov. 9 & 10, from 6 to 9 p.m. [Buy tickets or learn more...](#)

**EarthShare Oregon** -- Join a hike or snowshoe trip this fall and winter, with groups including [Sierra Club's Corvallis chapter](#), [Oregon Wild](#), and [Audubon Society of Portland](#). [Learn more...](#)

**Work for Art** -- If you are a Work for Art donor, you probably have an Arts Card, which gets you 2-for-1 tickets at many events and performances. What's playing? [Here's the list.](#)

**United Way of the Columbia-Willamette** -- Know a Portland-area nonprofit in need of funding? Grant applications are being accepted! [Find out how to apply...](#)

Search for your volunteer opportunity at [HandsOn.org](#), or one of HandsOn's three local Action Centers in Oregon:  
- [Greater Portland](#)  
- [Mid-Willamette Valley](#)  
- [Linn-Benton](#)

VolunteerMatch also has a search page to help you find local volunteer ideas. [Search VolunteerMatch...](#)

For more volunteer ideas, visit the "Make an Impact" page at [ecfd.oregon.gov](#).

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# Your Gifts at Work in Oregon

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## Now's the time to pledge!

The Employees' Charitable Fund Drive is going strong in a number of State agencies, and just getting started in most Universities statewide. As of the end of October, the campaign had raised more than \$277,000 - but **many more pledges are needed** from State and University employees if the campaign is to reach its **goal of raising \$1 million by the end of this year.**

**Pledge online now:  
It's easy!**

[State Employees Pledge Here](#)

[University Employees Pledge Here](#)

A few agencies already met or surpassed their donations from 2011. The Energy Office, for example, has almost doubled the amount its employees gave last year. Some of the state's smallest offices (Teacher Standards and Practices, Oregon Medical Board) have been the most generous -- tripling or quadrupling their gifts from 2011!

**There is still time for you to help** the charities you care about most, and use the convenience and budget-friendly format of the Charitable Fund Drive. Just **click on one of the two pledge sites in the box above** and make your pledge. It takes only a few minutes, and will turn you into an instant philanthropist!

## It's amazing what your gift can do!

**A donation of any size through the Charitable Fund Drive makes a significant impact for the better on our local communities. Here are some stories of the improvements Charitable Fund Drive gifts have already made. Read the full stories by clicking the links:**

- United Way of the Columbia-Willamette - [A mother and child find a new, safe home](#)
- United Way of Jackson County - [A veteran keeps her utilities on with emergency assistance](#)
- United Way of Lane County -- [Children discover a love of books through a summer reading program](#)
- United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley - [A family gets help for a sick child, and a young man gets treatment for a disease \(allowing him to go back to college\)](#)
- Black United Fund - [A student heads for college and escapes poverty](#)
- Children's Trust Fund - [A father regains his kids - and his confidence](#)
- Community Health Charities - [A child with a heart condition has a shot at a healthy, normal life](#)
- EarthShare Oregon - [Volunteers improve the Columbia River's water quality in just a few hours a month](#)
- Equity Foundation - [A chorus uses song to promote equality and culture](#)
- Habitat for Humanity - [A family fleeing war finds a new, welcoming home in Oregon](#) (photo above)
- Local Independent Charities - [A dog recovers from infection and finds a new home](#)
- Work for Art - [A man finds his voice \(by writing\)](#)

