



United Way
of Southwestern Oregon

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Dear friends of United Way of Southwestern Oregon,
We hope this finds you safe and healthy. Last year was challenging, for sure, but as we kick off 2021, our United Way of Southwestern Oregon Board and staff have been reflecting on some of the positive outcomes of 2020. Here are just a few things we are thankful for...

- * Our ongoing COVID-19 emergency relief grants and annual grantmaking program, which provided **\$238,500** in funding to **67 Coos and Curry County nonprofits and community organizations** in 2020;
- * Our Every Child teams in Coos and Curry, who continue to provide wraparound support, tangible needs, and radical hospitality to **over 170 south coast foster families and more than 100 ODHS staff** during the pandemic;
- * Our partnerships with school staff, who helped us pivot our annual Coats & Shoes for Kids program to instead provide **\$25 gift cards to over 150 Coos and Curry County families** who could use a little extra support this winter;
- * The **35 volunteers who helped spruce up the yards of 17 seniors** in Coos County during our Summer of Caring;
- * Our wonderful community partners who support, educate and inspire us on a daily basis;
- * Our amazing Board and staff for all they do;
- * Our generous, resilient, compassionate community for all that you do!

A United Way study from 2018 found that 33% of households in Coos and Curry struggled to manage even their most basic needs - housing, food, transportation, child care, health care, and necessary technology – and another 15% of local households lived below the poverty level. Those numbers are only expected to increase as our coastal community continues to weather the challenges that 2020 has brought.

Throughout 2021, we encourage you to help everyone in our community have an equal opportunity to thrive. We're building a better tomorrow for Coos and Curry – please visit unitedwayswo.org and click "#StartTodayUnited" to join us!

Thank you again for your support! Wishing you a safe, happy new year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jen Shafer".

Jen Shafer
Executive Director

\$0.99
of every \$1 donated
supports programs
and activities for
Coos and Curry
County residents.

GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.

United Way of Southwestern Oregon

2020 Grant Recipients

2020 Annual Grant Recipients (\$28,500 total awarded)

Curry County

Coastline Neighbors, Inc.
Curry County 4-H Association
Gold Beach Senior Center

Coos County

Bandon Community Youth Center
CASA of Coos County
Coos Bay Downtown Foundation
Coos Bay Public Library Foundation
Coos County Friends of Public Health

Coos County (continued)

Coos County Habitat for Humanity
Coos County Youth Sports
Friends Inspiring Reading Success Together
Myrtle Point Food Share, Inc.
Star of Hope
The Devereux Center
The SAFE Project

Curry/Coos County

Consumer Credit Counseling Services

COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grants (\$210,000 total awarded since March 2020)

Curry County

Brookings Church of the Nazarene
Brookings Harbor Community Helpers/Brookings Harbor Food Bank
Brookings Homeless Task Force
Christian Help of Gold Beach Food Bank
Christian Help Thrift Store
Coastal Home Health & Hospice
Coastline Neighbors
Common Good Food Bank
Curry County Suicide Awareness and Prevention Council
Curry Homeless Coalition
Every Child Curry
Gold Beach Senior Center
Harmony & Me Music Outreach
Langlois Public Library
Oasis Advocacy & Shelter
Port Orford Public Library
SDA 3rd St Food Pantry
St Timothy's Community Kitchen
St Timothy's Episcopal Church
Wally's House

Coos County

Alternative Youth Activities
Bandon Community Youth Center
Bandon Good Neighbors
Bay Area Cancer Center
Bear Cupboard Food Pantry
Boys & Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon
Charleston Fishing Families
Charleston Food Bank
Common Ground Mediation
Coos County Friends of Public Health
Coos Hispanic Allies

Coos County (continued)

Coquille Back Pack Buddies
Every Child Coos
First Presbyterian Church
Growing Through It/HRACC
Harmony United Methodist Church
Kairos Coastline Services
Kids' HOPE Center
Knights of the Columbus Council 1261
Myrtle Point Food Bank
Operation Rebuild Hope
Oregon Coast Wrestling Academy
Powers Food Pantry
Restoration Worship Center Food Pantry
Salvation Army of Coos Bay
South Coast Business/Area Agency on Aging
South Coast Hospice & Palliative Care
St Timothy's Episcopal Church
Star of Hope
The ARK Project
The Devereux Center
The SAFE Project
Waterfall Community Health Center
Youth ERA

Coos/Curry County

Bob Belloni Ranch, Inc
Consumer Credit Counseling Service
Disability Rights Oregon
Foster Parent Association of Coos/Curry
HIV Alliance
ORCCA South Coast Food Share
South Coast Business/Area Agency on Aging
South Coast Hospice & Palliative Care
South Coast Together