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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 being a volunteer or board member?

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United Way of Columbia County

Is an independent member of United Way Worldwide,
NOT a chapter.

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!

2017/2018

United Way of Columbia County is not part of
United Way of the Columbia–Willamette.

Donors who live in this County but work out of
County must direct their donation back to
United Way of Columbia County. Just write in
or check which United Way you would like to
support on your pledge form.

Funds raised here support local programs for
the residents of Columbia County.

We receive only donor directed funds from
outside our community.

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Corporate Cornerstone

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

This allows a higher percentage of individual donor
contributions to support programs serving Columbia
County Residents.

**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**

Your donations at work

Progress Center

Progress Center hosted a booth at a recent community event in
Clatskanie. During the event, a mother with several children
approached the booth and had many questions and concerns about
child development. The mother shared that she was concerned about
her infant's development because the infant was not meeting develop-
mental milestones like her other children. The mother was given a
developmental checklist and her child was enrolled in the **Tracking
Learning Children (TLC)** program. The mother also received
resources for services available in Columbia County. She was excited
about having developmental information mailed to her home regularly
so that she can monitor her child's development and took extra TLC
enrollment forms to share with friends. United Way funds allowed us to
provide TLC assistance to **130** children in Columbia County in 2017.

Community Action Team (CAT) Parent Education

This past year in 0-3 parenting education classes we have
been able to partner with the same church over the years in providing
appropriate space for parents with very young children. Parenting
Education provided First Three Years programming using blended
funding.

The shared experiences from parents in Iron Tribe programs
and hosting based in St. Helens and referral from Options counseling
has resulted in again, a sense of community and accountability for
parents struggling with getting their kids back and staying clean and
sober. This part of their journey is so important to them, helping each
other in continuing to be successful and their children safe and stable.
Parents in the classes are able to rely on each other for support as the
struggles continue and sometimes more stress and bumps in the road
when they get their children returned. The community of parents then
steps up to support and help each other find housing when their time
limit is up in Iron Tribe. We know housing in our area is becoming
increasingly more difficult to afford for families in these situations.

Beyond the parenting education support these groups help each
other in so many ways such as to stay strong and resilient, to share
potential rental opportunities and share child care needs for job
Interviews or mental health appointments.

United Way of Columbia County also provides a space for
parenting classes in the Rainier Area one time a month. They provide
free handouts on budgeting, credit, banking, Familywise prescription
discount cards and numerous other free or available resources for the
parents that attend these classes.

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 may need help.
3. Your payroll deduction gives all year long. Payroll pledges made in the fall usually begin in January of the following year.
4. Payroll deductions are renewed each year on a new donor form, unless otherwise arranged with your employer. United Way is notified of all payroll pledges.

Community fund does the most good.

Designations to qualifying not for profits are accepted.
Exclusionary designations are accepted.
(minimum \$50.00 per designation)

Ways you can give!

- \$ Payroll deduction
- \$ Check
- \$ Bill me
- \$ Auto debit-form on website
- \$ Donate stock-form on website
- \$ Memoria giving-Leave a legacy
- \$ Donate a vehicle
- \$ PayPalGivingFund
- \$ Online via PayPal
- \$ Shop Amazon Smile <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/93-6038634>
- \$ Register your Fred Meyer Rewards Card use ID # 81537

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. Call 503-556-3614 or Email: uwcc@hotmail.com

Information and Referral

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

Clatskanie Health and Safety Fair

Provides information, activities and crafts that promote healthy and safe choices for children and families. *Held every two years.*

Business Safety and Resource Fairs

Provide information on health and how United Way helps in the community. Disburse prescription discount cards. Advocate 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 non-profits.

Stuff the Bus

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

Donate For Charity Vehicle donation program

Donate For Charity takes care of everything regarding your 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 anyone regardless of income or their 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 to go to United Way.

Community Service-Volunteering

United Way of Columbia county provides opportunities for community members to volunteer. Students can earn needed community service hours. There are many choices to fit your needs and schedules.

54 Years of working for the common good of our community

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.
- Four trained mentors for youth.

