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United Way
of Columbia County



**GREAT THINGS
HAPPEN WHEN WE
LIVE UNITED**

GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.

The United Way of Columbia County has been a valued community partner since 1964. Guided by volunteers who live and /or work in Columbia County. Interested in learning more about United Way and volunteering? Call or email us.

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United Way of Columbia County

An independent member of United Way Worldwide,

Our organization reflects the values and needs of the residents of Columbia County. We are governed by a local, active and responsible governing body whose members serve three to six year terms, have no material conflict of interest, and serve without compensation.

Together we can make a difference!

2018/2019

How to direct your Donation Back to where you live.

- If you live in Columbia County .
- Work out of the County.
- Want your donation to support services in Columbia County.
- Be sure to write United Way of Columbia County on your donor form to direct your donation back to where you live.

Questions: 503-556-3614

Email: info@unitedwayofcolumbiacounty.com

Corporate Cornerstone

Corporate Cornerstone donors help pay the operating costs of the United Way of Columbia County.

**HOW TO
LIVE UNITED
IN COLUMBIA COUNTY
JOIN HANDS
OPEN YOUR HEART
LEND YOUR MUSCLE
FIND YOUR VOICE
GIVE 10%. Give 100%
GIVE 110%
GIVE AN HOUR. GIVE A SATURDAY
THINK OF WE BEFORE ME
REACH OUT A HAND TO ONE AND
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THE CONDITION OF ALL.**

Your donations at work

Progress Center

Serving Clients from Columbia County

Support from the United Way has assisted the Progress Center Tracking Learning Children program to transition to an online format. Providing online access to caregivers will allow the program to reach more families, and will reduce the response time for caregivers to receive survey results. Children will receive needed services sooner when a developmental delay is identified, and primary care providers will have results immediately, allowing them to intervene as needed. The online Ages and Stages program will provide rich data to guide future program development and service delivery.

United Way funding **\$2989**-Columbia County clients served **83** cost per client in 2018 **\$36.03**

Community Action Team (CAT) Parent Education

Providing services Countywide

“Our ability to use United Way funding blended with other funds helps change lives.”

1. A father with disabilities – nearly blind – rode his bike to class every week. He and the child’s mother worked on their own issues separately and together with community-wrap-around services from other programs and agencies like CAT Housing, Iron Tribe, and community members. They are now in an apartment of their own and doing very well. Again, the community has helped them in so many concrete and emotional ways to stay clean and sober, and raise their son to the best of their ability.

2. We partner with Sunset Park Community Church in St. Helens for the “Birth to Three” parenting education classes. The congregation and the classrooms provide the appropriate space and an understanding of the important parenting education work we do for families with very young children. Using blended funding, Parenting Education provided “First Three Year” programming to provide parenting sessions to 10 families with “Nurturing Parents” Program and “Every Child Ready to Read” for 16 families.

Important Facts:

1. Donations **stay local** to help provide services for Columbia County Residents. Your contribution is an investment in your community.
2. An unexpected emergency or increased costs of living often means people need help. Your donations can help!
3. A payroll deduction gives all year long. Payroll pledges made in the fall usually begin payment in January.
4. Payroll deductions are renewed each year on a new donor form, unless otherwise arranged with your employer.

The Community Impact Fund does the most good. or

You may designate your donation to a charity of your choice.
(minimum \$50.00 per designation)

Ways you can give!

- \$ Payroll deduction
- \$ Check
- \$ Bill me— Will be invoiced to donor quarterly
- \$ Auto debit from your personal account—form on website
- \$ Donate stock—form on website
- \$ Memorial giving—Leave a legacy
- \$ Donate a vehicle
- \$ PayPalGivingFund— recurring donations possible
- \$ Online via PayPal
- \$ Shop Amazon Smile <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/93-6038634>
- \$ Register your Fred Meyer Rewards Card use ID # R1909

Contact us if you have questions or need forms.

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United Way at Work in your community

Community Liaison for donated items

We help find a home for them with other not-for profits or someone in need.

Information and Referral

Dial **211** for information and referral any time or **503-556-3614** or **info@unitedwayofcolumbiacounty.com** during business hours.

Business Safety and Resource Fairs

Provide information on how United Way helps in the community. Disburse prescription discount cards. Advocate for making healthy choices to improve community health.

St. Helens Children's Fair

Supports a safe environment for children and their parents to celebrate Halloween. Provides information, crafts and treats from community businesses and Not for Profits

Stuff the Bus— July & August

Annual school supply drive for Columbia County School Districts. Supplies help students in need to begin school ready to learn.

Diaper Drive— May

Annual collection of diapers to help families in need. Clean unused & outgrown diapers are accepted.

