

Your Gifts at Work in Oregon

CFD on track to meet \$1.2 million goal!

The Charitable Fund Drive is wrapping up, and although all the results aren't yet confirmed, **it looks like the goal of raising \$1.2 million is within reach.** State employees gave generously again this year, and their gifts will help more than 850 Oregon nonprofit organizations!

To celebrate, the CFD held a "wrap-up breakfast" at the Oregon State Fairgrounds on Dec. 11th. Coordinators from State agencies attended and were honored for their hard work and successful fundraising. Those whose agencies' giving increased over 2007 got special recognition from Department of Administrative Services leaders Kris Kautz and Scott Harra.



The coordinators at Dec. 11th's CFD wrap-up event applaud a great outcome. At this event, DAS leaders Kris Kautz and Scott Harra gave special recognition to coordinators whose agencies' giving increased.

Coordinators also shared stories of events they organized during the campaign. Suzy Isham from Public Safety Standards & Training had everyone chuckling with her account of DPSST's "Chubby Bunny" contest, in which co-workers volunteered (at an all-staff assembly) to stuff their cheeks with marshmallows and try to say the words "chubby bunny".

Other events focused on bringing education about charities to State offices. Jo Bell from the Governor's Office shared a story about bringing a local young musician to perform at the Public Services Building in Salem to promote arts nonprofits in the CFD.

Because of efforts like these, the participating CFD nonprofits will have more much-needed support throughout 2009. Thanks to everyone who helped make this campaign a success!!

Agencies boost giving tremendously

Already, 37 State of Oregon agencies posted increases in giving over 2007. **Just a few** of the agencies with the biggest increases (and the coordinators who managed their campaigns) are:

Public Safety Standards & Training	Suzy Isham	+123.2%
Office of the Governor	Jo Bell	+113.9%
Department of State Lands	Chris Castelli	+70.97%
Bureau of Labor & Industries	Kate Newhall & Bob Estabrook	+64.55%
Oregon Forest Resources Institute	Kathy Storm	+63.64%
Department of Transportation	Shanon Jackson	+59.7%
Board of Nursing	Marilyn Hudson	+55.36%
Department of Education	Cassie Graham	+54.55%
Employment Relations Board	Leann Wilcox	+53.19%
Board of Parole and Post Prison Supervision	Nancy Sellers	+51.93%
Dept. of Housing & Community Services	Dan Elliott & Theresa Wingard	+51.06%
Department of Human Services	Jill M. Raichel	+51.04%
Department of Forestry	David Morman	+48.69%
Department of Agriculture	Mary Jane Schaffer	+44.94%
Commission on Children and Families	Gale Brown	+44.58%
Watershed Enhancement Board	Miriam Hulst	+44.34%
Department of Justice	Kate VonTerStegge	+41.66%
Oregon Medical Board	Linda Sears	+41.24%
Oregon Medical Board	Thuy Tong	+41.24%
Department of Administrative Services	Amy Velez	+33.88%

Get involved in Oregon

- **Black United Fund of Oregon** — [North By Northeast Community Health Center](#) needs volunteers to help clients seeking health care at this North Portland clinic. [More info here...](#)
- **Earth Share of Oregon** — [Oregon Center for Environmental Health](#) offering classes on how to make your home Eco-Safe. Jan. 29 or Feb. 24 — \$10 for non-members of OCEH. [Sign up online.](#)
- **United Way of Mid-Willamette Valley** — [Givebacktoday.org](#) is a central community resource on volunteerism for all of Marion, Polk, and Yamhill Counties. It features 145 current volunteer opportunities serving 121 community partners. Call 503-363-1651 or visit [www.givebacktoday.org](#).
- **Community Health Charities** — [American Cancer Society](#) has a February retreat for teenagers who want to learn how to form a Relay For Life Team in 2009. Contact Wendy Fisher (wendy.fisher@cancer.org) to sign up or for more info.
- **Local Independent Charities** — [Cat Adoption Team](#) in Sherwood needs unexpired, unopened cat and kitten food (as well as clumping cat litter) for its monthly Cat Food Bank distribution. Take donations to 14175 SW Galbreath Drive in Sherwood or call 503-925-8903.
- **Equity Foundation** — Get tickets now for [Equity Foundation's](#) "Investments in Dignity" annual gala, March 9, 2009 at Portland Center Stage. For more info, visit [www.equityfoundation.org](#).

For more ways to get involved, visit the [Volunteer](#) section of the CFD Web site, [www.oregoninvolved.org/cfd](#)

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