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 makes a difference 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 2017

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	\$ 64,354.00
Volunteer time includes board hours	<u>\$ 28,316.00</u>
Total	\$ 92,670.00

Ace Hardware	Portland General Electric
Bijou Signs	Rainier Chevron
City of Clatskanie	Rainier Liquor Store
City of Rainier	Rainier School District
City of Scappoose	Rainier Senior Center
City of St. Helens	My Next Step
City of Vernonia	Riverside Community Church
Clatskanie PUD	Scappoose Business & Tax
Clatskanie Senior Center	Scappoose School Dist.
Columbia City	Scappoose Senior Center
Columbia River PUD	Sentry Market-Vernonia
Colvin's	System Alternatives, LLC
Country Ins. & Financial Services	St. Helens Federal Credit Union
Deli Store & More-Rainier	St. Helens School Dist.
Deli Mart	St. Helens Senior Center
Discounts and Deals	Star Bucks
Dutch Bros	Subway Clatskanie & Scappoose
FamilyWize	US Bank
Fibre Federal Credit Union	Vernonia School Dist.
Flowers & Fluff	Wal Mart
Fred Meyers	Wauna Federal Credit Union
Fultano's Clatskanie & Scappoose	Weyerhaeuser
Georgia Pacific, Wauna Mill	Media:
Home Town Pizza	KOHI,
Hudson Garbage	The Peak,
Les Schwab	The Chief,
MPC Digital Solutions, LLC	The Chronicle,
North Columbia Academy	The Daily News,
Paulson Printing	The Spotlight

Thank you for your support.

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 2017/2018			
Community Partners	Allo.	Desig.	Total
C.A.T.: Parent Education	2,128	1,748	2,876
C.A.T.: Homeless prev./Rapid rehousing	7,670	1,666	9,336
C.A.T.: Energy & Utility	4,150	113	4,263
C.A.T.: Respite Care	1,802	500	2,302
C.A.T.: Veterans services	No app	446	446
Columbia Pacific Food Bank	10,000	2,438	12,438
Emergency Support Shelter	2,500	45	2,545
Progress Center	2,000	989	22,989
SAFE of Columbia County (WRC)	10,000	1,168	11,168
Turning Point Community Center	8,250	4,980	13,230
Vernonia Cares	6,500	630	7,130
Clatskanie Senior Center—Meals on Wheels	0	500	500
Rainier Senior Center—Meals on Wheels	0	500	500
St. Helens Senior Center—Meals on Wheels	0	667	667
Vernonia Senior Center—Meals on Wheels	0	500	500
Unmet needs Seniors, Youth, Disabled	0	456	456
TOTALS	55,000	16,346	71,346
Non Member Designations	5,468		
Focus Areas	2016	2017	2018
Emergency Services & Basic Needs	62,597	62,137	60,110
Disability and Special Needs (2017 /2018 no apps from 3 programs)	4,516	3,120	3,204
Meals on Wheels Columbia County	0	0	2,167
Children & Youth & school supply design.	13,047	6,013	5,863
TOTALS	80,160	71,270	71,346

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

We had a dad with a young child help as a volunteer. He worked with us for about a year, learning customer service skills and daily decision making. His family also received monthly food boxes. During this time he was able to learn skills that helped him obtain work in a restaurant to provide for his family. We also helped him obtain his food handlers card, which is required for these jobs. He started out as part time employee and has since moved to a full time position and being self-sufficient.

Progress Center

The Tracking Learning Children Program (TLC) “Amy” was a client of the Progress Center Tracking Learning Children Program, which is funded by the United Way. Her family completed and returned developmental questionnaires to Progress Center every few months. When “Amy” was two years old, her questionnaire indicated that she may have a communication delay. The TLC staff contacted “Amy’s” mother and her mother expressed concern about her daughter’s communication skills. Amy was referred for a developmental evaluation and was able to begin receiving early intervention services to help her reach her communication milestones. Due to the safety net of Tracking Learning Children (TLC) program, “Amy” was able to access supportive services at a very early age and she met the developmental expectations for her age within one year.

Community Action Team (CAT)– Emergency Housing

A single father with two children lost his housing and job after a bad divorce. He moved in with family for a limited time. We were able to help him move into an apartment. By combining help from CAT, United Way funds and private donations. Now his situation is more stable.

GIVE - to support your community

ADVOCATE - to improve the future

VOLUNTEER - to help change

Thank you for caring and sharing!