Donate For Charity Vehicle donation program

Donate For Charity takes care of everything regarding your Vehicle donation and sends us a check when the vehicle is sold. Call **1-866-392-4483** or go to **www.donateforcharity.com**

Prescription discount cards **www.familywize.org**

Free to everyone regardless of income or insurance coverage. Offers discount for prescriptions *not covered by insurance*.

Grant Station

We offer onsite access to this program for Not for Profits to search for grants. Call for appointment.

PayPalGiving.org

Sell on eBay and designate a percentage of the sale to go to United Way of Columbia Count.

Community Service-Volunteering

Students can earn needed community service hours. There are many choices to fit your needs and schedules.

WHAT YOUR GIFT CAN BUY

Your gift of \$5 a month (\$60.00 annually):

- Will pay for a bus voucher to get to a doctors appointment.
- Would prevent a utility shut off in one household.

Your gift of \$10 a month (\$120.00 annually):

- Would provide 33 meals for families in Columbia County.
- A month of garbage service for SAFE shelter .

Your gift of \$20 a month (\$240.00 annually):

- One night of shelter for three families fleeing domestic violence.

Just 5 minutes a day!

Give 5 help 5

\$15.00 per hour = .25 per minute

5 Min = \$1.25 per day,

\$6.25 per week =\$25.00

And that equals \$300 per year

5 minutes could provide 12 children a book a month for a year.

Reasons to give through Payroll Deduction:

1. Donations are tax deductible.
2. Company match increases the value of your gift.
3. One donor form, filled out once a year, gives all year.
4. An easy way to make an investment in your community.
5. Your donation supports local programs in your community.
6. Your donations help here where you live.

Please help us make a difference in Columbia County.

Do you work out of county?

Participate in an employee giving campaign?

Remember to direct/give your donation

back to the community where you live!

Check the box or write United Way of Columbia County.

Community Leveraged Donations

In Kind Donations 2018

These leveraged donations assist United Way of Columbia County and many other non-profit organizations in Columbia County to maintain a low overhead and better utilize their funds to deliver services to the community.

Thank you for your support.

Corporate, Business & community	\$ 33,144.00
Volunteer time includes board hours	<u>\$ 40,106.00</u>
Total	\$ 73,250.00

Thank you to the businesses and residents of Columbia County

Ace Hardware	Riverside Community Church
City of Clatskanie	Scappoose Business & Tax
City of Scappoose	Sentry Market-Vernonia
City of St. Helens	System Alternatives, LLC
Clatskanie PUD	INROADS Credit Union
Clatskanie Senior Center	St. Helens Senior Center
Columbia City	Subway Clatskanie & Scappoose
Columbia River PUD	US Bank
Colvin's	Vernonia School Dist.
Country Ins. & Financial Services	Wal Mart
Discounts and Deals	Weyerhaeuser Foundation
Dutch Bros	Friends of Vernonia, Columbia City, St. Helens, and Scappoose Libraries
FamilyWize	Day Breaker Kiwanis
Fibre Federal Credit Union	Noon Kiwanis
Flowers & Fluff	St. Helens Rotary
Fred Meyers	Scappoose Kiwanis
Fultano's Clatskanie & Scappoose	St. Helens Lions
Georgia Pacific, Wauna Mill	St. Helens Garden Club
Hudson Garbage	Mt St. Helens DAR
Les Schwab	Media:
North Columbia Academy	KOHI,
Paulson Printing	The Peak
Portland General Electric	The Chief
Rainier Chevron	The Chronicle
Rainier Liquor Store	The Daily News,
Rainier Senior Center	Columbia County Spotlight
Rainier School District	

We hope we did not forget anyone.

If we have please tell us so we can correct this listing

UNITED WAY OF COLUMBIA COUNTY			
ALLOCATION/DESIGNATION FINAL 2018/2019			
Community Partners	Allo.	Desig.	Total
C.A.T.: Parent Education	2,500	113	2,613
C.A.T.: Homeless prev./Rapid rehousing	10,000	866	10,866
C.A.T.: Energy & Utility	6,165	711	6,876
C.A.T.: Respite Care	2,000	564	2,564
C.A.T.: Veterans services NO APP	0	474	474
Columbia Community Mental Health	1,500	169	1,669
Columbia Pacific Food Bank	11,606	3,821	15,247
Emergency Support Shelter	3,000	158	2,671
Progress Center	2,500	171	2,671
SAFE of Columbia County (WRC)	9,000	526	9,526
Turning Point Community Center	6,250	4,405	10,655
Vernonia Cares	6,500	884	7,384
Clatskanie Senior Center— Home Delivered Meals	0	500	500
Rainier Senior Center—Home Delivered Meals	0	500	500
St. Helens Senior Center—Home Delivered Meals	0	835	835
Vernonia Senior Center—Home Delivered Meals	0	500	500
Dolly Parton Imagination Library	1,479	1021	2,500
TOTALS	62,500	16,218	78,718
Non Member Designations	3,381		
Focus Areas	2017	2018	2019
Emergency Services & Basic Needs	62,137	60,110	63,892
Disability and Special Needs	3,120	3,204	4,707
Meals on Wheels Columbia County	0	2,167	2,335
Children & Youth & school supply design.	6,013	5,863	,7,784
TOTALS	71,270	71,346	78,718

Thank You!

Donations raised locally support local programs that are working to help change lives in our community.

“United Way fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person”

How your donations help

Turning Point Community Center

Serving Clatskanie Community

A client who needed to complete 100 hours of community service, as well as, parenting in order to get their children back – came to us and signed up for community service. Once the hours were complete and the parenting classes done, this client had learned so much about being compassionate and helping others that they went on to take college classes specializing in social humanities and is now a motivational speaker at various venues sharing how to turn your life around.

SAFE of Columbia County

Providing services Countywide

This story shares how advocacy works to better and change a person’s circumstances. United Way funds help SAFE provide advocacy throughout the county.

A woman came to SAFE for assistance after her parenting time with her children had been taken away. Her partner was seeking sole custody of the children and accusing her of alcohol, drug usage and addiction. At first glance, this does not look like a domestic violence case, but as our advocate worked with the woman, it was apparent that she was not using alcohol or drugs. She had submitted to regular urine testing which was provided to the courts. The partner was using the courts and false reports as a means of continued power and control over her in order to keep the children from their mother. When SAFE started working with her, she was frantic, upset and unable to focus or get an attorney to help her. SAFE assisted her to get an attorney for free to help her with the legal challenges. The advocate went to court with her to offer support. The advocate worked with her and DHS, and the woman was assisted to get her parenting time reinstated. She was also able to gain independence through finding a job, and feeling secure in her housing situation. With a parenting plan in place through the course, she was no longer at the mercy of an abuser who was punishing her by attempting to find ways to upset her and keep her from seeing her children.

GIVE - to support your community

ADVOCATE - to improve the future

VOLUNTEER - to help change lives

YOUR DONATIONS ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Community Action Team (CAT) Energy/Utility Services

Providing service Countywide

1. One household we assisted was comprised of a low-income couple who had just lost their newborn. This loss prevented the wife from being able to go back to work. At the same time her husband lost his job. Simultaneous with this loss of income there were the additional medical expenses to the hospital, payments which they became unable to make. We were able to utilize United Way funding to prevent their electricity from being shut off.
2. Another household we assisted was comprised of a mother and daughter. The mother had lost her income due to health issues. In order to take care of her mother, the daughter had to work fewer hours. Due to these unexpected medical events and loss of income, these clients were unable to make a payment which put them at risk of having their water shut off. United Way funds were used to prevent their water from being shut off.

Emergency Support Shelter

Serving Clients from Columbia County

We provided services to a family who came to our shelter after experiencing years of abuse.

The mother was hesitant to come into the shelter and leave everything behind. She also had fears about her and her children's safety. She had two very young children and didn't want them to continue witnessing domestic violence.

While the family was in our shelter, mom learned more about the cycle of violence. Her case manager safety planned with her and came up with a plan of action to help her build life skills and get back on her feet. Her children were able to access supportive services in our children's program. Little by little her determination grew and she knew that she needed to go forward with this change to be safe and make a better life for herself and her children. She is so thankful that they are safe today.

Quote to live by:

“There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up.”

YOUR PLEDGE MEANS MORE THAN YOU KNOW

Community Action Team (CAT) Homeless Prevention/ Rapid Rehousing

Providing Services Countywide

An 18 year old, single male was connected to our office through counselors at his school. His main goal was to obtain his high school diploma through Columbia County Educational Campus (CCEC). In speaking with a counselor, his need for more stable housing was identified. He was living out of a backpack – jumping from sofa to sofa – because he was unable to live with his own family. At the time, he had no income and was trying to get on waiting lists for subsidized units such as Woodland Trails. CCEC assisted him in finding supplies to survive – such as pants, socks, and underwear – but in the meantime, he was in a holding pattern with housing waiting lists and little luck finding employment. In March of 2018. We received notification that he had been bumped off of an almost two and one half year waiting list! He was heartbroken and very discouraged. However, he communicated with CAT workers, and we were able to advocate with management to have him reinstated. Eventually, he was able to complete high school and receive his diploma, after which he began working at a local restaurant. In September of 2018 – almost three years later – he was selected at a subsidized complex where he will be paying only 30% of his income for his rent. Community Action Team was able to utilize United Way funding to pay his move in deposit. The young man had saved his own earnings and was able to pay his first month's rent. He applied at Columbia River PUD for assistance with his utility deposit. This young man has long term goals of continuing his education and working toward a management position at his current job. After a long process and a lot of hard work by all involved, this man is now on the path to success, thanks in no small part to the support of United Way resources.