YOUR DONATIONS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Your United Way pledge is more than a charitable donation; it is all of us, working together to help not only families in need, but to improve the quality of life for our entire community. Bottom line, what affects any of us, affects all of us.

Columbia Pacific Food Bank

Client quotation: "I can't work like I used to due to a disability from my job. My three kids are fed thanks to your program. It makes our home happy and growing. This is a great program for the community." Love –a Single Mom

Vernonia Cares

A family of four was unexpectedly given 90 days to vacate their rented home since the owner decided to sell the home. The groceries provided through the food bank are enabling them to save funds toward their move (first, last and security deposits). An added bonus was the food bank location was the access site that day for county CAT service representatives who found other ways to assist this family.

Community Action Team (CAT)– Emergency Housing

A single father with two children lost his housing and job after a bad divorce. He lived with family for a limited time. He found employment and was able to save money to move into an Apartment. However, he needed assistance with deposits to move in. We were able to help him move by combining help from CAT, United Way and private donations. CAT was able to help with \$250 from United Way, \$250 from private funds, and \$200 in utility assistance. We also connected him with DHS to help with child care. Now his situation is much more stable and appropriate for him and his children.

Quote to live by:

*"If you think you're too small to be effective
you have never been in bed with a mosquito."*

By Bette Reese

YOUR PLEDGE MEANS MORE THAN YOU KNOW

Community Action Team (CAT)– Parenting Education

One of our success stories involves a single mom who moved to our county from the southern part of the United States to live with her sister. She was here to get herself clean and sober and knew no one else in the community. She left behind her five young children under nine years of age. She worked with DHS/CW from another state and eventually participated in our 17 week Nurturing Parenting education series.

During this period of time she continued working to improve herself and through referrals to other services, eventually received housing. The children were reunited with Mom.

Much trauma had resulted for the children and additional referrals for services resulted in positive outcomes for the children. This was a difficult time for mother and children, to say the least. The eldest child, whom we had the most concerns about, is currently in treatment with the appropriate professionals.

When the series ended this mom wanted to take the class over as soon as another was available. I inquired as to why? Mom replied, "I was too stressed out to get enough out of it the first time." She is attending the class with the children.

She is also currently working full time, continues her treatment programs and feels positive about the future. Her children are flourishing and stable at this point in time. She surrounds herself with others that she met both in parenting classes and treatment support groups.

Thank you

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and financial stability of every person"**

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

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.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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Focus Areas

STUFF THE BUS– Education

Annual drive to collect school supply donations. Held county wide from end of July through mid August. There are drop sites located in businesses throughout Columbia County. All donated supplies are distributed within the school district where they are collected. Cash donations help United Way purchase school supplies in bulk and at a discount. These supplies are divided equally between all five School Districts.

If you would like to volunteer or participate.

Contact us: 503-556-3614 or uwcc@hotmail.com

Dolly Parton Imagination Library - Education

“New in 2018” Will provide a free book a month to all enrolled children ages birth to five. More information to come.

Meals on Wheels - Health

Columbia County Statistics 2016

- Suggested donation per meal \$5.00
- Average cost of delivered meals \$7.00
- Total meals served 36,124 to 271 homebound individuals
- Older American Act funding \$40,863.67
- This is approximately \$1.32 per meal from federal funds
- The five centers received approx. \$88,320.47 from donations, fundraisers, public funding etc
- Volunteer hours 6217 for home delivered meals
- Federal funding has not increased in 4 years; the cost of supplies had steadily increased. Overall effect was a decrease in funds from Older Americans Act

Working together makes a difference

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 (formerly WRC) has the only countywide 24-hour crisis line for women, men & kids.

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

Respite Care503-366-6542

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

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.

Donations to United Way assist funded partners maximize their ability to receive more funds to support our community.

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 for Vernonia area serving low-income families in need. Refers families in crisis to other services.

**United Way
of Columbia County**



COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND/GENERAL FUND

Provides the most good by allowing the volunteer board to place funds in programs where the needs are greatest in our community.

DISASTER RECOVERY FUND

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

YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!

**Your donation helps change lives
in Columbia County!**

Give, Advocate, Volunteer

**Your donations stay here and help here
in the community where you live.**