Thank you for helping!

“United Way fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person”

FOCUS AREAS

STUFF THE BUS– Education

Annual drive to collect school supply donations. Helped over 600 children in Columbia County.

Diaper Drive– Health

Annual drive to collect children's diapers for families in need.

Home Delivered Meals - Health

Help raise awareness of the need for additional funding and volunteers to help with these programs countywide. Federal funding increased about 1.2% this past year which was a minimal increase in funds. The cost of providing meals has steadily increased.

- Suggested donation per meal \$6.00
- Average cost of delivered meals \$9.27
- Total meals served 39,725 to 328 homebound individuals
- Older American Act funding \$59,587.50
- This is approximately \$1.50 per meal from federal funds.
- The five centers received approx. \$88,576.53 from donations, fundraisers, public funding etc.
- Volunteer hours 6070.5 for home delivered meals.
- Average cost of delivered meals \$7.00

COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND/GENERAL FUND

Provides the most good by allowing the volunteer board to direct funds to help where the needs are greatest.

DISASTER RECOVERY FUND

Donations will be used to help the community recover from disasters as needed.

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in Columbia County!

Community Partners we help with your donations!

HEALTH

Turning Point Community Center.....503-728-3126

www.clatskanieturningpoint.org

Community food pantry and crisis Intervention Center for the 97016 zip code area serving low-income people with emergency food assistance, clothing, household items, energy and rent assistance, and promotes self-sufficiency. Provides advocacy and refers families in crisis to other services.

Vernonia Cares.....503-429-1414

www.vernoniacares.org

Emergency food pantry in Vernonia area serving low-income families. Refers families in crisis to other services.

Columbia Pacific Food Bank.....503-397-9708

www.cpfoodbank.org

Warehouses & distributes food to community food pantries, senior centers, & group homes: including numerous agencies supported by United Way. Also Houses the H.E.L.P. food Pantry.

H.E. L. P.503-397-1888

H.E.L.P. (*Help in Emergencies for Local Problems*) community food pantry for St. Helens area. Refers families in crisis to other services

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

HEALTH

Emergency Support Shelter.....1-360-353-5777
24 Hour Crisis Line.....360-425-1176
www.esshelter.com

Located in Longview, WA and provides shelter, safety, counseling & advocacy for women and children who are victims of domestic violence and or sexual assault. Also serves Columbia County.

SAFE of Columbia County.....503-397-7110
24 Hour Crisis Line...503-397-6161 (1-866-397-6161)
www.safeofcolumbiacounty.org

Columbia County's only shelter for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Provides information and referral, peer support groups, on-site counseling services, advocacy for victims of domestic and sexual violence. Also, offers educational services and professional training to help stop violence. SAFE has the only countywide 24-hour crisis line for women, men & kids.

Community Action Team (CAT)

Respite Care503-366-6542
www.cat-team.org

United Way of Columbia County funds help support a much needed break for primary caregivers of people with disabilities, illness and grandparents who are the primary caregiver of their grandchildren grandchildren are provided relief.

INCOME

Community Action Team (CAT)
www.cat-team.org

Energy Assistance.....503-366-6582

Provides assistance with utility bills for those in need that qualify. Energy Case Management can provide clients with skills that foster self reliance in order to prevent a future crisis regarding their housing utilities.

Homeless Prevention/Rapid Rehousing..... 503-366-6559

A program of last resort for people who are being evicted or are homeless. Case Management services are provided to move families into stable housing. United Way of Columbia County funds provide assistance with housing, typically equal to one month.

Veterans Program.....503-366-6580

Support services and outreach to assist veterans to obtain access to the programs and benefits for which they qualify.

EDUCATION

Community Action Team (CAT)
www.cat-team.org

Parenting Education.....503-556-3736

Provides a variety of parenting training and support for families in Columbia County. All programs carry the key concepts of Parenting. Parents are the foundation of the family. Positive parenting skills do not come naturally, they are learned. Parenting is the most important, yet challenging job one can have.

Progress Center.....1-360-425-9810
www.theprogresscenter.org

Progress Center provides early intervention services for children birth to three with special developmental needs. Thanks to United Way of Columbia County funding Progress Center offers The Tracking Learning Children (TLC) program to families in Columbia County with no cost to participating families and makes referrals for intervention when needed.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library - Education

Started June 2018; Provides a free book a month to all enrolled children ages birth to their fifth birthday living in Columbia County.

929 children receiving books as of March 2019

50 had graduated on their fifth birthday as of March 2019

Census reports 2500 eligible children in Columbia County.

All children qualify.

Enroll your child online now!

<https://imaginationlibrary.com/usa/affiliate/ORCOLUMBIA/>

For information to volunteer or become a sponsor

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